

Newsletter Autumn 2017

Many of the features in this newsletter relate to our 20th anniversary celebrations, an opportunity to look back at our achievements and forward to our plans for the future. We have come a long way since we were first established on 1st September 1997!

20th anniversary City Chambers



Edinburgh's 20th anniversary celebrations highlighted the tremendous contribution made to our work by our volunteers – mentors, peer educators, warehouse workers and others – in the presence of Edinburgh's Deputy Lord Provost, Joan Griffiths. Ten of our longest serving volunteers were awarded certificates, although they all emphasised that they didn't volunteer to be rewarded, and several gave speeches where they outlined the ways in which volunteering for Move On had enriched their lives. As one volunteer put it, "to young people, time is love" and our volunteers' time and dedication is vital to the successful outcomes for the people we support.

If you're interested in volunteering for us, see the <u>volunteering</u> section of our website or call your local office.

20th anniversary cake goes to Breakfast Club



We gave our 77 kilo, 20th anniversary FareShare van cake to our Breakfast Club kids at St Mark's Primary School in Irvine. There wasn't a crumb left! Thank you St Mark's for being a part of our celebrations and also many thanks to our Great British "Move On" Baker (you know who you are!) for making such an amazing cake! As our baker said, the main ingredient was "one big bag of love".

Daily Record

As part of our 20th anniversary celebrations, Move On had a <u>4-page feature</u> in the Daily Record on 28th October, featuring 20 stories of people whose lives have been changed through our support. Thank you to everyone at the Daily Record, and to Fiona Rennie, our marketing consultant, for all your help with this.



FareShare welcomes award-winning chef Giovanna Eusebi



As part of our 20th anniversary celebrations award winning chef Giovanna Eusebi and her senior sous chef Robbie of Eusebi's Deli lent us their cooking skills. They cooked two delicious meals for us using FareShare's surplus foods - we were all stuffed!

A huge thank you to Heart of Scotstoun for their support and letting us use their community centre, and thank you to Swamp Creative Media Centre (again!) for <u>filming</u> the event.



Food and Training Depot Launch

In June 2017, we held a launch of the new food and training depot in Whiteinch, Glasgow. This was attended by over 120 people, including Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities, and Paul McCarter, Store Director at Tesco PLC, who both gave speeches, and the Daily Record published an article about the work of FareShare Glasgow and the West of Scotland to tie in with the event.

Angela Constance said, "I'm delighted to officially open Move On and FareShare Glasgow's new food and training depot and to celebrate Move On's 20th anniversary.

"Everyone in Scotland should have access to fresh and healthy food and this fantastic new facility will help thousands of people in the region who are struggling to feed themselves, as well as providing training and life skills for vulnerable young people and those faced with homelessness.

"Our ambition is to eradicate the need for food banks in Scotland and build a community food movement that supports people at risk of food poverty in dignified settings, where they can access wider community based activities and support. The successful partnership between Move On and FareShare is helping us to deliver that ambition."

Steven Clark, one of Move On's trainees employed through Community Jobs Scotland, introduced a video about Move On's work made by SWAMP – now available on our <u>homepage</u>.

After the presentations, our trainees arranged tours of the warehouse for all the guests.



Hillcrest Fundraising Dinner



The Hillcrest Group of Companies chose us as one of their charities of the year for 2017. On 3 November, they held a magnificent fundraising dinner in support of two charities, including Move On. Many thanks to everyone at Hillcrest for this fantastic effort, and for a brilliant night's entertainment for those at Move On who attended.

Edrington volunteers



We welcomed a team of volunteers from the Edrington Group to our food and training depot in October. Profits from Edrington provide the source of funds for the Robertson Trust, who help fund our employability programmes for young people at the depot, and the volunteers had the opportunity to work alongside the trainees they support!

Scottish Mentoring Network awards



Congratulations to everyone who won awards at the Scottish Mentoring Network annual conference on 15 November, including our own staff and volunteers:

- John Hinton Outstanding Employee Contribution to Mentoring
- Jacqueline Anderson Highly Commended Mentor
- Liz Dobson-McKittrick Highly Commended Mentor
- Ross Davidson Highly Commended Employee
- Rebecca Grant Highly Commended Employee
- Move On Special Award for Distinguished Services to Mentoring 2017

FareShare charity of the year



Congratulations to FareShare UK, the franchisor behind our FareShare Glasgow and West of Scotland operation, on being voted Charity of the Year at the prestigious Third Sector Awards in September.

Family Food Service

Move On is delighted to announce a new Family Food Service in Glasgow, in partnership with Annexe Communities, Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre and Community Central Hall. The aim of this project is to help address food poverty in Glasgow. We will do this by building on our existing relationships with our partners providing surplus, fit for purpose food from our FareShare warehouse for their community meals, particularly during school holidays.

The project is funded by the Aspiring Communities Fund with support from the European Social Fund.



Scottish PEN's Many Voices Project



Move On recently had the opportunity to work in partnership with Scottish PEN on their Many Voices Project. The aim of the project is to give marginalised groups of people affected by homelessness an opportunity to 'creatively explore' their own stories through a series of thought-provoking workshops. Karen Campbell, an award-winning author, facilitated the workshops, supported by Denise and Linda from Move On. The workshops culminated in the writers having the opportunity to perform selections of their writing to members of the public at Hillhead Library. The work produced was of a very high standard and the writers indicated that they felt motivated and encouraged to continue writing. Move On was delighted to play host to this fantastic event and hopefully will do so again in the future.

Christmas campaign



If you're shopping at St Enoch's in Glasgow on 14th December, come and get your Christmas presents wrapped by Move On volunteers! We'll be there from 12-7 pm that day, and all we ask for is a £2 donation by texting **MOFS02 £2** to 70070 (we'll accept cash too!).

We have lots of other plans for Move On and FareShare in the run up to Christmas – look out for updates on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

#give Campaign

Move On is aiming to raise £20,000 during our 20th anniversary year. Any donation, however small, can make a difference to the vulnerable people we work with in Edinburgh and Glasgow. For example:

- £2 will pay for meal for a vulnerable person in Glasgow through our <u>FareShare</u> service.
- £5 will buy a book to help improve a vulnerable person to improve their <u>Literacy or</u> <u>Numeracy skills</u>
- £10 will cover the cost of resources for an <u>advice and information Housing</u> Education workshop
- £25 will help cover the cost of a mentoring activity to improve life skills
- £50 will help cover the cost of certificated training for a <u>volunteer</u> to improve their employment prospects

You can donate online via the <u>#give20 links</u> in this newsletter or on our website, text **MOFS02 and the amount** to 70070 or send a cheque to our Glasgow office to help us achieve our aim to help more vulnerable people fulfil their potential. Thank you.

Staff changes

Our new Family Food Service team is in place in the Food and Training Depot in Glasgow, welcoming some new faces, as well as some more familiar ones:

- Declan Cannon Development Worker •
- John Connell Operational Manager
- Niamh Kerr Development Worker
- Nicky McDonald Development Worker •

Other new starts:

- **Daniel Carson FareShare Trainee** •
- Kenny Church Eat Well/Home Comforts •
- Declan McNulty Eat Well/Home Comforts •
- Alumbarak Mohammed Eat Well/Home Comforts
- Sean O'Hara Eat Well/Home Comforts •
- Jamielee Porteous - FareShare Trainee Admin Assistant
- Ronan Stewart Eat Well/Home Comforts
- Jay Verrichio FareShare Trainee
- John Walton Eat Well/Home Comforts

And farewell to our fabulous Community Jobs Scotland trainees, who finish with us at the end of November:

- Kelly Adamson
- Ryan Brown
- Stephen Clark
- Jennifer Macdonald •

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