



Volunteer News Update

**News and information for volunteers from
Home-Start Barnet and the Harrow
Project**

NOVEMBER 2016

DEAR VOLUNTEER,

A very big welcome to our fantastic new group of home-visiting volunteers who have just completed their training course. We hope you enjoyed the training and look forward to working with you all.



BRENT CROSS EVENT

On Sunday, 30th October, Home-Start Barnet and Harrow staged a take-over of Brent Cross Shopping Centre! Over 40 of us, staff, volunteers, trustees and family members set up a stall, donned orange t-shirts and rattled buckets.

Shoppers were entertained by Hampstead Rock Choir and the N12 Community Choir who all gave their time for free. They were both fabulous and got toes tapping and coins clinking into buckets. We raised over £1000, had a brilliant time and really let Brent Cross know who we are. Thank you so much to everyone who came along and helped out. We couldn't have done it without you!

Next year is our 20th anniversary so watch this space for more events. Brent Cross Management team were so impressed they've invited us to go back another time which is fantastic. We really need to let the world know about the amazing work we do so if anyone has any suggestions for other opportunities, do let us know.



Cathy, Julia, Helen, Luci, Tamar, Leonie and Sue



Our lovely volunteer Aziza and her son Aymen who filled many buckets with donations!

Sue Batcheler

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM

Hello, I'm Shayo and I am a new Family Co-ordinator here at Home-Start Barnet. I started in October but this is not the first time I have worked at Home-Start. In October 2014, I was lucky enough to have my first placement here as a social work student. Although I was only working three days a week I learnt things that were invaluable and that would give me the necessary skills I need to work with vulnerable families and families who are in need of support and/or intervention. Now as a qualified social worker, I am very lucky to have been

given the fantastic opportunity to come back and work for Home-Start Barnet as a family coordinator. I thoroughly enjoy working with amazing people who are trying to give back to the community and make a positive difference in people's lives. I can honestly say it is the most tremendously rewarding job I have done in all of my adult life and I am grateful to be part of something great within Home-Start Barnet!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS

I am a second year student of Hertfordshire University studying Social Work. A mother of three children,

I am currently on placement with Home Start Barnet. Combining family life with studying and placement is busy, but it's been going well. I look forward to working with some of you. Millian

Hello Everyone, my name is Anthony. I'm studying social work and doing my placement at Home-Start Barnet. In my spare time I love reading novels, watch movies, and listening to music. I love sports, football is my favourite and I support Chelsea FC.

Hi everyone, my name is Kristy and I am currently a student at the University of Hertfordshire studying social work, and I am on placement at Home Start Barnet as part of my course. I'm originally from Ipswich and have had experience working in a primary school as well as a support carer, and I have three beautiful nephews that I often care for.

It was nice to meet some of you on the recent training courses and hopefully I can meet some more of you soon!



Millian, Anthony and Kristy

THE LOFT

The Loft is urgently looking for more volunteers to help in the shop. Our new Shop Supervisor, Shannon works on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Huma has taken on the role of Shop Assistant, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

A MESSAGE FROM SHANNON

Hello to all our volunteers. Let me introduce myself, my name is Shannon and I am the newly appointed shop supervisor of the Loft in East Barnet village. It's been a great time, albeit a bit crazy at times while I settle in. I'm so looking forward to meeting some of you. We are always looking for donations so if you have any clothes or accessories, please drop by and say hello. A Christmas note for your diary is the 10th of December when the East Barnet Village Christmas fair is on from 12 am onwards so please come and support us and bring the family, there will be lots going on and even a mince pie or two!! Hope to see you all there, take care Shannon



Huma, Shannon and volunteer Anila

URGENT - FULLY-FUNDED ON LINE COURSES (WE NEED TO RECRUIT A MINIMUM OF 8 VOLUNTEERS BY WED. 16.11.16)

We have been offered the following fully-funded on line courses below. These courses have been offered last minute and the college need to know by Wednesday of this week so I apologise for the very short notice. You could gain extra skills and a qualification in only 12-16 weeks and they are available paper-based or fully online via an E-Learning platform Equal, it is an efficient and easy way to learn.

Courses

NCFE Level 2 in Equality and Diversity

NCFE Level 2 in Nutrition and Health

NCFE Level 2 in Understanding End Of Life Care

NCFE Level 2 in Dignity and Safeguarding in Adult Health and Social Care

NCFE Level 2 in Principles of Working with Individuals with Learning Disabilities
NCFE Level 2 in Understanding the Care and Management of Diabetes
NCFE Level 2 in Infection Control in Health Care Settings
NCFE Level 2 in Awareness Of Mental Health Problems
NCFE Level 2 in Team Leading
NCFE Level 2 in Safe Handling of Medications
NCFE Level 2 in Business and Administration
NCFE Level 2 in Dementia Care
NCFE Level 2 in Preparing to Work In Adult Health and Social Care
NCFE Level 2 in Common Health Conditions
NCFE Level 2 in Customer Service
NCFE Level 2 in Information, Advice and Guidance
NCFE Level 2 in Counselling Skills
NCFE Level 2 in Autism
NCFE Level 2 in introducing caring for Children and young people

The courses are done in your own home, in your own time by distance learning over a maximum of 10-16weeks and are **fully funded** with each candidate receiving a nationally recognised qualification upon completion. The work is all assessment based, either on paper-based work booklets or our **e-learning site EQUAL**, therefore you don't have to attend college or take any exams. This can be used for general, personal development or as a stepping stone to other qualifications.

There needs to be a minimum of 8 candidates (No Maximum) for an induction, all candidates must be aged 19 or over to be eligible for funding and have lived in the UK for the last 3 years.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you wish to register.

Luci

TRAINING

Our annual Safeguarding Training will take place on Tuesday 15th November at Stephens House. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits at 9.15 and the training will be from 9.30 – 13.00 . Please attend if you are free, this is the most important training session of the year for our volunteers as the safeguarding of children is our priority. Booking is essential so please call the office.

VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS

We are looking for a small team of volunteers who are prepared to visit local schools, and Children's Centres to give short talks on the Home-Start service both in Barnet and Harrow. This is to spread the word about our organisation and also to recruit some new volunteers. Full training will be given, so if you are up for the challenge and would like to help, please contact Luci.

CHRISTMAS DRINKS



It is nearly that time again! Please come and celebrate with us in The Study at Stephens House on Tuesday 6th December from 12.30 – 14.00. There will be refreshments including mulled wine and minced pies so please come and join the staff

JOB VACANCY WITH HOME-START BARNET

Fundraising Manager

Home-Start Barnet

(14 hours per week)

**Salary £28,634 - £30,297 (incl. OLW) pro rata
plus contributory pension.**

Home-Start Barnet requires an experienced and highly motivated fundraiser to implement our fundraising strategy in Barnet and Harrow. We need someone who can build on existing fundraising efforts, whilst bringing their initiative and experience to develop this exciting new role. The successful applicant will work closely with the CEO and the board of trustees in raising and managing funds from community events, sponsorships, major gifts and donations.

To apply:

- Download an application pack from our website, <http://www.homestartbarnet.org>
- Email us at admin@homestartbarnet.org
- Telephone us at: 020 8371 0674

Closing date for applications: Friday 2nd December 2016

Interviews will be held on Friday 9th December, 2016 at our office.

FUNDRAISING AT HOME-FROM-HOME FAMILY GROUP

On the 27th of October we held a Halloween party with a difference, We had an amazing morning raising up to £380 for our charity so that our families will be able to attend a winter

trip. We had yummy food, lots of dancing, and prizes for both children and parents. A big thank you to all of our supportive volunteers who helped out.

Cathy

THE BIG GIVE



We are delighted to have been chosen to be part of the Big Give Christmas Challenge this year. From Tuesday 29th November at 12 noon to Friday 2nd December at 12 noon any donations received online will be doubled. This is a very small window of time and we have a target of £5,000 which will be doubled to £10,000. The money raised will be used to run more trips and outings for our families. We have received a pledge from Jesus Hospital Charity for £2,500 so that leaves another £2,500. If you or any of your friends and family are able to support us by making a small donation we would be very appreciative. Our families have enjoyed the trips so much it would be great if we could extend the trips to half terms and Easter holidays. We will send the donation link nearer to the date for those of you who are able to help. The donation link is: : <M:\Big Give\Big Give Support letter.docx>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are all invited to join our AGM on Friday 25th November at Stephens House. There will be tea, coffee and cakes from 9.30 to 10.00 followed by the AGM. The Mayor of Barnet will be attending. For those of you who have not attended an AGM before, it is a great opportunity to catch up on all that has been happening in our organisation over the last year and to hear from volunteers and families as well as the staff and trustees. So if you have a few hours to spare it would be lovely to see you. Please let Grace or Kirsty know if you plan to attend so we can buy enough cakes!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual Safeguarding Training
9.15 – 13.00

Stephens House

Tuesday 15th November 2016

AGM
9.30 – 11.30

Stephens House

Friday 25th November 2016

Christmas drinks
2016 12.30 – 14.00

Stephens House

Tuesday 6th December

Family Group Xmas party
2016 10.00 - 12.00

Community Centre

Friday 16th December

Luci x