



Homeless Voice



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The Homeless Voice Group

No more Snow Worries – for this year we hope !

With winter on the way out and spring fast approaching the Snow Worries project has ended for now. We're looking for ideas to help people in our community. If you are living in a homeless hostel or temporary accommodation and would like to volunteer please contact Jan Manion 01738 783430 or text 07967749326 for more information. Giving a little of your time can make a big difference to many!

Dentist Accepting Homeless Patients

Balhousie Dental Practice
10 Balhousie Street,
Perth PH1 5HJ
01738625027

Caledonian Dental Care
53 Kinnoull Causeway
Perth PH2 8HQ
01738441156

Community dental Dept
Broxden Dental Centre
Tweed Place
Perth PH1 1RE
01738450550

RC Webster & Associates
4 Grahams Place
King Street
Perth PH2 8HZ
01738624884

Blairgowrie Dental Care
64 High Street
Blairgowrie PH10 6DF
01250875136

The Homeless Voice Association

We have done it! For the first time in Perth and Kinross people who are experiencing homelessness or who have in the past have come together to form a constituted group who aim to achieve the following :

Improvements to services for the homeless

To challenge stereotypical attitudes that help create stigmas about homelessness

To contribute to the prevention of homelessness

To improve information about homelessness

To support encourage and develop educational and purposeful activities for people who are homeless

Their inaugural AGM was held in the Salutation Hotel and was chaired by Scott Gardner who did a grand job of

Have your say!

The Tayside, Central and Fife housing options hub (this is a steering group made up of Dundee City Council, Angus, Fife, Clackmannanshire, Argyle & Bute and PKC) are holding a service user event on the 24 April to seek feedback from service users on customer engagement techniques – basically what methods do they want us to use to consult and involve them in regarding housing options.

The event is to be held:

- On 24 April At 10.30am to 2pm
- Station Hotel Perth
- Lunch to be included & Travel costs to be covered
- £10 Tesco gift voucher provided for those that attend on the day

If you would like to attend please contact Jan Manion 01738 783430 or text 07967749326

introducing the guest speaker, Perth and Kinross Council's Clare Maller who is Homeless Service Manager. Pictured are the Committee and they will be working to develop their action plan to help them



achieve their aims. Watch this space for their updates. If you are interested in finding out

more about the Homeless Voice Association, please contact the association on 07456487873

Finalists- Securing the Futures Award 2013

The Homeless Voice group have been selected as finalists in Perth and Kinross Council's Securing the Future Awards in the Equalities Section. Equality is about creating a fairer society where everyone can participate and has the opportunity to achieve their potential. Representative of the group will now go on to undertake a presentation to the judging panel and are invited to take part in the award ceremony at the Perth Concert Hall later on in May



Moving Stories

The Moving Stories Project is slowly progressing and a few folk are been working on their stories which will made into a filmed presentation later this year. If this is something you would like to get involved give Jan Manion a call on 01738 783430 or text 07967749326 A sample of some of the writing is this poem is by Simon Ewing

BEING HOMELESS

*Emotions run deep in a sceptical way,
Finality comes bring fear each day
No place to hide and no place to stay
Shattering a heart in a sadistic cruel way
Stereotypical labels which still remain
People oblivious to the crippling pain
Looking above for a sign or an answer
Nothing is clear just mind numbing cancer
They say that home is where the heart is
But I have no home and my heart is fractured
I wish that I could find a happy medium
To justify this extreme lonely tedium
But I am homeless this fact remains
So I will continue this life in vain*

Simon Ewing

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www.homelessvoice.org.uk

You can catch up with news about the Homeless Voice Group at the website . There is some really useful information available and we would welcome feedback through the on-line forum.

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