



Homeless Voice



Newsletter Date
November 2012

Winter Warmers

Places that offer free/Cheap

Monday	
City Base 68-86 Scott Street	9am-10am
CATH Day Centre Ladeside	9.30 –3pm
Salvation Army South Street	12.30-1.30
Tuesday	
Salvation Army South Street	12.30-1.30
Nazarene Church York Place	6.45-7.45
CATH Day Centre Ladeside	9.30 –3pm
Wednesday	
City Base 68-86 Scott Street	9.30 –3pm
CATH Day Centre Ladeside	9.30 –3pm
Thursday	
CATH Day Centre Ladeside	9.30 –3pm
Salvation Army South Street	12.30-1.30
North Church Mill Street/ High Street	7-8pm
Friday	
City Base 68-86 Scott Street	9.30 –3pm
CATH Day Centre Ladeside	9.30 –3pm
Salvation Army South Street	12.30-1.30
The Christian Centre (Old building) Glasgow Road	11-2.30pm
Saturday	
Greyfriars driveway	5-6pm

The Boxing Project

The Boxing Project every Monday at Scone Aerodrome was initially set up by Jan Manion Greyfriars House & CATH Day Centre. The project has been running for two months & involves homeless people from Perth & Kinross community. For details call Jan Mannion on 01738 783430 or text 0797749326

The Homeless Voice Group

The Homeless Voice Christmas Pop-In and Website launch

It's becoming a tradition! This year's Homeless Voice Christmas Pop-In will take place on the Friday 14th of December in the Gannochy Training Suite, Prince Edward Street between 12.30 and 2.30pm. As usual there will be some warming festive fare and cheer, but we will also be launching the Homeless Voice Website which has been created and developed by Homeless Voice Group members, led by Stuart King. We do hope that you manage to come along and find out more about the Homeless Voice Group and Website.



Snow Worries

Recruitment is underway for the Snow Worries project. With winter fast approaching the Snow Worries project is looking for volunteers to help clear vital pavements and walkways. Training and clothing will be provided and if you have a spare few hours when the snow comes to make the community a little safer please contact Jan Manion 01738 783430 or text 07967749326 for more information on how you can get involved. Giving a little of your time can make a big difference to many!



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Just a wee reminder of the great free meals that are available in Perth. We had an email from a couple of folk who attended a couple of these opportunities and this is what they told us:

Dear Readers,
We would just like to

write a few words of thanks to the volunteering teams at two food services that we visited in Perth. We are living in a homeless hostel and my budget is very limited. The volunteering staff on Tuesday evening were very friendly and warm. The filled rolls, soup and munchy's were

very tasty. We also had a main meal and pudding on the Thursday evening which was fantastic and again friendly and warm. We would just like to say a big thanks to all the volunteers involved for the free services available to the homeless people of Perth. Thanks Jayde and George.

Homeless Strategy Review Consultation Feedback

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In the summer this year the Homeless Voice Group were invited to lead on listening and talking people to get their views and thoughts to support the review of Perth and Kinross Council's Homeless Strategy. As result 33 people from CATH Day Centre, Skinnergate, Rio House, Greyfriars and the Homeless Voice Friday Drop-In gave up their time in small focus groups to express their opinions and ideas about the priorities and actions identified in the Homeless Strategy.

There was general strong agreement by all those who took part that the priority themes identified in the strategy were right and people considered the main things the strategy was trying to achieve were sound, however some people commented on how difficult this was going to be for all people involved , especially in the current recession and the forthcoming changes to the benefit system. As noted

by one man *'The big boys are not doing anything to help, they are going to make more people homeless'* and others *'If you are young you will have no chance, it's not fair'* , *'Housing Benefit single room rate for young people isn't enough to cover rent forcing them to leave their flats and they become homeless'*.

There was strong support for providing information to young people in schools and several people suggested actual people who experienced homelessness were the best people to do this and they should be recruited to go and speak to in schools and places where young people went.

People felt very strongly about support services and there was strong agreement about the need for them. Many of those who took part commented on the need to get people involved in peer to

support those who have drugs and alcohol issues especially in hostels. People felt more information was required about activities they could take part in as them to *'keep sane'* and *'ideas for effective use of time to stop boredom'* People felt more information was required themselves about activities they could take part in as them to *'keep sane'* and *'ideas for effective use of time to stop boredom'*

All of the comments were reported back to Clare Mailer, Homeless Services Manager, and were used as discussion points at Homeless Strategy to prioritise how people we will take forward actions. Can the Homeless Voice pass a big thanks to all of those people who took part, you know who you are , and we want you to know that your thoughts are valued.



Homeless Voice website is
www.homelessvoice.org.uk

