

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2024

I hope you all have had a relaxing summer over the past few weeks and have managed to find some time to get a break from the norm. We have had a relatively quiet time from June until now with not many new referrals coming in. We have, however, made some excellent connections with our local MP's, with Collette Stevenson's office in particular, sign-posting some vulnerable members of the community to our services. We look forward to working with Collette's office and together making a bigger impact within our local community.

We were also very grateful for the help provided by The Furniture Service's (TFS) Common Wheel Fund to some clients. TFS provide furniture & household items to applicants who qualify for a Scottish government grant to set up a new home. Sadly, some fall through the gaps and cannot get this help. TFS were able to use their discretionary fund and recently provided one of our clients with some living room and bedroom furniture, and some kitchen items - we are so grateful for their input as we have a very happy client!

CAP's United Conference on June 20th was a great success. CAP in EK was well represented with 7 people including debt coaches, money coaches and befrienders. Additionally, one of our clients was also able to make it along who came to faith through her contact at the Debt Centre.

Next month we hope to have a training day for those who volunteer with us in order for us to ensure we are complying with our policies and procedures. This also provides us with an opportunity to get together as a team and have a look at the work we have done over the past year, as well as look for ways we can improve our service delivery. Training will take place again within Hunter House based at Calderwood Baptist Church on the 7th of September - Volunteers, if you require more details please get in touch with myself on 07305181820.

And finally, it is with great sadness that we share the passing of Gillian Adam, our former Debt Centre Manager. Gillian was a dedicated member of our team for nearly five years, serving as the inaugural Debt Centre Manager in East Kilbride. Her positive spirit and commitment to her role made a lasting impact on our organisation. Gillian passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer. She will be deeply missed by colleagues, friends, and family. Please keep Gillian's loved ones in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Best wishes from Alan and the team.

