



Working Together to Improve The Lives of Children and Families



CEO Message

Hello Supporters!

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Easter long weekend. We were overwhelmed by everyone's generosity in giving Easter eggs for our families again this year. Staff managed to get over 500 eggs out to families in time for Easter. Thank you everyone who donated.

Thank you to all staff and volunteers who took part in 'My Whole Self Day'. At The Roberts Centre we want staff to feel that they are celebrated for who they are and what they bring to the diversity of the organisation.

Staff attended a number of events this month and had fun while raising money for the organisation. Thank you to everyone who arranged and attended events.

Hopefully, many of you will have read this quarter's 'How are things for others' and as a result, you will understand why your help is so important to the families we support. The organisation is working hard to continue all our services despite funding being hard to obtain. We particularly need support from corporate supporters, groups, or individuals, to ensure that children are able to continue to spend time with family they no longer live with in a safe and secure environment. Our Child Contact Service is the only one in Portsmouth but is at risk of closure if we can't attract funding to meet its core costs.

In May we will be joined by our new Human Resources Administrator, Kerry. One of Kerry's first tasks is to build up our volunteer pool. So, if you or someone you know would like to volunteer with us, keep an eye out for next month's Newsletter for information on some of the opportunities we have available and how to apply.

Mel.

The Roberts Centre is proud to have taken part in My Whole Self, MHFA England's campaign for workplace culture change. We want everyone to feel safe, seen, heard, and valued which is why we decided to get involved. To mark My Whole Self Day, on March 12th we invited all staff, students, and volunteers to take part in some positive activities to help us all work together to create a more mentally healthy workspace and to empower everyone to bring their whole selves to work! Check out our My Whole Self Selfies board!



The Easter Bunny came to the Roberts Centre!

We are so thankful to everyone who donated Easter eggs this year.





Thank you to the Southsea Masonic Lodge who are fundraising all year for the Roberts Centre.

Temporary Accommodation keyworker Amy has been working with a client and daughter living in TASS on education through play and spending time together. "I liked the fish game because it makes me count and it was nice to spend time with my daddy playing games."



The Roberts Centre's Boost Service arranged a creative pottery painting afternoon. Boost works with care experienced young people from the age of 16 – 25. The service supports them to 'boost' their independent living skills.

One young person who has been supported by the project for around 3 years said, "Pottery painting was enjoyable. I haven't done it before so it was a new experience for me, and I would love to do it again."

"It was a lovely session, it helped me relax and just have a good time"

"The art session was amazing. Was really nice to have a break from real life and just relax painting. I loved chit chatting with the other two girls who came along too. Was a really nice and chill session. Would definitely go again"



Staff attended the amazing charity event held at The Staggeringly Good Brewery.

Thanks to Mark and all the musicians from Ready to Rock School who fundraised for The Roberts Centre and raised a total of £1,427.50

It was a great event with fantastic music. Thank you, Ready to Rock School.

Tenancy Support Manager Natalie and CEO Mel took part in a ROC (Redeeming Our Communities) Conversation event, exploring ways to work collaboratively for the benefit of our community.



Batteries Needed

Donation drop-off point; AA & AAA
The E C Roberts Centre
84 Crasswell street
Portsmouth PO1 1HT



Nursery's oral health campaign is starting in April. With the help of a local dentist we aim to provide a toothbrush and teach good oral health with every child in Nursery!



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