

## FiND's Winter Newsletter 2017.

We hope you enjoy reading all about what we've been up to!



### Welcome to our Winter newsletter!

2017 has been a very successful year for FiND! It has been lovely welcoming new people to our services at both Beverley and Hessle and our amazing staff have done a brilliant job of helping people to settle in and feel part of the FiND community!

Thank you one again to everyone who has supported us this year and also to the people who make FiND such a special place to come. I hope you enjoy seeing what we've been doing and what our students and staff have achieved.

On behalf of FiND may I wish you a merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year!

Louise Thompson.

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Over the last few months students from both of our services have been attending Ganton Hydrotherapy pool. We have loved swimming in warm water, especially with some fantastic music playing and the coloured lights brightening up the room. We are looking forward to starting these sessions back up when we return in January.



# RDA AWARDS CEREMONY

In November it was lovely to welcome students, families, carers and members of the RDA to celebrate the achievements of our riders. It was fantastic to hear about each individual's stand out achievements and watch a presentation of pictures which captured these. All of our riders successfully achieved an Endeavour Award for their horse riding and were presented with this certificate at the awards ceremony.

Our students also wanted to say a special thank you to Shirley, Jane and the RDA volunteers for the opportunity to participate in the sessions. The students worked hard to make gifts for each volunteer and presented Shirley & Jane with a bouquet of flowers to acknowledge their hard work and support over the year.



We finished the event with a celebratory buffet, highlighted with a horse cake made by our students with the support of Rowena Colley.

We'd like to say a very big thank you to Shirley, Jane and all the RDA volunteers. We couldn't do this without you!







# ARTISTIC TALENTS

Over the last several months our students have been working alongside Jason Bowers from Creative Briefs. Jason has joined us to deliver art projects with our students. Our students have really enjoyed the sessions which has seen us design fish [Currently on exhibition at Battered & Berthed in Princes Quay] and Neon signs which have been presented during the evenings onto the side of Kardomah, Alfred Gelder Street.

We are all really proud to have completed art work that has contributed to exhibits shown in Hull as part of the city of culture.

Our visits from Jason inspired our students to visit the various pop up exhibitions that have been on display in the Humber Street Galleries and try out some photography. We also tested out the local café amenities which seems to have passed the test of our tea connoisseurs.





# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

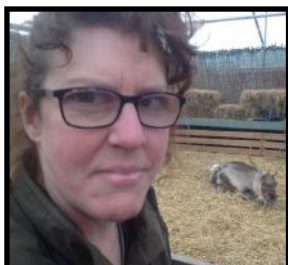


We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who visited the FiND2 Christmas Fayre this year. We were overwhelmed with the amount of people who came out to support us. This year we had numerous craft stalls, a cake stall, plants, home made produce and for the first time ever freshly made bread [with special thanks to our own star baker Phillip Young]. A huge thank you to Nina, Sarah, Sue, Hilary, Emily, Natasha, Phil, Elaine, Clair & Conrad from the staff team for their help. We are delighted to announce that the Fayre was our most successful to date raising a huge £752!

*We would like to say a special thank you to all of those involved in making the Fayre happen, those that dedicated their time on the day and to those who donated prizes and items. Your support is very much appreciated.*



## FEELING FESTIVE



December is always an exciting time at FiND as we prepare for our Christmas celebrations. Students have helped to decorate the service and we all had great fun assembling and decorating the Christmas tree. We have also visited Southwood Garden Centre to see the reindeers in their outdoor enclosures.

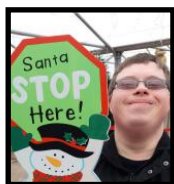


We would also like to thank all of the students who helped to make craft items for the Christmas Fayre. We all got really creative and came up with some fantastic ideas.



# NEW FACES AT FiND2

Over the year we have welcomed our new students: Dan, Isaac, James, Bethany, Charlotte & Declan to the FiND2 service.



We have also welcomed four new staff members to the FiND2 team, with each of them bringing new skills and experiences. We hope you will join us in offering them a warm welcome to FiND.



## Phil

Hi my name is Phil. Before FiND I worked as a support worker in a shared living setting for 8 years, giving me some fantastic experiences and treasured memories. My hobbies include a passion for baking bread, cooking and playing the guitar. I am really enjoying working at FiND2.



## Raegan

Hi my name is Raegan and I have worked in the care sector since leaving college 4 years ago. My previous job was at St Anne's school, where I gained lots of experience. I have a calm, outgoing nature and I love a new challenge.



## Pete

Hello, my name is Pete and I have worked in the care sector for 11 years. Many people enjoy my sense of humour, especially the students! My hobbies include all sports and joinery. I am really enjoying being part of this very caring and hardworking staff team.



## Megan

Hi, I'm Megan and I have been working in the care sector for the last 2 years. Most recently I have moved across from working in independent living, where I was supporting students that attend FiND. I'm really excited to be a part of the FiND2 team.

## A message from Conrad.



We have had the opportunity to do some amazing things at FiND2 over the winter period. In highlighting just a small selection of these achievements we have seen a number of students achieve Endeavour awards for their horse riding, held regular hydrotherapy sessions at Ganton pool and have had art work displayed in Hull City Centre galleries. One of our students has recently won the 'Design a flag for Hull' competition and we all look forward to seeing their work publicised across Hull in the coming months.

As a team we have spent some quality time planning and expanding on each student's plans and focused on what they would like to achieve from coming to FiND; incorporating our values at the heart of all of these. We have made some fantastic progress with this over the last twelve months and we are all really encouraged to build on this when we return in 2018.





# Find3



## A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!

It's that time of year again, and we have been getting into the festive spirit, making lots of decorations and stockings to decorate our fireplace, and visiting lots of festive places.



Our students have worked very hard when making Mr P Bear to join us over Christmas. He sits proudly in our annexe watching over the Christmas tree.

## CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

We would like to say a big thank you to all who supported our Christmas coffee, we raised £75.40. The students worked very hard on baking lovely Christmas cakes, which were served with tea and coffee.

The tombola did very well, I'm sure some extra stocking fillers were won!

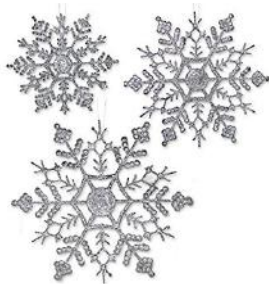


We are going to be making a Christmas dinner for all students and staff on Wednesday 20th December, including all the trimmings! We can't wait to see who gets the best prize in the crackers!!



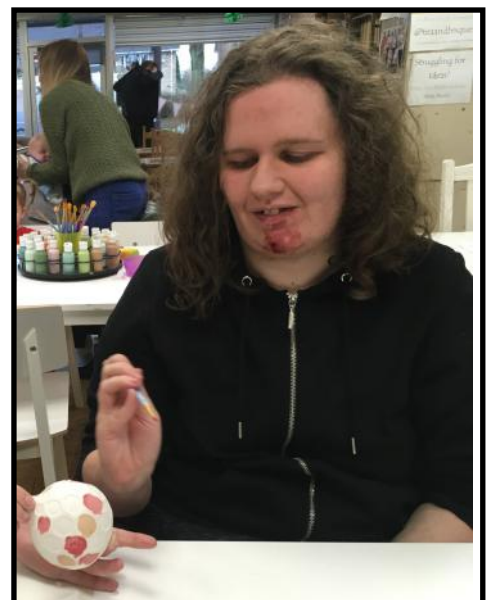
# ENJOYING THE SNOW

Winter has certainly arrived and we have seen the first signs of snow in Hessle. A number of our students really enjoyed going out in the snow. If the snow comes deeper then we are planning on building our very own FIND3 snowman.



## ARTISTIC TALENTS

We have recently had a trip to pottery painting class to make our own baubles and gifts for families. Jessica and Jamie were very proud of their lovely creations all ready for Christmas day.





# NEW FACES AT FiND3



We would like to say a big welcome to new students Finley, Jessica and Luke.

## Arron

I have come to FiND3 from a supported living provider and so far I have really enjoyed my time here. I have got to know many different students and look forward to supporting with many more students in the future.

## Elizabeth

I come to FiND with 20 years experience in the care sector, working in nursing homes and Hull Royal Infirmary. I have enjoyed getting to know the students and staff. I am really enjoying being part of the FiND3 team.

## Sophie

I have joined FiND3 after previously working for four and half years as a support worker for individuals with learning disabilities and autism. All at FiND3 have made me feel very welcome and I am really enjoying my time at FiND.

## Kelly

I am enjoying getting to know everyone and learning new skills. I am looking forward to developing relationships with students and their families.

## A message from the Gayle

Over the past year the students and staff at FiND 3 have taken part and enjoyed a lot of memorable activities and experiences. It's been a very positive year promoting the values at FiND 3 and developing FiND's person-centred approach. There has been so much hard work and input from both students and staff into our very own sensory room. They have used their own imaginations to create bean bags, sensory board, dream catchers and furry pillows. This is a great area for all students to relax. I would like to thank everyone involved at FiND 3 for their hard work and positivity, it makes a great difference to the students experience at FiND 3. Looking forward to 2018 we hope to work with our students to expand their range of activities and build on available resources for our students to achieve new and different experiences in within FiND 3.

**Gayle & Conrad** Would like to thank all of the students, staff, fundraisers and individuals who have supported us over the course of 2017. As a team, we have experienced some amazing achievements together and look forward to seeing what opportunities 2018 holds for us all at FiND.



# CONSULTATION UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who got in touch recently about our opening times and FiNDs future premises. We had a good response to the questionnaires we sent out in September, from students, families and staff, including a few from colleagues in the care sector. We are now busy collating everyone's views before sharing with Trustees and agreeing the next steps. We will be back in touch with you in the New Year with the results of the consultation and to share our plans going forward.

# SENSORY GARDEN UPDATE

We would like to thank everybody who has helped us to fundraise for our sensory garden in 2017. Unfortunately earlier this year the garden was subject to some vandalism whilst the service was closed. It has been amazing to see the amount of people who have kindly made donations or fundraised to help us repair this area. Your generosity and efforts are really appreciated by the students and staff here at FiND2. We have spent some time consulting students for their views and we hope to carry out the improvements in Spring 2018 so the garden is ready for the summer activities.



FiNDers 3 has had a busy year. We would like to welcome all the new members that have attended in 2017 and hope to see them all again next year. We have been busy with lots of activities which have included Art sessions, Baking, BBQs and themed parties. To celebrate Christmas and to finish the year in style we all went to the Marquis of Granby for a Christmas meal, members enjoyed 2 or 3 course meals and enjoyed pulling crackers, wearing Christmas hats and telling each other silly jokes.



I would like to finish by taking this time to thank all volunteers old and new, without their help FiNDers wouldn't be able to run on a weekly basis and we greatly appreciate all the effort that is put in to make sure the members enjoy their time at FiNDers.



# VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are currently seeking volunteers to support within our services and at our FiNDers Social Club. Do you want to be part of something rewarding, meet some fantastic people, gain experience and really make a difference?

If so please contact Conrad Thompson on (01482) 870785 or via email on [Conrad.thompson@findcharity.org.uk](mailto:Conrad.thompson@findcharity.org.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.

# A HUGE THANK YOU

We would like to send our thanks to everyone who has fundraised or donated money to FiND. Your hard work, dedication and support is greatly appreciated by the students and staff at FiND.

With thanks to:

- Hesse West Open Gardens for their donation of £800
- The Walton's Charity Fayre which raised £318.70
- Mr & Mrs Hart for their donation of £80
- All of the staff & students at FiND2 who raised a staggering £1,034 from their sponsored walk

FiND2 would like to further express our thanks to Judith Blackburn, Beaty Brown, Diane Pearce, Peter Williams, Brianna Roberts, Anthony Riseam and Donella Methley for their support with this event.

- Peter & Janet Murray for their donation of £600
- The FiND Annual Quiz Evening for raising £498
- TSB Bank for their charity of the year donation which raised £868.63
- Pam Locker for her £100 donation
- Northern Gas & Power for their donation of £1,000
- FiND2 Keyworker Edward Husband who raised £558 from his sponsored 10km run
- FirePit Restaurant for their fundraising efforts which raised £202.46
- Everyone involved in the FiND2 Christmas Fayre which raised a record high £752.93
- Pauline Hudson for her kind donation of £100
- Everyone involved in the FiND3 Christmas Coffee morning which raised £75.40
- The Walton's collections tins which over the course of the year has raised £275.11
- Beverley Rotary Club who kindly raised £500 for us
- Gillian Sexton for her kind donation of a selection box for each student.

*Special Thanks*



FiND would like to say a special thank you to Jonathon Wells who has been our Treasurer for the last three years. We all wish you the very best for the future.

*Special Thanks*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HU1 Riverside Spring Dinner Event will be held on the 19th April 2018.

More details to follow.

### Christmas Closures

All of our services close for Christmas at 16.30 on Friday 22nd December 2017 and reopen at 9am on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas Break and look forward to seeing you all next year.