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Updates and news from YES Colchester & Tendring

YES TODAY

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"Welcome to the second issue of the YES Today newsletter. It's been a period of success for the charity with our first ever award & new chair of trustees and a brand new trustee! In Tendring, meeting do not confines us with all the supporting young people in the hamlet of Kirby." - Dr Sarah Dalk, YES CEO

Thanks for subscribing to the YES Today quarterly newsletter. We hope you to keep up with everything we do here!

This issue will focus on our achievements this year, winning the Charity Award at the Colchester Business Awards, celebrating our 20th Anniversary, the opening of our new Tendring office & more!

OUT AND ABOUT

YES Take Home the Charity Award 2023

This year, YES Jack Ruby Fish Supports Young People in Colchester received heaps upon heaps praising home with a beautiful trophy.

We were one of our shortlisted charities up for the award, with Age Well Care, Beacon House, Community 360, Lexia Bond and Team Rocket all earning a spot from over 300 nominations. Our Chief Executive, Dr Sarah Dalk, was also shortlisted for the prestigious inspirational leadership award.

Our staff took to the stage to accept the award, where our Fundraising & Volunteers Officer Becky, was invited to say a few words.

"It's for us a huge, we're celebrating 20 years this year. As a charity, we're always thinking about our beneficiaries, our young people, our volunteers, our staff, our donors, those that don't know about us and about us. We want to keep that the best people that they can be, they can be the YES in 20 years time."

Our staff at our pre ceremony celebration at the nominees at our Vine Street Office.

Essex Community Foundation Annual Reception

"The beauty of the School Nurture Programme is that these young people are being seen quicker and are being allocated the correct support for their individual situation, resulting in decreased waiting lists and more accurate successful support." - Ellen Wright, Essex Community Foundation

This year, The Tyole Fisters of Lyon Rhone, Tyole was the backdrop for the Essex Community Foundation annual Spring reception!

Ellen Ellis, one of our School Nurturists, was asked to speak at the event on behalf of YES.

Read the full story here

Internal News

Welcoming Jacqui Williams as our new Chairperson

Kate is number 2021, we were delighted to welcome Jacqui Williams as the new Chairperson of YES

Chair of Trustees, Jacqui Williams

"It is an honour and privilege to lead an exceptional charity working with exceptional young people through exceptional times."

Before training as a psychotherapist, Jacqui worked at a senior level in marketing, training and the third sector.

Jacqui's story:

"I have been fortunate to work in a range of roles that both supported young people and developed my skills in leadership, strategy, and governance. I have worked in the third sector for 15 years, developing learning and women mentors, and creating new training opportunities for young people in challenging environments."

After only a few months into the position, Jacqui is already making exciting plans with the team.

"I caught up with Jacqui in September where we asked her about her forthcoming plans for YES and what she is looking forward to achieving while in the Chair role.

"An unassumed about creating a society that is inclusive, celebrates diversity and creates opportunities for everyone but particularly the disadvantaged. Here are never enough opportunities for young people to develop their skills, learn about their responsibility to mankind, support and thrive in a city, young people as they navigate through the challenges of life, need YES more than ever."

I have a psychotherapy practice in Colchester and specialise in long term relationship therapy, working with couples, adult families, and individuals. I have specific experience in the sharing and governance of third sector organisations including a charity, community access and business network."

Tendring office NEW location

On 6th September we were delighted to open the doors of our new Tendring district office space at 70 Gosberwick, in Holland On Sea!

70 Gosberwick, Holland on Sea, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 5JU

t. 01206 240001

How to find the new office.

Find us on the corner of Gosberwick and Frinton Road.

By bus: using buses 5,21,X19 & 380 which stop on the Frinton Road

By car: Parking is available at the property in addition to on road parking and a public car park across the road on Frinton Road.

On Google Maps the office is called the Grove Centre - we are using 70 Gosberwick as our address.

Live on Tuesday 3rd October we had the BBC Working on Wye official Coverage was aired on BBC Look East on Tuesday 19th October!

Celebrating our 20th Anniversary

YES have now been successfully supporting young people in the Colchester and Tendring community for 20 years.

In July 2023, we celebrated this milestone with those who have supported, worked and used the organisation with a garden party at our office in Tinity Street.

"What we are is beholden to our principles and our values, which is about being young people." - *Dr David Dalk*

Read on article

We enjoyed a beautiful buffet provided by the wonderful Local Food Enterprise!

Here are memberes of the YES team reminiscing and reflection on the morning of the event!

...It was also at our 20th Anniversary that we unveiled our new Welcome Room at our Trinity Street Office!

"Celebrating 20 years of welcoming young people to the charity. YES has had a makeover in its Trinity Street reception, creating more space to sit and chat, engage with our young people and families."

The main space was developed in 1992, however, it was now completely tired, and lacked an ambience year of YES, which the charity hoped more when the found himself homeless.

Jack says **"I just feel like I needed to give something back to the charity, it was a great project, and the result is amazing!"**

Jack taking a selfie with Ellen Wrightson, left.

Fundraising Superstar

Brooklands FC Youth under 15's

We are delighted to announce that Brooklands Youth Football club under 15's is supporting our charity this season. We shall be following their fortunes in the Essex Intermediate and Essex Youth Football leagues and keeping you updated on their progress.

Brooklands Youth Football Club is one of the oldest grassroots clubs in Colchester, having been established in the late 1960's. Since then they have offered young people the opportunity to play regular competitive football in order to develop both their footballing ability and their character off the pitch.

The Teams manager Ash Smith says "We have set our sights on supporting Colchester YES. We are aiming for success but no matter what the score is, the team will enjoy playing the game they love."

The club's core values are to: **Support and Empower, Care & Win if at a team, Be a Brooklands FC person &

a story that you would like to share with us, please contact friends@colchesteryes.org.uk.

Tendring Drop-in Sessions

Need someone to talk to? Need someone to listen?

Drop-in sessions for teenage / young mothers

Being pregnant or having a young baby can be daunting and may leave you feeling isolated and alone. At our new Tendring office we are offering a two-hour weekly drop-in service, for young parents aged 16-25, where you can speak to another adult about any concerns or worries you may have.

Don't feel alone, come have a cup of tea and a chat whilst your child plays with our qualified pregnancy link workers.

We are here to lend a listening ear.

Where: Youth Enquiry Service, 72 Queensway, Holland-on-sea, CO155JU

When: Every Tuesday 1pm-3pm (Alongside Bump and Beyond group)

Drop-in sessions for young people:

We are offering a two-hour weekly drop-in service at our new Tendring office, for young people aged 16-25, where you can speak to a qualified adult about any concerns or worries you may have.

Don't feel alone, we are here to lend a listening ear.

Where: Youth Enquiry Service, 72 Queensway, Holland-on-sea, CO155JU

When: Every Thursday 3pm-5pm

Get Involved

Voluntary Positions

YES is an independent charity, supporting up to around 8000 young people per year. We are always looking for support with time, stories and funding.

Please email us at info@colchesteryes.org.uk if you would like any further information about fundraising or volunteering opportunities.

GAMES MASTERS
Dungeons & Dragons Group

We are looking for volunteers with experience running D&D games for as a GM, as part of the ongoing expansion of our D&D Project.

Prospective GMs should be able to commit to a 3-6 month campaign or willing to run one-shots for groups of young people.

MENTORS
Mentoring Programme

We are currently revitalising the mentoring programme and are now looking for volunteers to mentor young people in Colchester & Tendring.
Regular support and training will be provided to all mentors.

To get involved with either position email info@colchesteryes.org.uk

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