



Issue number 1

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Newsletters will come out at the end of each season of the year. In this first edition we are looking back at what we have been up to over the Christmas and winter period.

LATER YEARS

After the ending of 10 years of the 'Tomorrow's Project' earlier this year, we secured funding from The Kellett Fund and Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland to deliver therapeutic activities. The people involved had a Christmas get together with crafts and quizzes and toasted to new friends and good times.



CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Throughout December we set up various Christmas stalls at numerous locations such as the Support & Grow, The Barking Dog, Quorum Business park, Northern Notes Concert and the Christmas disco.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that helped, bought items, and donated. We raised over £500!

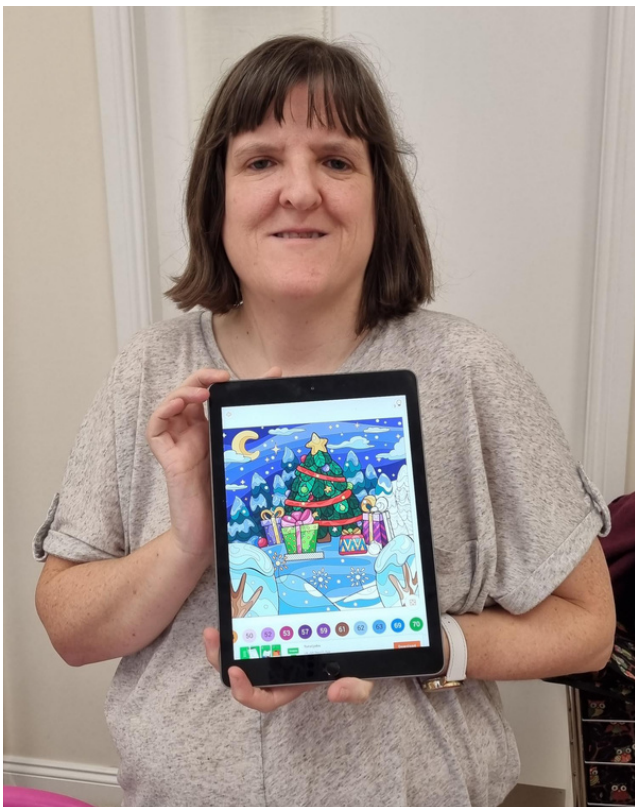
A massive Thank You goes to our Knit and Natter group who knitted tirelessly to knit teddies, these were the most popular item we had at all the stalls. I must say all teddies went to a good home.



DIGITAL WORKSHOP

At the end of November, we started a digital workshop. During these workshops the group are learning to use the iPads. During one session the group went out and took some pictures of Wallsend to come back and learn how to edit them on the iPads.

During the December workshops the group were looking at how to stay safe using emails and how to spot and report any phishing emails. During the festive period the group also looked at 'Colour by numbers' practicing zooming, tapping, and moving around the iPad screen to colour in the Christmas pictures.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We held our Christmas disco at the King Street Club and it's fair to say everyone that went thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our Valentines disco was also a hit! We had the amazing Oli Patto performing and he had everyone up on their feet dancing all night.

We hope you can all join us on 20th April for our next party night and it's the Rock and Roll night. See below for all other party night dates.



SHORT BREAK

Our last short break of the year was in Rothbury. They stayed in the luxury Armstrong cottage.

The lads were all ready for the England game as you can see if the picture. They all had a great weekend despite the score but there is always next time.

The following day the lads went into Morpeth to have a walk along the river Wansbeck and look around the markets before heading back to The Turks Heads for a lovely Sunday dinner to finish the short break off in style.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING



On 10th December we hosted our first wreath making session, we had 27 people come in to make a wreath and enjoy a turkey sandwich.



On 17th December we hosted the second wreath making class for the parents of the children in the Early Years project. On the same day our gardening group got their turn at making a Christmas wreath.

Big thank you for everyone who volunteered on these sessions, especially the florist Josie Anderson who kindly gave her expertise free of charge. Thank You to Dudley Christmas Tree for donating the tree cuttings.



EARLY YEARS

The parents of children involved in our Early Years projects enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea, thanks to funding from Warburtons Stockton Branch.

They got some much needed time for themselves while chatting to other parents. The delicious afternoon tea was supplied by local business Keel Row Seaton Delaval.

One parent shared with us 'today meant so much to me as I rarely get any time for myself. It was a lovely treat, especially with the pamper bag and gratitude jars. I really appreciate it'.

As you can see they also got a surprise visit from Santa Claus, which from the smiles on their faces you can tell they all enjoyed.





DEAR DAN

My role at LD:NorthEast is Engagement Coordinator. I am here to engage with people to help get their voice heard.

In each newsletter I will be taking questions from anyone regarding any issues or feedback you have, please email me at daniel.litster@ldne.org.uk with your questions or give me a call on 0191 2622261.

I will respond to questions in the newsletter, if I don't get to them all I will answer them direct via email or phone call.

I look forward to speaking to everyone.

CURRENT VACANCIES

We currently don't have any vacancies at the moment, we do get roles appearing all the time.

For future roles and any information regarding vacancies please send your C.V to Lindsey.harle@ldne.org.uk



Thurs 20th April King Street Club

7pm – 10pm, £3.00 entry
free for support workers

Friends and Family Welcome

18+ only, please drink responsibly

If you need support, please bring someone with you

NEXT PARTY NIGHT

Rock and Roll night at the King Street Club, 20th April.

We hope to see you all there, having a great time.

See below the dates for all other party nights which will all be at the King Street Club.



20th April
Rock and Roll Party



19th October
Halloween Disco

17th Aug
Summer Disco



14th December
Christmas Disco



For more information contact us on 0191 2622261 or at info@ldne.org.uk

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VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently looking for some new volunteers to help us run sessions here at LD:NorthEast.

We are looking for a creative volunteer to help us with our arts and crafts groups

We are also looking for a volunteer to help us at any fundraising events we will be at in the future.

We are looking to recruit a gardening volunteer to help maintain our garden and to help on the gardening group sessions.

Please spread the word about these opportunities and the benefits of volunteering for us such as:

- A great sense of self pride
- Opportunity to make a difference to people's lives
- Great experiences
- Gain new skills

For more information about these opportunities and an application form please get in touch with Dan, details below.

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WHATS HAPPENING SPRING 2023



Good-bye, Winter
Spring is in the air.
Flowers are in the bloom.
You can see colours everywhere.

Party Nights

Our next party night is our Rock and Roll night at the King Street Club.

Short Breaks

We have short breaks in Backworth coming up in the lovely Dukes cottages.

Another short break we are having at the start of the year is a trip to the lovely Murrayfield in Shilbottle.

Early Years

The siblings are having an exciting trip out to the Arcade warehouse.

Healthy Connections

We are partnering with Newcastle Eagles to set up accessible basketball sessions, these sessions will be taking place at the Eagles home area the Vertu Motors Arena.

