

## New service being launched 'Matthew's Hub'

**FiND** is developing a service called **Matthew's Hub**, this is a service supporting people with high functioning autism and Asperger's syndrome to help access the services which meet their needs and enable them to participate in a range of opportunities.

Matthew's Hub will work with the members to build confidence and self-esteem, develop real skills to enable members to take up volunteering and work opportunities. The approach will be for members to move from doing things alongside others to doing things with others.

The project is beginning with the development of a website which will form a virtual social networking hub.

The timescale for this project is to develop the website by the end of December 2013. A base has been identified in the heart of Hull city on Ferensway. We are hoping to start developing the service in January 2014, with the help of a project manager.



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## Donations

These are just a few selected donations received with thanks:

**£1,000** William Jackson Food Group

**£1,000** Project Mensa

**£168.67** Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, Suffolk

Also we are having support from **Beverley Golf Club** in the near future which will help us renovate the gardens and buy a greenhouse for our students to use.



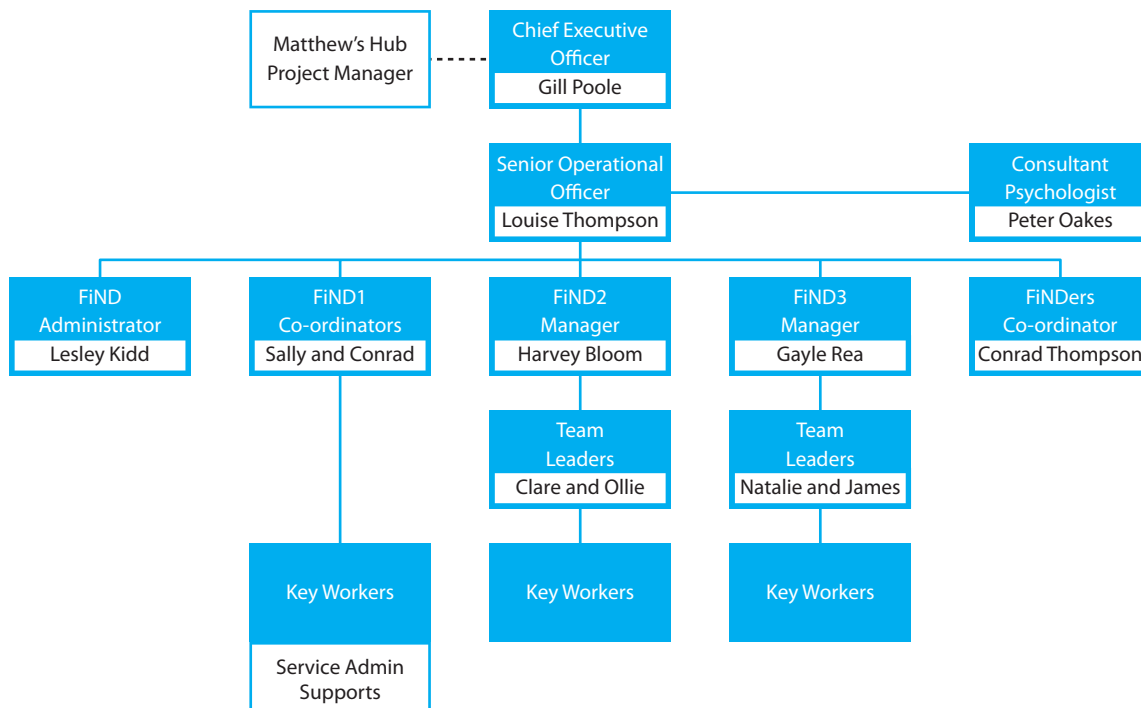
**Above** - Daniel Shand, winner of Cobus Christmas Card competition.

**Cobus has presented **FiND2** student Daniel Shand with the title of "chosen artist" for this year's Cobus Christmas Card competition.**

Daniel has been a student at **FiND** since 2010 and with the aid of a member of staff he produced the winning entry using his fingerprints. Business Manager Vicky O'Grady commented "It was such a simple, but lovely design and I'm sure it is going to look fabulous as this year's Cobus Christmas Card.

The card will go into production in time for Christmas and will be handed out to Cobus customers helping to promote the work that **FiND** does in the community.

# Staffing Update



There have been changes in staff at **FiND1**, Tracy has left her role as co-ordinator and Conrad Thompson has been appointed to this role.

FiND2 role changes include: Manager Louise Thompson becoming Senior Operational Manager, Deputy Manager Harvey Bloom becoming Manager and Activity co-ordinators Natalie Platten and James Baker becoming Team Leaders.

FiND3 has undergone staff changes recently with Gayle Rea taking on the role of Manager and Conrad Thompson becoming co-ordinator, Claire and Oliver are now both Team Leaders.

## Person Centred Approach

**FiND's central values promote a culture which:**

- Is respectful and caring to all
- Focuses on each person's individual needs
- Provides a safe environment
- Works in partnership with families and other services
- Promotes a can do attitude
- Promotes quality of care with dignity

We are working to introduce and roll out Person Centred Tools. These include one page profiles for all staff and students. Look at this link and have a go at developing your own one page profile

<http://bit.ly/18QpRzK>



Above - Halloween fancy dress party.

## FiNDers social club is now almost a year old

**FiNDers has had a very successful first year and is going from strength to strength.**

Student numbers are now well into double figures on a weekly basis. The club has held many fun activities, such as a Halloween fancy dress party, firework display, spa evenings and discos to name just a few.

Going into the New Year, FiNDers is planning more fun activities including FiNDers 1st birthday Party on Wednesday 8th January 2014. If anyone would like further information on FiNDers, please contact the co-ordinator (Conrad Thompson) at [conrad.thompson@findcharity.org.uk](mailto:conrad.thompson@findcharity.org.uk).

## FiND1

**FiND1 had a very successful summer with large numbers of students attending.**

Many activities were carried out, including a Sports evening, Play Action with sensory equipment and meal preparation groups cooking their own lunch. More exciting activities are planned for the Christmas sessions.

The main activity being 'The Big Christmas Party' to be held on Monday 23rd December. The party will include a magician, stilt walker, sensory room, bouncy castle and other fun activities.

## FiND3

**The service continues to offer a range of activities for the students to participate in.**

Currently, the students at FiND3 are producing their own film, based on the nativity which will be released to parents, before Christmas.

Going into 2014, FiND3 is looking to introduce camping trips for students. Initially these will run over week nights with a view to extending to long weekends.

## FiND2

**Right** - Staff & Students outside the Chandler Centre.



**The recent weeks have seen the development of FiND2's greenhouse and sensory garden.**

Students have had the opportunity to come forward with ideas and have visited several local garden centres for inspiration and to help them plan what to put in the garden. Work has begun on the greenhouse garden area which is currently being paved, we will keep you updated on the progress of the sensory garden in the next newsletter.

Upcoming events include a [Christmas Jumper Week](#) from 16th – 20th December this involves staff and students wearing Christmas jumpers and a prize will be given for the best one!

At the [Christmas Fair](#) on 17th December there will be craft stalls, a tombola and raffle, and we will be selling Christmas cards and cakes. Any prize donations are greatly appreciated.

More Christmas fun takes place on 23rd and 24th December with our [Christmas parties](#). Between the 27th – 31st January we celebrate Chinese New Year, and throughout January we will be having fun with winter games and activities, including orienteering on the Westwood and 'search and find' treasure map games.

14th February is our [Valentines Day party](#) and March sees the start of the 'Out and About Club 2014' which will be incorporating photography. At the end of March we are opening the greenhouse garden.

Friday 15th November 2013 was a fun-filled day in the FiND organisation. It saw both FiND2 and FiND3 meet up at Hollywood Bowl, for a friendly [bowling competition](#), fun was had by all and the overall winner was Peter Williams of FiND2. The bowling match was followed by a joint lunch at McDonalds. It was a great success, with students asking for a repeat of the event, which will happen in the near future.



**Right** - Work has started on FiND2's new greenhouse area.



# Student Achievements

FiND3 Disco

## FiND3

Students Matthew Smith, Dominic Mallendar, Connor Mathers, Cambell Stoakes and Andreas Kouris went rock climbing and achieved personal best records.



Above - Matthew Smith.

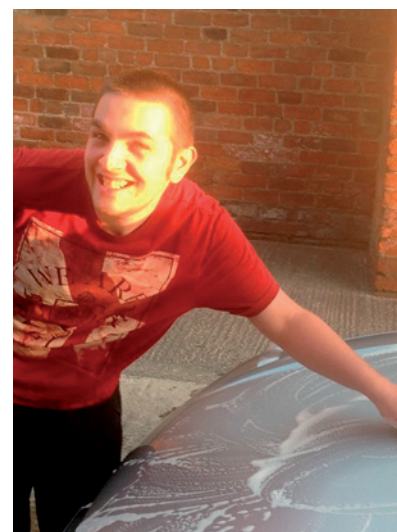


Above - Dominic Mallendar.



## FiND3

Sponsored car wash by Thomas Green.



## FiND2 & FiND3 bowling competition

Matthew Grewer of FiND3 and Matthew Read of FiND2, watching as both teams bowl.

Peter Williams was the overall winner at our FiND2 & FiND3 bowling competition.



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