



The Children's Centre  
Children, Young People and Families First

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## **Think Big to make a Huge Difference**

The Children's Centre is looking for those entrepreneurs out there for their new fundraising challenge, 'The Fifty Quid Think Big Challenge', which is starting on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

The premise of the event couldn't be simpler. The Children's Centre, through generous sponsorship from Paragon Recruitment, will give each individual or organisation £50 'seed money' and over a twelve week period they must grow this money (in any way that is legal and ethical) and return it to the charity.

All money raised will go towards supporting the Charity's Child Contact Centre, which enables children to spend time with their absent parent or other family members in a safe, neutral, child friendly environment. This service is provided free of charge to the families utilising it.

Michelle O'Malley, Acting Fundraising Manager for The Children's Centre said, 'This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone with an entrepreneurial streak to display their ingenuity, creativity, and sense of fun. It provides organisations with the opportunity to not only raise money for a local Manx charity, but also work as a team in a creative and fun way, whilst demonstrating their commitment to the local community'.

The Children's Centre fundraising team will be there to support teams and individuals for the duration of the challenge, providing a wealth of resources and handy tips and advice. Once the challenge has come to an end the team or individual who raises the most money will be crowned the 'Fifty Quid, Think Big Challenge' Champion and with further prizes being available for (amongst other things) Most Creative Idea.

If you would like more information or would like to get involved please contact Michelle O'Malley on 631919 or [fundraising@thechildrenscentre.org.im](mailto:fundraising@thechildrenscentre.org.im) or visit [www.thechildrenscentre.org.im](http://www.thechildrenscentre.org.im).

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### **Notes to Editor**

The Children's Centre develops, manages and pioneers a variety of community initiatives and services aimed at enabling children, young people and families to realise their full potential. We are an independent Manx charity – undertaking our own projects and working with others – to put children, young people and families first.

The Children's Centre Ltd  
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### **About our Services**

As the Isle of Man's leading children's charity, The Children's Centre works directly with over 1,000 children, young people and families each week. We run 15 vital services across the Island, each working to address a different recognised need. We put children and young people first by offering childcare, play, adventure activities, learning opportunities, residential care and support services to enable them to realise their full potential for the future.

For families we offer support to parents from pregnancy through to dealing with the teenage years. Often little attention is paid to preparing people for this vital role, yet parents are key to giving children a happy and stable childhood. We provide first class services that offer practical advice on a wide range of issues such as: divorce; contact; child behaviour and budgeting; whilst at the same time offering a helping hand, and the opportunity to meet other parents.

Safe and progressive communities give everyone the freedom to flourish and are vital to the wellbeing of children and their families. Our work in communities throughout the Isle of Man aims to ensure that the needs of all children, young people and families are put first, regardless of where they live.

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