

KEMMYRK FEBRUARY 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 has proven to be a success and we have been asked to increase our sessions in Ballakermeen and Ramsey Grammar School during the next academic year. We would like to thank Ballakermeen who have donated £500 towards this project. If any youth group would like us to visit please contact:

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:

Julie.peel@kemmyrk.im

Nightstop

Many of the recent referrals to Nightstop have been helped using mediation whilst a small minority were placed with a host. If you would like to become a host or enquire about this project please contact: **Julie.peel@kemmyrk.im**

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.

Careers:	Tuesday	11pm - 12pm,
Health Visitor:	Wednesday	11am - 12pm,
Dentist:	Friday	11am - 12pm,
Benefits:	Thursday	2pm - 3pm

Fundraising Committee

We are happy to announce our new Chair of the Fundraising Committee is **Kim Camp**. Kim brings her knowledge and enthusiasm to the committee to help organise and raise FUN Fundraising events in the coming year.

If anyone has any ideas for future events please contact Kim by email on **info@kemmyrk.im**

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**

Julie Peel: **Julie.peel@kemmyrk.im**
for Nightstop/Peer Education/Family Mediation

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

Kim Camp: **info@kemmyrk.im**
for Fundraising

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the **Rt. Rev. Bishop Robert Paterson** for the official opening of our premises on the 26th of January and also to **Bradford & Bingley** for providing the refreshments. The evening was a great success and allowed us to share our achievements and successes.

Thank you to **Rev. Cyril Rogers** who organised the Homelessness Sunday Service at Peel Cathedral which raised £270. Thanks to **Shoprite**, so far we have collected over £1200 from 3 bag packs carried out at Shoprite Stores!

WANTED

We are urgently looking for **volunteers** to help out for Bag Packing for the following dates and venues:

Ramsey Shoprite Store - 2/4/10 (Good Friday)

Little Switzerland Shoprite - Douglas - 3/04/10

If you wish to give any spare time to participate please forward your contact details to Kim: **info@kemmyrk.im**

We also need a **good condition sofa** or 2 chairs for our Interview Room. If you have one to donate we would be very grateful. Please contact Joanna: **Joanna.chapman@kemmyrk.im**

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

Intermediary Agency—Housing Support

We continue to grow our database of clients of all ages who require help finding accommodation, **so far we have helped over 90 clients**. The program is running very successfully. The average age of our clients is 17, who most experience difficulties obtaining and sustaining accommodation. **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: Joanna.chapman@kemmyrk.im**

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 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**

