



NEWSLETTER - March 2019



SMILE:

LONE PARENTING DOESN'T HAVE TO BE "LONELY PARENTING"

We think Faithworks' SMILE Connect is unique: a local community project that really understands what it's like to be a lone parent family. Three elements make up the community: VIP sessions with other lone parent families, SMILE-Plus times with local

church and community groups; and SMILE online that keeps everyone up to speed with information on where to find help and peer to peer encouragement.

Here's what it means to some parents...

"Looking back over the summer, the days out we spent with SMILE were the best"

"Fabulous three-generational day - usually we are working together as a family BUT separately... was a real blessing to spend time with my son and granddaughter (as well as friends) doing something we enjoy"

Read more in our Annual Review - hot off the press!

Simply call the office on: 01202 429037

SMILE Annual Lone Parent Fair SATURDAY 27 APRIL, 10.30AM - 1PM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Saturday 27th April St James' Church, Poole town centre, will become SMILE-land! There will be a Pamper Parlour, creche, bike maintenance, The Friendly Food Club, kids' crafts, outdoor toys, the famous nearly-new stall and a BBQ – all free for lone parent families!

Here's what people said last year...

"It was so good to have activities for my boys... and it is so important that there are great male role models there."

'It is my first event. It is great to be with other parents in the same situation. The help and activities were lovely and everyone very helpful.'

Come along, if you are a lone parent - simply book your free ticket on Eventbrite by searching for SMILE lone parent fair, Poole.

Or if you can help, then give Racheal a call on 07954 377295.



In 2018 SMILE provided the following support:



Join the team by giving: time regularly; giving a regular donation or by linking in with the SMILE prayer support chain - more details by contacting Racheal on: smilepoole@faithworkswessex.org.uk

OTHER NEWS



Faithworks' 15th Anniversary!

LIGHTING UP THE TOWN | 15 JUNE, 7AM

Faithworks is 15 years old! And we want to celebrate with as many partners and supporters as possible! Early on Saturday 15th June, we will be “lighting up the town with Hope” – literally! The plan is to walk from 15 venues associated with Faithworks’ projects, leaving a lit-up Hope sign (hand crafted by our 2nd-Half project!). We will then join up to 200 guests for a celebration breakfast at Key West Restaurant, Bournemouth pier at 9am. So, save the date and sign up to join the walk on Eventbrite.

Staff Update!

And thanks to new opportunities around Recovery and Life Centres, we’ve had a shuffle around on the staff team and welcomed some new team members:

Emma Heath

RECOVERY PROJECTS MANAGER



Emma is now leading our Recovery work including recovery courses and Community Detox – we’re already seeing people get free from the pain of addiction.

Nick Bold

LIFE CENTRES PROJECT MANAGER



Nick is now our Life Centres Project Manager, mobilising and supporting Food Banks and churches to become multi-service support points for people in crisis

Claire Stonier

BUSINESS SUPPORT MANAGER

Claire has joined us to take on the Business Support Manager role including making sure we look after our volunteers! Her last role was as Operations Director for Mechanics for Africa in Zambia!



Sharon Keenan

WIMBORNE FOOD BANK COORDINATOR

It’s great to welcome Sharon as the new Wimborne Food Bank Coordinator; she knows them well having volunteered there for a while already!

