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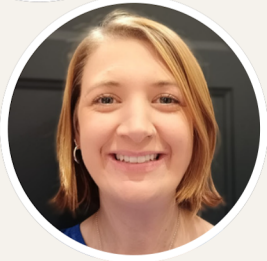
Life employs staff



In our November newsletter, you will have read about us being awarded funding to employ staff!

Andy Evers is our Charity Manager and started in January. Anna Rattigan is our Charity Administrator and started in February.

Their emails are: andyevers@lifiedronfield.org & anna@lifiedronfield.org



Now these positions are filled, we can get moving to raise the large amount of funds required to renovate the old Parish Halls as well as continuing to work across Dronfield with initiatives such as Life Lunches.

The Building

With staff in place, our Life office is now manned some of the week. If you're walking past and you see the light on in the right-hand side office, please do pop in for a cuppa! We love having people come in and we can even give you a tour of the building.

If you want to arrange a tour, you can email us to book a suitable time: [email secretary@lifiedronfield.org](mailto:secretary@lifiedronfield.org)



We have formed a relationship with Over2Hills who recycle office furniture to donate to charities. They have been so good to us, providing us with desks and chairs for our office as well as some furniture for our Conference Room. It's all set up and it looks very smart, despite the need of renovations.



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Fundraising



In December, Ladies Voices held a very successful Christmas Concert and donated all money raised to Life. They raised £1000 for us; some of our volunteers supported them by selling refreshments & taking tickets at the door. We are so grateful for their ongoing support.

If you're organising a local community event, why not consider raising money for us? If you're a local business & would like to support us, get in touch. If you're a community group & want to fundraise or complete a sponsored event, consider choosing us as your local charity.

We need to raise £450,000 for Phase 1 of the building works and we can't do this without your help.

Chocolates & Cards

During December, we collected over 250 tubs of Chocolates - a big thank you so much for those who donated to us!

The chocolates were then distributed throughout Dronfield to those who were going to be alone at Christmas with the help of the NHS District Nursing Team, local organisations and churches.



Along with the chocolates, each recipient was also given a handwritten Life Christmas card.

These small gestures are just one of the ways that we can support those who are isolated in Dronfield.

Many of you also bought packs of Life Christmas cards which were made and designed to raise money for the work that Life does.



Christmas 2023

On the evening of the Dronfield Christmas Lights Turn On, we opened the Life building for tours, activities & free festive refreshments. We saw over 500 people come through our building. Our team loved chatting through the plans with visitors, children enjoyed designing a Christmas card and we ran out of our Mulled Wine by 7pm!

Life also participated in the Christmas Tree Festival, hosted by St John's Church. Did you spot our tree?



Life Lunches

Life Lunches continues to run weekly, in partnership with Holy Spirit Church on Stonelow Road. We have developed a brilliant working relationship and our volunteers work side by side with people from the church. We regularly get over 50 people attending for a hot drink, good conversation, delicious cakes, & homemade soup, all for free!



At Life, we are wanting to replicate Life Lunches in spaces across Dronfield. If you would like to do something like this, but don't know where to start, get in touch with us. We can work alongside & with you to provide support in establishing and running spaces for local people to attend, spend time, build community, and get support.

Keep in Touch

Email us, contact us on social media, arrange a chat over a coffee, pop into the office to see us, make sure you're signed up for our newsletter, share this newsletter with friends & neighbours, spread the word about Life.