

# KEMMYRK APRIL NEWSLETTER



*Kemmyrk is a Manx Homeless Charity. People may not always be aware of homelessness on the Isle of Man. However, it does exist and is an important issue that needs to be dealt with. Kemmyrk is committed to addressing this and working towards a future where everyone has the opportunity to access housing appropriate to their needs. Here is an update on our projects so far....*

**Peer Education** Peer Education has now finished 6 weeks in Ramsey Grammar School, the feedback again was very positive. During one of the sessions the BBC were invited in to record the session and speak to the young people, they said they had learnt a lot about homelessness and would now look at it differently. The BBC also filmed and spoke to one of the Peer Educators, she said that Kemmyrk had been a great help to her and she enjoyed going into the schools and talking about the work we do and how it felt helping other people, this in turn has helped her build her own confidence. We are now also attending other youth groups. [Julie.peel@kemmyrk.im](mailto:Julie.peel@kemmyrk.im)



**Options for Living** has regular students looking to achieve AQA Certificates. A young man successfully passed the DTI aptitude test. He thanked us for the help we gave him. For more information about this project please contact Julie:

**Nightstop** Many of the young people who have been referred for Nightstop have either returned home (with mediation) or have been referred to our Housing Support Coordinator for longer term accommodation. For further information please contact Julie Peel on 675507

## Drop in Information

We are pleased to announce that we are now offering the services from our office at **9 Myrtle Street** at the times indicated.

Tuesday 1.30pm—3pm Doctor  
Wednesday 11am-12pm Health Visitor  
Wednesday 11am-12pm Benefits Advice  
Thursday 2pm—3pm Careers Advice  
Friday— Hairdresser 9.30—12pm Dentist 11am—12pm

Drop in times are Monday—Friday 9—12pm, for appointments out of these hours, please telephone **675507**

**If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Kemmyrk or would like any further information about any of our projects tackling homelessness and its effects then please contact:**

**Fiona Robinson:** [Fiona.robinson@kemmyrk.im](mailto:Fiona.robinson@kemmyrk.im)

**Julie Peel:** [Julie.peel@kemmyrk.im](mailto:Julie.peel@kemmyrk.im)  
for Nightstop/Peer Education/Family Mediation

**Joanna Chapman:** [Joanna.chapman@kemmyrk.im](mailto:Joanna.chapman@kemmyrk.im)  
for Housing Support/ Intermediary Agency/Family, Landlord & Tenant Mediation

**Fundraising:** Kim at [info@kemmyrk.im](mailto:info@kemmyrk.im)

## THANK YOU!

**A BIG** Thank you to **Shoprite**, we have collected over £1400 from 4 bag packs carried out at Shoprite Stores! Thank you to Government Offices for their 'Dress Down Day' which raised £500 for Kemmyrk!

## WANTED

We are urgently looking for **volunteers** to help out for an 'exit bucket collection' at the production of 'Elephant' on the 16th May at the Gaiety. Could anyone who would like to volunteer please ring 675507.

## SPONSORSHIP

We are urgently seeking sponsorship and funding from local businesses for continuation of our successful projects. If you would like more details please contact Fiona:

[Fiona.robinson@kemmyrk.im](mailto:Fiona.robinson@kemmyrk.im)

**Our Abseil on 1st May is now fully booked, if anyone would like to sponsor us please contact 675507**

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Our next meeting will be held shortly if anyone has any ideas please contact [info@kemmyrk.im](mailto:info@kemmyrk.im) or call Jo on **675507**

## HOUSING SUPPORT

We continue to grow our database of clients of all ages who require help finding accommodation, **so far we have helped over 100 clients.**

The program is running very successfully. The average age of our clients is 16—20, who mostly are experiencing difficulties obtaining and sustaining accommodation. We do however assist people of all ages

You can self refer to this program where you will receive help or be signposted to any other agency. If you require more information or would like make use of this service please contact Joanna at [joanna.chapman@kemmyrk.im](mailto:joanna.chapman@kemmyrk.im) or telephone 675507

## Mediation

Our Mediation sessions are currently up and running. **Mediation in families is offered** between young people and parents/guardians to resolve any issues and enables the youngster to remain at home. We recently have successfully won a contract for 12 mediation sessions with DLGE which will enable us to provide **Landlord—Tenants mediation** more effectively. **For further information please call Julie 248193 or Joanna on 263476**



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