



**Viewpoint
Centre**

Newsletter

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Our Success Story!

As Viewpoint Centre CIO marked its first anniversary recently with a second Open Day, it's great to see how far we have come since our launch in September 2017.

The local community directly benefits from our work as it seeks to address issues of the costs to local councils for family support/care workers, young people in our community who are NEET (not in Education, Employment or Training), crime and anti-social behaviour - thus leading to a more integrated and safer place to live.

Despite our amazing progress, we're always looking forward to the future. Our main focus is to constantly increase awareness of the work we do, as well as increase the number of StartUp sessions we can offer, and we are seeking funding to help us achieve this.



The Restart Cost

The ReStart project is aimed at young people aged 8-24. Participants come to the centre via professional referral and may be living in very difficult situations and struggling with multiple issues such as anxiety, depression, eating disorders, self-harm and social exclusion or they might be victims of domestic abuse, crime, substance abuse and neglect, in or leaving care or young offenders.

Funded places can be offered to those most in need, in addition to commissioned places. Each ReStart costs £750. For more information on potential referrals, personal donations, business sponsorship or fundraising, please contact us on: 0300 772 9692, email: info@viewpointcentre.org or visit our website at: www.viewpointcentre.org

Meet The Trustees



Katie Dockery Founder of Viewpoint Centre. Following years working within the emergency services, Katie also runs a Natural Horsemanship school, and Pat Me - where rescued Shetland ponies visit local care homes and hospices.



Martin Wakefield is an investor in start-up companies with a particular focus on renewables, having previously worked in the energy sector.



Jon Miller has a background in internet start-ups, sales and project management. He designed, built and now maintains the Viewpoint website.



Mags Trench has been a lawyer for nearly 20 years. When she first visited Viewpoint she was impressed with the interaction between horses and individuals they had never worked with before.



Tony Turner is a Chartered Safety Practitioner with over 25 years experience within the Construction Industry, having previously worked for PwC.



Kate Freebody recently underwent a career change and is now privileged to work within child services for the NHS. She has watched Viewpoint grow from an idea to the amazing venture it is today.

Christmas is Coming...

In 1843 the first Christmas card was sent by Victorian entrepreneur Sir Henry Cole as a time-saver for writing individual letters, but in 2018 it is no longer the most convenient way to deliver a festive greeting.

While posting Christmas cards remains a treasured tradition in the UK today, an increasing number of people are choosing to send e-cards to family and friends on social media instead.

More people than ever before are breaking with tradition this and donating money they would usually spend on sending Christmas cards directly to charity instead.

We urge you to consider Viewpoint Centre CIO as your chosen charity when making this decision. For more information, contact:

info@viewpointcentre.org.

In return we can email you a personalised e-card to send.

Funding Update

Throughout 2017-18, we engaged in a number of opportunities for us to gain funding, largely to great success!

In the summer of 2017, we applied for funding to support our launch through the All for Awards grant. This successful application enabled us to launch Viewpoint in Surrey and secured 13 StartUp sessions.

We have applied to Waitrose to be selected for their Community Matters fundraising scheme in our local Edenbridge and East Grinstead stores.

We recently applied for up to £50k through The People's Projects. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful on this occasion, but managed to secure £9,000 through the 2018 All for Awards grant.

In addition, we have been successful with the following grants: Community Foundation for Surrey, Lesley Steeds Membership Allocation, Postcode Community Trust and GACT.



How To Donate

Without our supporters and our regular donations, we would not be able to maintain or increase the number of ReStart sessions we can make available to young people. If you'd like to contribute, please click on the links below:

We are continuously looking for individuals or businesses to sponsor us on any scale. Just £750 pays for one ReStart session.

"It was really fun. I was anxious when I started but I soon found that I was more relaxed and calm. They were amazing people and they made me feel very welcome. If I didn't understand something, they would show me and take time to help me understand it. They never let me give up. My horse was so patient as well and so friendly, which helped me to relax. I also made a good friend while I was there and it was just an amazing week". **ReStart Participant**

"Thanks to Viewpoint, I got my daughter back!"
Parent of Participant

"J's change was noticeable from the start. Her body language, eye contact, being comfortable when talking to others were all profound to witness. She felt confident and natural learning in this environment..."
Natasha Adams, Learning Space



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