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A message from Marilyn

What a busy summer we are having! New appointments and new funding, and the completion of our first accredited coordinator training. We have been able to make Alex Baldwin's post as a Senior Practitioner in Brighton a permanent position now – Welcome Alex! We are currently advertising for our new Volunteer Coordinator and for a Chief Operations Manager. Congratulations to all the participants in our first accredited training course. I am looking forward to congratulating you all in person at the presentation on September 12th. Our



national training is expanding, and we are hoping to plan an event in the north of England very soon.

It is good to be recognising the enormous contributions to Daybreak of our independent coordinators with an Award. Congratulations to Dennis, and to all of you who work so hard on behalf of Daybreak. And to everyone who has contributed to the second edition of our Newsletter!

Best wishes to everyone

Marilyn

Stop Press

We have just appointed Tara McFadyen as our new Volunteer Coordinator. She is starting on Monday 1st August. Welcome Tara!

For more information on any of the above mentioned job opportunities, please visit our recruitment representatives, HR Services via the link below:

<http://www.hrservicespartnership.co.uk/vacancies.htm>

And the first Award goes to

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: The first award of “Outstanding Coordinator”

goes to *Dennis McCarty* for his amazing work with very challenging FGCs in Kensington and Chelsea.



The recommendation from his manager refers in particular to 2 referrals in London in which he was able to engage men in the process despite particular challenging situations.

His Manager says that *“I have received verbal feedback from Kensington and Chelsea about Daybreak’s ability to work FGC’s very successfully in areas of extreme challenge. I feel that it would be good if Daybreak recognised the skill and dedication Dennis has shown so well”*.

We agree, and so Lawrence has made the first award to Dennis. Well done Dennis! A voucher is on its way, a small token of our appreciation, along with the Certificate.

We look forward to identifying the next “Outstanding Coordinator” from the substantial work undertaken by all our coordinators.

Renewed Contract

Daybreak is very happy to have just signed a new 3 year contract with Bournemouth and Poole. We are delighted to be continuing our long standing partnership which has been in place for 8 years.

We look forward to building on the past successes of the FGC programme in the area while at the same time looking for opportunities to bring funding from other sources to target specific areas in which we can use FGCs.

Welcome Alex Baldwin



As you may be aware Alex Baldwin has been working as a senior practitioner in Brighton since early January 2011 as cover for Rachel while she is on maternity leave. We are delighted to let you know, that Daybreak has now made this post permanent. So when Rachel returns from maternity leave, we will have 2 senior practitioners working and based in Brighton. It was always envisaged that we would have 2 senior practitioners in Brighton, but first we needed to demonstrate that the change from having a full-time manager and an employed coordinator to having a long-distance manager and a senior practitioner would work and not affect the quality of service delivery. The fact we are now in a position to make this change permanent is a testament to the great outcomes we have achieved in Brighton for children and their families and for the department.

For more information of this service please contact Daybreak on 02380696644 or E-mail:- headoffice@daybreakfgc.org.uk

Open Day

We would like to thank everyone who attended our open day on Tuesday 19th July.



It was an excellent day and was lovely to meet with everyone! And more importantly, we had the opportunity to show off our new office, which we have settled into really well! Mind you, it's difficult not to, with it's gorgeous countryside setting & peaceful surrounds!

Daybreak's new website has now been launched!

Please take a look and let us know what you think!

www.daybreakfgc.org.uk

Daybreak goes to America!

American Humane Conference

Marilyn Taylor represented Daybreak at the American Humane Conference held about 10 miles outside Las Vegas this year. She led a seminar which presented our work with Vulnerable Adults. There was much interest in this, and Linda Tapper has already received some enquiries about the programme which she manages.

Marilyn says that it was good to meet with people from across the United States, and share information about work that is developing. The UK and other parts of Europe were well represented and the conference enabled her to strengthen Daybreak's links with these colleagues as well.

Link with Southampton YMCA

Following a recent meeting with managers at Southampton YMCA, Richard Chalmers attended their first Family open day at Fairthorne Manor in Hampshire.

Richard was invited along by Lyndsey Storey who organised the event. The event was a first attempt to invite the families of the young people who live in the YMCA accommodation. Many of these young people have lost contact with their family and many are expressing a desire to re-establish contact. Daybreak was asked along to see if our FGC skills could be used to help this happen.

Despite it raining constantly all day the young people and family members that attended all enjoyed either participating in or watching the activities laid on. It was a very enjoyable and useful day.

Following this event Richard is going to Southampton YMCA to meet their team of workers and explore how FGC's can help re-establish family contact for the young people living with them who want this to happen.



Annual Review



We are really pleased with our Annual Review 2011 glossy brochure which will be made available during July. This is an eye catching document which provides us with quality marketing literature and

will enable us to promote Daybreak's activities outside of the organisation. This is the first year we have created such a document and hope that it will project a professional image.

Family Matters – West Sussex 2020 Vision tackling domestic and sexual abuse

Alison Powney would personally like to thank our Daybreak Trustee, Gerie Petrou, for supporting Daybreak in her presentation about the Dove programme and using FGCs where there is domestic abuse/violence, at the second of West Sussex's bi-monthly Think Tank of its two-year long 2020 vision. The outcome



of these dozen think tanks will influence the future strategy for domestic and sexual violence services across West Sussex.

Alison said that Gerie's account of her personal experience had a great impact on those present, including herself.

You can see what West Sussex are doing in domestic and sexual abuse and also see video footage of Gerie and Alison presenting at this event: www.westsussex2020vision.org.uk

OCN Accredited Course

We have now delivered the first of Daybreak's OCN accredited FGC Coordinator course. There will be a presentation of certificates on the 12th September by Lawrence Greenberg, the Chair of our Board of Trustees. We are also planning on running the next course in January so if there are any Daybreak Coordinators out there who would like to enrol for this please email Head Office.

Date for the diary – Northern Partners event – 9th Nov 2011

Daybreak is hosting our first Northern Partners Event on the 9th November 2011.

This is the first event quite like this we have hosted, so we are sure it will be a big learning curve but great fun – we'll keep you informed

'The Big Picnic' at IBM Hursley Park

Some of you will remember that back in November last year IBM kindly hosted our highly successful "Safeguarding and Empowerment" conference to promote our work in developing FGCs for adults. This was held at their impressive Hursley Park HQ just outside Winchester, and the venue contributed greatly to the effectiveness and enjoyment of the day.



Each year IBM organise a "Big Picnic" at Hursley Park, and alongside the usual attractions (bouncy castles, kite flying, barbeque, vintage cars etc.) and IBM's own superb displays and activities, many local charities were invited to bring a stall to promote their work.

For the first time Daybreak were invited to take part, and although we are pretty much novices at this sort of thing we decided to have a go, particularly in the hope that we may be able to recruit some volunteers to help with fundraising activities. Alison and Linda put together a display stand with information leaflets

and promotional giveaways (Pens, colouring packs and coasters) co-opted family members (special thanks to Elliot and Graham) and – more in hope than expectation – a bucket for donations!

The day before the event it became clear that the weather was not going to cooperate with our plans. As many attractions as possible were set up inside the house and in anticipation of wet grounds all the charity stalls were relocated from the field to the car park. In an attempt to stay dry, we borrowed a gazebo (thank you Claire!) but the combination of high winds and the tarmac

underfoot meant we needed to be creative in keeping it pinned down!

Despite the weather the event was well attended, but frequent bursts of torrential rain meant that most people kept mainly to the indoor attractions, and only ventured out briefly, - with brollies and macs at the ready! – into the great outdoors.

Was it worth it? Yes – if only for what we learnt about how to do these things. Watching other charity stalls, there are clearly ways to promote what we do AND make some money.

But dry weather would help!!

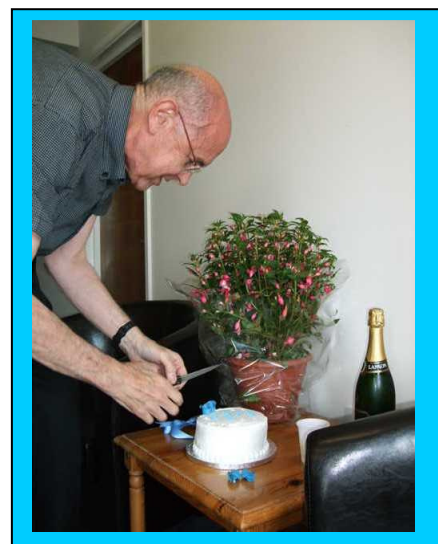


Elliot Powney, our young volunteer

Happy 65th Birthday Rod!

Rod Dale, our Finance Manager, celebrated his 65th Birthday earlier in July! HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROD!

And although he tried his best to keep it under wraps and let it slip by unnoticed, us here at Daybreak were not going to let this happen! So banners, presents, cakes, a bit of bubbly at the ready and not forgetting a chorus of 'happy birthday' we all helped Rod enjoy his day!



Great News – Transition Fund

On the 21st April we received a letter from the Cabinet Office offering us a conditional grant of £98,820 from the Transition Fund to:

- Improve our marketing
- Recruit and appoint a Volunteer Coordinator, and establish a group of volunteers
- Promote our accredited training
- Diversify the organisation's services provision.

We have to give evidence of the actual or potential loss of some of our Local Authority funding to access this money. It is intended to help us diversify and make the change from dependence on this traditional source of our funds.



Weddings Galore!!

In April the world enjoyed the glorious Royal wedding of Wills & Kate! Well now Daybreak has its own selection of 'Royal' weddings this year too!! Patricia Laws, one of our coordinators in West Sussex is the first, she got married on the 30th July! Claire Ryan, one of our trustees is getting married on the 25th August in Co Tipperary. And our very own Kate Barker from Head Office is tying the knot out in Cyprus on the 19th October! We wish them all a super day & all the very best for the future!

If you have any exciting news you would like to share in our next Newsletter, then please contact Head Office on the details below! We would love to hear from you 😊

Great News! Rachel Barry will be returning from her maternity leave on the 1st September 2011! We all look forward working with Rachel again!



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