



newsletter
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Staff Team

The Sorted Project now has full time and part time staff delivering one to one and group recovery workshops regularly once again, and also looking after the day-to-day working of the project.

Our next step is to recruit a dedicated Recovery Worker, and we are currently seeking funding for this new post.

Board/Trustees

We are delighted to welcome our new board member/trustee **Joyce Cunningham** of Cunningham Consultants. Joyce brings an excellent range of skills and experience that will no doubt prove to be valuable to our work. Joyce is a self employed consultant specialising in personal and organisational change

Partnerships

We are now developing partnerships with new and existing agencies, working with **Move On**, **CHAI** and developing workshop sessions with **Drug Treatment and Testing Orders**. We have plans to develop our work with **The Castle Project** at their new centre where we have been offered the use of training facilities which is a great opportunity to do some locality based workshops.

There is a great resource in Tranent, East Lothian called **Recharge** which does some excellent work in the community, and Project Manager Alan Bell has invited Sorted to look at how we might work together.

Tobacco

Smoking tobacco is a key factor in health inequalities. A new aspect to the work is about linking tobacco education into our sessions where this is of interest to stakeholders and clients. We are developing this work both in education and prevention and offering advice about stopping smoking.



Karen Bradford is NHS trained and an experienced Stop Smoking Practitioner. She also has excellent experience in working with young people around tobacco related issues, so if this is an area you would like to explore, do get in touch.

Employers

We are developing links with employers to provide meaningful vocational experiences for our clients. This can often be one of the most challenging aspects of the work; particularly in lean economic times, however we are delighted that the team at **Citidogs** is on board. If you are interested in learning more about our employer links then do get in touch.

Volunteering

We are also developing links with stakeholders to provide meaningful volunteering opportunities. This can be an excellent resource for clients looking to gain some valuable experience, a reference and perhaps new skills. So far our new partners include **The Vat Pack** in South Queensferry, **Grassmarket Community Project** and **Edinburgh Furniture Initiative**.

Funding

To support the development of our work around engaging employers and volunteering opportunities, Sorted has successfully secured funding from **Comic Relief**. This will enable us to involve service users to shape the work over a six month period which will give us a good framework for the future

Learning

We have been included in some excellent training and learning opportunities. Thanks goes to **EVOC** for the free full day on Project Management which was so popular it was over subscribed.

Thanks also to **The Melting Pot** for a workshop around the responsibilities of board members and trustees which we will be sharing with our own board. This was delivered in partnership with Morton Fraser Solicitors and they provided some excellent resources.

Thanks also to the Portobello/Craigmillar & Craigentiny Duddingston Neighbourhood

Partnership for a valuable workshop about their grants.

To bring us into the 21st Century we went along to The Hays Business Centre where we met Tom Allan and **Edinbuzz**.



He provided a great session on Twitter and Facebook and linking these highly effective communication tools to our website and encouraging us to incorporate these into our day to day activities.

Learning and Networking Opportunities

Alcohol's Harm to Others Conference: Beyond the Drinker

This **Alcohol Focus Scotland** conference will explore the impact of excessive drinking on people other than the drinker, with a particular focus on children and young people.

The day will be a mix of international and local expert speakers, including young people, and topical workshops. The keynote speaker will be Professor Robin Room.

Date: Friday 3rd June

Venue: Hilton Grosvenor, Edinburgh

Cost: £80 per person

For more information visit their website and to book a place please email or call 0141 572 6294.



Meet the Funders Event

Thursday 28th April, 2pm to 5pm. Gate 55, Sighthill Road, Edinburgh

This is a drop-in event for public and voluntary groups. If you would like to know more about a wide range of funds that may suit your work, go along to this drop in event where you can meet representatives from over 20 funding and third sector organisations including:

CEC Community Grants Fund, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations, The Robertson Trust, Big Lottery, John Watson's Trust, WREN, Princes Trust, Scottish Youth Business Trust, Heritage Lottery Fund, CEC Working with Families, The Lintel Trust, Changeworks, Pass IT On, Gettingthere & Sponsorfinder, Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust, ECAS, Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council.

Are you Wired In?

The 'Wired In To Recovery' Community is run by **Wired In**, a unique initiative developed ten years ago by Professor David Clark as a way of empowering people to tackle substance use problems. The mission of Wired In is to improve the lives of people affected by drug and alcohol use problems. Visit the website for blogs, articles forums and testimonials.

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