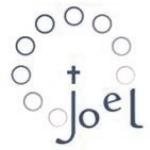


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# Joel Community Trust



The Joel Community Trust Night Shelter has just celebrated its first birthday! We have much

to celebrate. During the first year of operation, we have had a total of 56 new guests; with move on options being found for 23 and a further 11 guests finding their own accommodation.

Sadly, Gerard Linehan stood down as Deputy Manager of the Night Shelter at the end of February, but he will continue to do vital work for us.

We have taken on two new members of staff: a new Deputy, Mick Gallagher, and a Support Worker, Peter Jeens from St Peter's congregation; we are delighted to welcome both.

We are very excited about the second phase of the building works, which should be in place by the end of 2015.

Andy Elliot is busy sorting out the legalities and financial arrangements.

We have recently been awarded a grant of £50,000 from the Hilda and Maurice Laing Charitable Trust. A wonderful encouragement for us!

Please support my daughter Eleanor and Chris (a work colleague) as they run the half Marathon in Hackney for Joel. You can find their fundraising page at <https://www.justgiving.com/joelhalfmarathon>

**Peter Holmes, Chair of the Trustees**

**A fantastic Christmas present of £20,000 was given to us by Charity Job, a national recruitment agency for the Charity Sector with their head office near Norbiton Station. We were overwhelmed by their generosity!**



**Raya Wexler, the Director pictured with Becky Mills, Fundraiser at the Joel Community Trust.**

**Mick Gallagher**

As the new Deputy Manager of the JCT Night Shelter I am looking forward to making a difference in the lives of local people. I have lived in Kingston for the past 15 years and so am aware of the social issues that affect the local area. I have worked in Social Care /Hostels for nearly 25 years and am committed to using the knowledge and experience gained in this time to help improve the quality of life for all and support and empower those who feel they are being ignored or marginalised by society by helping them become part of a community at the Night Shelter. I

am married with a teenage son and in my spare time I enjoy watching sports and experiencing the arts with friends.



**Mike Gallagher, our new Deputy is pictured far left and Peter Jeens, our new Support Worker in the centre.**

**Manager's Missive**

"People don't become homeless because they just run out of money and can't afford to pay their bills.

There are a myriad of issues behind it and we help them work through all of those. "When people come in, they unpack their things in a few minutes, but it takes them weeks to unpack emotionally." Joel is a place of safety and security which enables this to happen.

In a crucial partnership with KCAH, who work with our guests to find move on options for them and signpost them to appropriate support agencies, we can turn homeless people's lives around.

## Gift Aid It!

I want any donations I make now and in the future to be Gift Aided until I notify you otherwise. (You must pay an amount of UK Income/Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax Joel Community Trust reclaims on your donation).

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**Joel's target** The second phase, will cost about £300,000, so please do consider supporting us financially with a donation or becoming one of our invaluable Gideons who donate on a regular monthly basis. The average Gideon contributes £22.00 a month.

We presently have 136 Gideons, but we are seeking to recruit 300 of them. This would raise enough money to cover the cost of the second phase of the development. Please support us generously and prayerfully.



## Peter Jeens

I've lived in Kingston for 25 years but as a younger person I had direct experience of homelessness. I know how devastating it can be. A long and varied education and diverse work experience has given me a broad skill set with a measure of depth.

As a Christian I have spent some years as a volunteer in the temporary Winter Night Shelter, and as a Volunteer Youth Worker in Norbiton Parish as part of the St Peters Church Outreach Team. Having resigned from my previous job to take up this newly created full time post, my ambition now is to make a difference to peoples' lives by aiding and supporting the work of the Project Manager and Deputy Manager, but mainly by using my knowledge and experience to facilitate a positive step change with the companions who we share our shelter with.

## Standing Order Mandate

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**This standing order Mandate supersedes all previous standing orders to the Joel Community Trust, Reg. Charity No. 253030 Please return this form to Becky Mills, The Joel Community Trust, St Peter's Church, London Rd, Kingston, Surrey KT2 6QL.**