**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"

PINS is a registered charity - 1169702

**For Noteworthy Events Winter 2019**

- See our website for future events.
- Follow us on our Social Media Accounts.

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Welcome to our summer newsletter 2019

**PINS ‘One Stop Shop’**

initiative continues to grow from strength to strength, we have continued to work in partnership with other agencies to provide parents/carers/families and members of the local community with access to services under one roof. Since January this year we have been collaborating with local and national training and educational providers to facilitate the delivery of a wide selection of high quality training and personal development courses.

Courses are fully accredited and result in nationally recognised qualifications. All course are being delivered to benefit local people and improve employability prospects.

The courses on offer have covered a range of subject areas which have included:

- Business Administration,
- Bookkeeping,
- Sage Accounts, and
- Security and Door Supervision.

For the further up dates see our website
https://parentsinneedofsupport.co.uk
or follow our social media
PINS Updates...

PINS Partnership Working

Our collaboration and partnership working with like minded agencies/organisations continues to thrive. Darlington Citizens Advice Bureau offer Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) support via PINS Greenbank

If you are aged 15 to 29,
Unemployed,
Not in training or education

If so we can support you

✓ Your own dedicated Learning and Skills Coach.
✓ Ongoing information, advice and guidance.
✓ Technical and/or sector specific training.
✓ Employability support, CV interview techniques, application forms and confidence building.
✓ Cover the cost if interview clothes and travel costs, removing barriers to progression into employment.
✓ Supported job search.

For further details please contact Paula Wilson:

Telephone: 07871573928

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.

PINS General Notices...

PINS Room Hire

We continue to provide a range of quality meeting, training and conference rooms that are available for hire. The meeting/training rooms are situated on the lower floor 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 bus routes, the train station and shopping facilities.

We can also supply refreshments requirements as required.

For full details and room hire please contact:

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**PINS Arts & Crafts Update...**

**PINS Art Group**

The art group has been busy over the last six months working on a mixture of different crafts which varies from book folded art, cross stitch panels, sculpting, light up toadstool houses, to drilling and working with glass to make beautiful recycled light bottles.

Due to the popularity of our first art group we have now started a second group, which has been working with watercolours, inks and pencil to improve their drawing skills, and to explore their own style of art.

**PINS Art Shop**

**PINS Therapeutic Arts Group** are continuing to create quality hand made items.

The group are selling arts, crafts and seasonal items on Etsy.

Hurray and take a look at: https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/PinsArtShop

100% of all proceeds from the sale of items goes back to fund the Art Group and enables us to purchase more materials and create new and exciting items.

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**PINS Updates...**

**PINS Attend The Waterfront Festival**

In July we attended the Hartlepool Waterfront Festival. This year was another fantastic event and was a great opportunity to update all those people that visited on the support, services as well as the Art’s & Crafts sessions that are on offer here at PINS.

We took along a selection of Arts & Crafts, book folding , knitting and ornamental pieces created by clients to help raise funds for the PINS Art Group. These sold very well and all money raised has gone back into the art groups funds to help provide additional materials to support further projects.
Department of Work and Pensions - All About You Event

PINS attended the Department of Work and Pensions, All About You Event for local charities and community organisations, this was held at Hartlepool Jobcentre, Ward Jackson House. The event was an opportunity to provide DWP staff and members of the public with an updated awareness of the work carried out at PINS.

There was a great deal of interest in PINS and we spoke to the lots of people and several organisations about the diverse range of services we offer to benefit individuals, families and the local community and how to engage with us.

If you need our service you can self refer by telephone, email or letter or in person, you can also be referred by a professional or voluntary organisations.

We look forward to the next event and bringing further PINS updates.

Safe Place Scheme

We continue to participate as part of the Teeswide Safe Places Scheme.

Remember, wherever you see the safe place sign you can find help and assistance.

Safe Place Schemes consists of locations in the community where people who need extra support can go if they need some help.

‘Help’ can range from a phone call to home to ask a relative to pick them up or help with directions.

If you need help you’ll find caring friendly staff who will provide the guidance and support you require.

Greenbank Gardens

This summer members of the Art group and people from the local community have participated in a social and therapeutic horticulture project here at PINS; transforming our gardens into a relaxing sanctuary. They created a beautiful and colourful sensory area filled with blossoms and scents and a vegetable patch that even included pumpkins.

Having a welcoming safe, friendly environment were people can come meet and get involved in light gardening activities has proved extremely popular. The gardening project promotes social inclusion and encourages good health and well-being whilst providing light physical activities.

The community garden is a calm, scented haven that is oasis of colour and enjoyment not only for those involved in the project but also to staff and visitors.