Noteworthy Events For Summer 2019

- The Community Family Picnic is taking shape for summer 2019. Another themed event is in planning; keep a look out on our Social Media for updates.

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Keep up to date with news and events by following and liking us on Facebook & Twitter.

PINS Mission Statement
"To relieve, for the benefit of the public, parents & carers in Hartlepool, whose family members are involved with, or at risk of, drug/alcohol misuse through the provision of support, advice and information"

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Welcome to our winter newsletter 2018

PINS Successful Outcomes Of Partnership Working

Parents In Need of Support have continued working on our initiative developing a 'One Stop Shop' in which we have continued to provide our well-established support, advice, and information services, and through partnership working with a range of organisations and agencies, have created a hub where parents/carers and members of the local community can access services under one roof, allowing them to make positive changes to improve or rebuild their lives.

We pride ourselves in this on-going initiative to develop working partnerships with additional agencies to complement those we have established with Step Forward Tees Valley and Citizens Advice Darlington. Through collaborative working practices, we can all make a direct difference to the lives of families and individuals and benefit the whole community.

One success story that has evolved through partnership working is that of Simon, our resident Art Technician. Simon came to PINS through our working partnership with Step Forward Tees Valley.

Simon is a much valued and well-respected Art Technician who gives his time and expert creative knowledge to benefit members of the PINS Art Group.

You can find out more of Simon's story at Step Forward Tees Valley. Website.
Arts And Crafts Update Continued...

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Security Training, Door Supervision

Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) The Tees Valley Pathways Programme is part of the YEI and will support you to develop the skills and knowledge to progress you into employment or training

Free Private Security & Door Supervision Courses have been delivered at PINS Greenbank for those:

- Aged 18 to 29
- NOT in employment, training or education
- Full support offered after the course to progress into employment
- Courses are fully funded and included the SIA license

Watch our website and social media for more updates...

Digital Inclusion

This year saw Safe In Tees Valley hold a Digital Inclusion workshop at PINS Greenbank.

The course promotes digital inclusion allowing delegates to gain confidence and proficiency on topics that included:

- basic skills such as using a computer mouse and keyboard,
- understanding how to find/search for information online,
- filling in forms online.

PINS Arts And Crafts Update Continued...

PINS Art Shop Now Open!

PINS Therapeutic Arts Group have been creating bespoke hand made items these have proven extremely popular at all the events we have attend this year not to mention our Magical Summer Fete.

The group are now selling the arts, crafts and knitted items on Etsy

You can find out more and buy items at: https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/PinsArtShop

Knitted Poppies

To help raise funds for The Royal British Legion members of the PINS Art group rolled up their sleeves and rolled out balls of wool to knit and crochet woollen poppies.

Sales went well and we’d like to thank all who supported the initiative.

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Arts And Crafts Update.. Parents In Need of Support Art group created a detailed model of Stranton Church as part of their on going arts projects.

The model has been donated to Stranton Church and was presented by:

PINS CEO Kay Barron to David House

The model will be on show in the Stranton Church.

Halloween At PINS

The Art group focused their creative energy on all things spooky ready for Halloween and the Art studio was decorated accordingly. Pumpkin’s were carved and displayed outside the entrance to Greenbank ready for Halloween.

The Art group created a number of spooky art pieces; one noticeable piece being a ghostly light up dolls head which added to the ghostly theme.

Our therapeutic use of arts and crafts proves a huge boost to the wellbeing clients who engage with PINS services.

Arts & Crafts Sessions

A series of Arts and Crafts sessions were held in the Art Studio at PINS Greenbank. The sessions were organised with Step Forward Tees Valley and were dedicated to Step Forward Tees Valley clients and explored Modelling/Sculpting techniques under the expert direction of PINS Art Technician Simon.

Simon demonstrated simple sculpting techniques; participants were then encouraged to use the techniques to create their own individual sculpts.

The sessions were a great success & produced some interesting sculpts:

Visit Hartlepool’s Men’s Sheds

In September it was with great delight PINS attended Hartlepool’s Men’s Shed open day.

Youngest and oldest members Michael and Stan cut the ribbon at the opening of the new extension to the Men’s Shed.

Everyone was keen to show the new facilities and the projects being developed by members.

PINS has particular interest in this project as it has similar aspirations and goals as that of the PINS Workshop which is under development.

It’s anticipated the Workshop will be a great addition to our growing catalogue of therapeutic and self-awareness projects which include Arts & Crafts and Garden initiatives.
PINS Updates Continued...

Charity Excellence Framework

**Parents In Need of Support** have recently joined the Charity Excellence Framework and achieved their Quality Mark.

The framework provides a set of tools to enable the organisation to achieve more, maximise impact, improve performance and ensure compliance, including improved use resources.

You can find out more about the Charity Excellence Frame by visiting: https://www.charityexcellence.co.uk/

PINS Parent Group

The PINS Parent group continues to go from strength to strength and has seen an increase in the number of people engaging with this strand of the service. The group is a safe place where parents/carers can meet and speak openly about experiences, issues/concerns without fear of judgement or the stigma that unjustly surrounds families were a loved one is involved with, or at risk of substance misuse. The group provide mutual support for one another and dedicates time to listen and understand concerns that other members are experiencing.

The group will be meeting in the new year and will be exploring new routes in which it can continue to offer support to its members.

If you wish to engage with our parents group then please get in touch:

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**Room Hire**

We have a range of **meeting, training and conference rooms** available for hire. The meeting/training rooms are situated on the lower floor and are accessible to people in wheelchairs, there is also disabled access toilets.

**Greenbank** is located on Stranton with onsite parking available, we are also within easy reach of local pay & display car parks, bus routes and the train station.

We can also supply refreshments and cater for your lunch requirements.

For full details and room hire please contact:

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