

## Summer is approaching

Summer is coming and we're as busy as ever while enjoying the sunshine! We have lots of events coming up over the next month or two, this Newsletter will have all the information on how to book any event you are interested in —so please book early so you don't miss out on any of the FUN 😊



COME ALONG TO OUR  
OPEN DAY

Home  
Start  
Support and friendship  
for families

We are holding an 'Open Day' to mark our move to Cameron House. We are inviting all our families, volunteers, trustees and staff to come together, get to know each other, find out about the work we do and ask if there's anything further we can do for you! More importantly though we just want to have fun together!! Why not bring your Home-Start family too! 😊

**Saturday 28th May 2016**

**Cameron House; Fairbairn Road**

**11am—2pm**

We are going to have lots of fun activities for all ages:



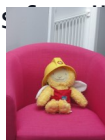
Face Painting

The Home-Start Tree Activity

Cupcake Decorating

Bookbug—storytelling & songs

Berti Playbus



We will provide refreshments and a light lunch. We will reimburse 'bus day tickets' on the day if you bring them with you.

If you would like to attend then please contact the office on 01506 415 755 to book a place.

## Family Summer Outing



museum, farm &  
discovery centre

We are staying local for our Summer Outing this year and we are going to 'Mill Farm'. Thanks to Lisa's funding genius we have received funding from the **Family Holiday Association** which will allow us to cover the cost of entrance into Mill Farm, transport for families (who do not have their own transport) and also snacks and refreshments: all families have to bring is themselves and their own lunch. We are hoping everyone can meet up and have a large Home-Start picnic together.

**Mill Farm Livingston**

**Wednesday 10 August 2016**

**11am—3pm**

Maximum of 2 adults per family permitted

To book, your family must telephone the office on 01506 415 755 and bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis.

**FAMILY  
HOLIDAY  
ASSOCIATION**  
The charity that gives families a break

## On-going Training

Our next On-going Training Session is on Thursday 12th May from 1pm—3pm when the Advice Shop will be coming in to tell us about the service they provide. If you would like to book a place, please call Carol-Anne on 01506 415755.

Our next Preparation Course also starts on Thursday 12th May and in keeping with our new tradition of making an event of the Graduation which is open to all Volunteers and Trustees, we are having a Mexican themed night on Thursday 30th June from 7pm—9pm. Please let Carol-Anne know if you can come along and meet our new volunteers.



The Volunteer session for the Preparation Course will be on Thursday 23rd May at 7pm and it would be great if you could come along and tell our newbies all about your experience with Home-Start. Please let Carol-Anne know if you can make it.

## Working with the Advice Shop

**Does your family need advice or support regarding Benefits issues, appealing decisions made or Housing/Debt advice?**

The Advice Shop is a free impartial and confidential service helping people throughout West Lothian

The Advice Shop will be offering **confidential** appointments to our **families** on the dates below, here in our offices. The appointments will be in 1/2 hour slots starting at 9.30am and the last one is at 11am:

\*\*\* Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May \*\*\*

\*\*\* Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June \*\*\*

\*\*\* Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July \*\*\*

All from 9.30am - 11.30am

Please call Gillian on 01506 415755 or message us on Facebook to book in a confidential meeting with a member of The Advice Shop team.

**The Advice Shop is a free, impartial and confidential service to help the people of West Lothian with a focus to alleviate poverty and to promote inclusion and equality through advice, assistance and advocacy.**



## Become a Trustee!

Volunteering is good for the soul and what better way to volunteer than to become a Trustee..... with Home-Start West Lothian! If you have a few hours a month to spare and would like find out more about becoming a Trustee contact **Shelley at the office.**

(Board meetings are normally held on a Monday at 12.30pm  
every 6-8 weeks)



## Volunteer Structured Diary

We know that everyone is really busy with work college, family etc but can we remind you that regular Supervision with your Co-ordinator and submission of your Structured Diary is a mandatory part of your volunteering. We need to know that both you and your family are happy and everything is going well. This is your opportunity (and your right as a volunteer) to seek any support that you need and to discuss any concerns as well as telling us about all the positive things that are happening! Carol-Anne and Lisa are happy to come to your house for Supervision if this makes it easier for you...just let them know!



## Volunteer Expenses

We will be transferring expenses to online payments instead of cheques to make things easier and a bit more efficient. This will be done in stages over the next few months. So if you are happy to have your expenses paid directly into your bank account, please give Carol-Anne and Lisa your bank details at your next Support and Supervision session.

## Social Enterprise

Charity Boutique and Employability Project

Cheryl would like to thank everyone who took part in the Social Enterprise survey, we had a very positive response. The research into the project is going well with much more information to gather. If you would like to be kept up to date with the project, please contact Cheryl via e-mail at [socialenterprise@homestartwl.org.uk](mailto:socialenterprise@homestartwl.org.uk)

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