



## **VOLUNTEERING NEWSLETTER**

### **June 2016**

# **Hello!**

I would like say hello and introduce myself as your new Volunteer Development Manager. My name is Angie Furminger and I came into post on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. The welcome I have received has been tremendous and I'm pleased to say I already feel part of the team. I was fortunate enough to meet a few of our amazing volunteers at the Volunteers Awards on the 9<sup>th</sup> June where I saw first-hand the tremendous contribution you all make.... More on that later!

I come from a background in supporting others, having previously worked for another local Leeds charity for 8 years. As General Manager I supported families with disabled children encouraging them to join in activities and build relationships. A big part of my role was recruiting, training and supporting volunteers....without whom the great work of the charity could not take place....I will be bringing those skills with me.

Having volunteered myself over many years in a variety of projects ranging from a Kibbutz in my gap year, to PTA's, Guides, my children's school and currently in a weekend drama school I understand the importance of being supported as a volunteer and over the next few weeks I will be making contact with you all to say hello and find out about your volunteering with LJWB.

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# Volunteering Awards



It was wonderful to see so many inspirational awards being given out; here are a few examples of the awards that were presented at this year's awards afternoon:

## **OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD**

**Fundraising Team-Women4Welfare**

**Wendy Bott, Gabrielle Hurwitz, Philippa Lester, Dianne Lyons, Angie Schulman**

This year's winners are a group of women who have been organising fundraising events for LJWB for 7 years, raising nearly £30,000. They have taken their time to help others through the raising of funds and in doing so have helped raise the profile of mental health and made a significant difference to the lives of adults with mental health difficulties in the community.

## **GONE THE EXTRA MILE**

In memory of Eddie Mack

**The Listening Line team**

The Listening Line is a new project which started in January this year as an extension of our Arnie & Essie Helpline. A team of trained volunteers make daily calls to people who may be living alone, are socially isolated, living away from family and friends, are recently bereaved, experiencing a significant change to daily living or feeling lonely and down. Their hand of friendship and listening ear has already made a huge impact in the community. In less than 6 months 1044 calls have been made. The majority of calls are to people who are perhaps socially isolated and appreciate a chat and having someone to talk to. 'It's nice to hear a human voice' perhaps summarises how people value the service.

## **FUNDRAISING AWARD**

In memory of John Dorman

**thewellfairshop VOLUNTEERS**

The winners of this award are a dedicated group of men and women who work day in and day out in the charity shop as well as promoting it within the community. Our shop competes with other charity shops on a national scale and has raised a phenomenal £450,000 since it opened 9 years ago to support the work of The Welfare Board. It is due to their determination that the charity shop has rightly been crowned 'The Harvey Nichols of the North'

The winners of this award are:

**Annetta Bickler, Loretta Leslie, Richard Cavis, Hazel Margel, Judi Cramer, Shirley Myers  
Ian Fielding, Linda Rose, Bernie Gaftarnik, Hazel Reuben, Rhona Glucksman, Elaine Simon,  
Barbara Killen, Verna White, Sue Lee, Mollie Williams, Barbara Davis and Lea Samuels**

### **YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

**LANA BUSH**

The winner of this award has shown true dedication to the organisation both as a befriender and as a helper at our wellbeing social activities. She has befriended a lady with learning difficulties building up a special rapport with her, encouraging her to engage in social activities and reducing her risk of social isolation. She makes a huge difference to people's wellbeing and really demonstrates what we can offer as an organisation.

### **OTHER RECOGNITION**

Other awards went to lunchtime volunteer **Roselyn Manning**, and community centre volunteers **Freyda Stoller, Fiona Levi, Hazel Ruben, Fenella Conway** and driver **Gary Enkin**.

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### **URGENT VOLUNTEER REQUESTS**

#### **SUMMER DAY TRIP-Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July Lytham St Annes**

We are looking for some volunteers to join us on our lovely day at the seaside to support our service users to have an enjoyable day out. We will be leaving MAZCC at 10am returning at 6pm  
Contact **Michael Huxley 0113 2185846/07590862512** to volunteer



#### **thewellfairshop**

Can you spare some time to support in **thewellfairshop**? We are open: Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-4pm (Summer) Sundays 9am-2pm. Come along and join the team at the 'Harvey Nichols of the North'

#### **BEFRIENDERS**

Can you give an hour of your time each week to become a befriender and reduce isolation in the community? We have a waiting list of people who would benefit from a friendly visit – training and support will be given.

#### **WELLBEING AFTERNOON VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**

A bank of drivers are required to bring people to the Wellbeing Afternoon on Mondays at 1.30pm and/or take them home at 4.00pm

#### **LEARNING DISABILITY CELEBRATION AFTERNOON**

Can you spare an afternoon to join our celebration event on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm-4.30pm  
There will be fun and games and afternoon tea. We are looking for helpers to support everyone to take part.

#### **ADMIN VOLUNTEERS**

Are you able to spare a couple of hours a week to support the various admin roles we have within The Centre?

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A VARIETY OF PROJECTS:**

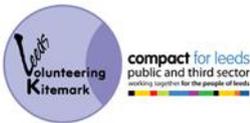
**Timeout Summer Camp @ The Zone for 5-11year olds. Volunteers needed to support with activities on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**

**ToGeTher - 😊 A Sunday group providing children with Special needs an opportunity to play and learn whilst making friends in a safe supported environment.**

**The 1001 Days project- A range of new activities and groups to support pregnant women, new parents and families with young children of pre-school age.**

**All volunteers must be aged 16+ and be willing to have a DBS**

If you would like **further information** about these and other existing volunteering opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am situated at the **MAZCC, 9.30am-5.30pm Monday – Thursday, Friday 9.30am-2pm**



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