

SEPTEMBER 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 - After delivering to over 300 pupils, we have now successfully trained and refreshed our Peer Educators. They are looking forward to a busy schedule going out to schools around the Island to speak to years 9 and 10 giving their accounts of experiences of housing issues on the Island. Staff at Kemmyrk were extremely impressed with presentations they produced.



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 **Fiona Robinson**

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.

Benefits:	Wednesday	11pm - 12pm,
Health Visitor:	Wednesday	11am - 12pm,
Careers:	Thursday	11am - 12pm,
Duty S/Worker	Thursday	2pm—3pm
Dentist:	Friday	2pm - 3pm
Hairdresser:	Friday	10.30 - 12pm

Fundraising Committee

We are seeking an energetic Fundraiser to Chair our committee. If anyone is interested in this position then please contact fiona.robinson@kemmyrk.im or telephone **675507**

Fundraising Events & THANK YOU!

We had a very enjoyable evening arranged by Rebecca Hoskisson at The Kursaal for a Charity Bingo Night, and we raised over £664.50!

The Bay Festival organised by Connect2Charity raised over £100.

We are extremely pleased to be one of the chosen charities from the Mayor of Douglas, our thanks go to Ritchie McNicholl and his wife Julie.

If you have any fundraising ideas 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 CEO of Kemmyrk

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

Housing Support

We continue to grow our database of clients of all ages who require help finding accommodation, **so far we have helped over 170 clients**. This program is running very successfully. The average age of our clients is 17, who most experience difficulties obtaining and sustaining accommodation. We can assist anyone who is struggling to access services and can assist with obtaining 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.chapman@kemmyrk.im

WANTED

We are seeking bedding, toiletries and small electrical kettles, if you are able to donate any of these items, please contact 675507

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 on 675507 or Fiona.robinson@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 also secured a contract for 12 mediation sessions with the Housing department which will enable us to provide **Landlord—Tenants mediation** more effectively.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from our services please pass on our contact details.

We are so very grateful to all who have attended our Drop In's and would like to say a big Thank You for enabling Kemmyrk to reach out further than we ever expected.

Thank you to all those who have given up their valuable time to help raise much needed funds.

