

# SCHEME NEWS

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Support and friendship  
for families

Newsletter for referrers to Home-Start West Lothian

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Christmas is nearly here and as usual it's a busy time for everyone here at Home-Start. We're busy organizing our Family Christmas Party which will be at The Hive in Bathgate this year which we are all looking forward to!

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## EVALUATIONS

Just a wee note to say that we will be contacting our referrers in the New Year to ask you to complete an evaluation on our service as we're always looking at ways to improve and develop the service and would love to hear any ideas or thoughts you may have.

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## PARTNERSHIP WORKING

We are currently working in partnership with ABE to deliver PLAYLAB groups to our families. We had our first one in Broxburn which was really successful and are now looking at providing a second group in the New Year.



We are also working closely with the Health Improvement Team to deliver Living Life to the Full to our families. Our first course in Livingston was a huge success and we will be running another Course in either Armadale or Blackburn next year also

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## VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Our latest Training Course has just ended and we are delighted to welcome our 5 lovely new volunteers to our team. They are already putting their training to full use in supporting a family each week.

Our next course will start in February 2105.

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## REFERRAL FORMS

Attached is a copy of the Referral Form that we now use. There is more to it than there used to be but we really need all of the information that is asked for so we would be really grateful if you could complete all sections of the form especially things such as Dates of Birth and ALL children living in the house – not just under 5's. We are happy to accept referrals by e-mail if this is easier. Please do not use the old forms as we will have to return them. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any information about completing the form.



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## BECOME A TRUSTEE



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As you know we are governed by a Board of Trustees who meet up every 6 weeks and oversee the running of the office. If you would like to become even more involved with Home-Start and have a few hours a month to spare and would like find out more about becoming a Trustee contact **Gillian at the office**. (Board meetings are normally held on a Monday at 12.30pm every 6-8

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