

HULL LIGHTHOUSE

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS 1996 –2016

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Research:-

As part of the research project taking place, some of the women are telling their stories through creative means. This piece is one of the women's self-portrait creation named 'Fabulous'.

The caption (by the same woman) we have in the book that goes with it is this:-

'I think that the reason I have come out okay is that no matter what happened or what anybody did, they couldn't take Hope - or whatever you want to call it - away from me, no one could destroy that..'



Dates for your Diary:-

As part of the City of Culture we have a stand at the **'Women of the World'** Festival on 10th-12th March at City Hall. There will be a preview of the book from the research work and a chance to meet some of the women who have contributed to the book.

Book Launch:- 27th April. More details to follow

Weekly Group Sessions update:-

Our **Moving On** group, which was born out of the **Living Room** group has been a success; with the women still meeting together to carry on supporting each other as well as using their peer mentoring skills to support others.

Cooking Sessions:-

Since the summer of 2016 there have been three separate cooking courses, with a fourth about to start, held at Selby Street. These sessions enable women to meet together and learn to cook simple, home made meals, whilst also learning the Basic Principles of Food Hygiene. Two of the women who attended these groups have since moved on to become volunteers in the kitchen helping to prepare the meals for the Living Room and more recently to help and support the women coming along to the cooking courses.

CAN YOU HELP US RAISE £2000 IN OUR 20TH YEAR?

Back in May 2016 we set ourselves a challenge in this 20th year of the project to raise at least £2000 by holding sponsored or fundraising events. So far we have raised £1140.

If you would like to hold such an event, sponsor someone or have an idea of what we could do, then please contact us on 01482 442953.

As a charity any financial or in-kind support is greatly received.

We have a strong belief in our core ethos of supporting vulnerable women involved in street prostitution. As a result, we do not chase funding for the sake of it. Therefore, financial or in-kind support is important.

If you can support us, please contact Claire Maxey, 01482 442953

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COMING SOON

We are planning a few exciting fund raisers over the next few months such as:-

- Comedy night
- Easter Craft and cake stall

More details of these to follow.



PRAYER AND PRAISE POINTS

Funding for our full time Outreach Worker has recently come to an end. We have sent off a grant application to cover the position for the next three years, so please pray for a quick and successful outcome from this bid, as this is a major post for the running of the Charity.

As the research comes to an end and the book is in the process of being published, please pray for a smooth transition as it is handed over. Also pray for wisdom and guidance on how to proceed with getting the relevant information into the public eye.

Sometimes it seems that we are hitting a brick wall when we try to engage with women during the evening outreach. Please pray that we keep encouraged and that the Holy Spirit goes out before us to open the hearts of these women so they will trust that we are there to help them.

We appreciate all the support from our funders:-

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