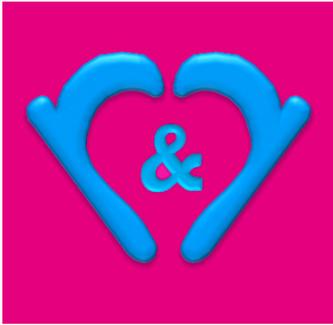


Hope & Glory

The Newsletter of Re:Charge

August 2020

COVID-19 FOLLOW UP



Almost three months has passed since we wrote to you last, and we have continued to be very busy behind the scenes at Re:Charge. We look forward to updating you in this Newsletter with all that has been happening.

Given the current climate, nothing seems certain at the moment and we are learning to take each day as it comes. However, one thing is for sure, and that is that we are all much more familiar with the world of Zoom meetings! We are so grateful for such developments in technology which means that we are still able to see as well as verbally communicate with those that we are supporting, and each other, even if we are in small squares on a computer or mobile device!

We are certainly looking forward to being able to throw open our doors again, but for now, we hope you are all safe and well, and enjoy reading this newsletter.

Best wishes,

The Re:Charge Team

Support for our families

The dedicated phone line that was set up at the beginning of 'lockdown' to support our families is still running, as well as supportive WhatsApp groups for our parents and carers. These remote groups have been a great way for our families to find support from our session staff but also from each other.

We continue to post craft ideas on our Facebook page, and more recently we have posted weekly recipes. This is ahead of our new online cooking demonstrations which we will be running via Zoom, once a week. An enjoyable way for our families to be guided through a recipe and have fun together. This will initially run throughout the summer holidays, and we look forward to updating you on this in our next Newsletter.

Last week we also delivered 60 craft bags which have been lovingly put together for our Re:Charge children, and include weekly craft activities for the summer break. A huge thank you to The Spoor Merry and Rixman Foundation for their generous funding contribution which has enabled us to do this.

We have run several competitions since 'lockdown' began, with the chance of winning a gift voucher. Our latest competition was based around a 'Teddy Bear's Picnic.' Easy to get involved even if the weather was poor: "a photo of your teddy enjoying a picnic in an imaginative setting, perhaps whilst out for a walk, in the garden, or even in a den at home!"



Support for our Re-Focus Adult Group

The following weekly Zoom meetings are continuing for our Re:Focus Group:

1. Re-Focus on Wednesdays at 7pm

2. Inspired Arts on Thursdays at 7pm

These meetings have proved to be a real support for some of our clients facing very difficult life challenges - a chance to come alongside other individuals who may have found themselves in similar circumstances.

The Art group on a Thursday has received really positive feedback and provides an opportunity for participants to release any frustrations or anxieties through art and creativity, whilst listening to relaxing music.

Our Re:Focus Adults have benefitted from art packs, made possible by The Shanly Foundation, and this has meant that no one has needed to miss out because they have been limited by resources. The grant from The Shanly Foundation has also enabled us to buy two new laptops and Zoom subscriptions for our session managers, so that we can continue to support all our clients remotely.

As well as continuing to work alongside us to make sure everyone has food on the table, Maidenhead Foodshare have also supported our Re:Focus session workers, who really wanted to encourage our Re:Focus adults and do something extra special for them: Each week all attendees of the meetings are entered into a monthly prize draw with the chance of winning a wonderful hamper – thank you Foodshare, our winners have been really pleased!



Magpies 150 Challenge!

Maidenhead United FC is celebrating its 150th anniversary during the 2020/21 season and they have decided to set themselves the target of raising £150,000 for 15 local charities during their anniversary year.

“Each of the beneficiary charities provide vital services and activities for the benefit of people living in Maidenhead, Windsor, and the surrounding areas. They are also all in need of additional funding support as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic. All funding raised through the Magpies 150 Challenge will be split equally between each the 15 charities.”

We are delighted to have been chosen by Maidenhead United FC as one of these 15 amazing local charities!

For more information and to get involved, please visit: magpies150challenge.co.uk

Special Thanks

As ever, a heartfelt thank you to all our regular monthly givers who continue to support us so faithfully!

Huge thanks must also go to The Louis Baylis Charitable Trust, The Souter Charitable Trust, River Church Maidenhead, Kerith Community Church, The Prince Philip Trust Fund, Tesco Bags of Help, Wessex Primary School, and all those who have generously given individual one-off donations in the past few months.

We are extremely grateful for each and every one of these financial contributions which will enable us to continue to support those who need it most in our community, especially during this challenging time.



Donating

If you would like to support us by becoming a regular giver, a copy of our standing order gift aid form can be found attached to the email.

We can now also receive one-off donations via our website, [click here](#) to find out more. Thank you!

Other ways in which you can support us

The Amazon Smile logo features the word "amazon" in black and "smile" in orange, with a yellow curved arrow underneath "amazon" pointing to the right.

Support us by using Amazon Smile!

You can choose Re:Charge as your nominated charity on AmazonSmile.

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The Easy Fundraising logo consists of a stylized teal and pink smile icon to the left of the text "easyfundraising" in teal and "feel good shopping" in pink.

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