

SCHEME NEWS

Newsletter for Volunteers from Home-Start West Lothian

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Support and friendship
for families

celebrating
15 years

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We hope you have all recovered from the Christmas festivities and are looking forward to the year ahead. We're sure this year will be busy for everyone here at Home-Start West Lothian; we're enthusiastically looking forward to the year ahead and to continue to work with all of you with the great job that you all do.

HELPERS NEEDED

- ❖ **Want to develop group skills to enhance your job prospects, improve your CV or learn about a different aspect of Home-Start?** We'd be delighted to hear from you! Please call Lesley or Emily to discuss our monthly Family Groups in Blackburn, Broxburn or Livingston. The Groups run monthly and require a 2-3 hour commitment for each group – you can join one group or more!
- ❖ **We are so excited to have the 'Thrift Shop' for a week in February – from the 12th–17th** - If you would like to come along and help us out in the shop or if you have any donations that we could sell, it would be very much appreciated. Please give Shelley a call to discuss if you can help out during the shop week.
- ❖ **Help us to spread the word!** We are looking for Volunteers to deliver information packs to Health and Community Centres throughout West Lothian to help raise awareness of the work we do. If anyone is able to do this, please let us know – normal mileage expenses will be paid.

ON-GOING TRAINING: ADULT BASIC EDUCATION & A BURNS 'SUPPER' TO BOOT!

Ruth Hood from ABE (Adult Basic Education) is coming to talk about ABE, the services they offer and how to spot someone who has numeracy or literacy needs and how to help them. If you would like to attend the training here in Cameron House, please contact Carol-Anne ASAP to book a place on 01506 415755.



[ABE – Help me, Help you.](#)

[Thursday 28th January: 6.00pm – 8.30pm](#)

We will be finishing off the night with a Mini Burns Supper

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BACK TO SCHOOL BANK - WINTER WARMERS APPEAL



In addition to their school uniform collection, the Back to School Bank is also appealing for Winter Warmers - anything that will keep our kids warm in the Scottish winter while they are at school. They are specifically looking for new items, but will accept good quality used items also. Any donations can be dropped off the Home-Start office!

The Back to School is also accepting Referrals for school uniforms and jackets, so if your children would benefit from this all we need is a list of items required and size! This includes nursery aged children as well as school aged children.



TRAVEL EXPENSES

Over the next couple of months we will be beginning to pay your monthly travel expenses directly into your bank account to help us reduce the cost of paper and postage. We will be asking you to provide your bank details to enable us to process the payments, however if you prefer to still receive a cheque then please let Gillian know. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated ☺



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Our Volunteer Recognition Ceremony is on Friday 26th February and this year we're holding it in Livingston Football Club. We hope you can all make it along, with a friend or partner, and help us dance the night away. If you haven't already received your invitation, please let Carol-Anne or Gillian know. Please let us know as soon as possible if you're able to attend - so we can confirm catering numbers.



STAFF MOBILE NUMBERS



Remember you can contact Shelley, Carol-Anne or Lisa at any time, in an emergency, or if you require support about your volunteering role or with your Home-Start family.

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