

HULL LIGHTHOUSE

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WE'VE MOVED!!!

The vision at Lighthouse has always been to create a **home** for the women we support, so it's with great excitement that we are announcing, **'WE'RE IN!!'**

We are now looking forward to making welcoming spaces for one-to-one, group sessions and peer support which will provide a more positive experience for the women we support. Our heart is for it to be a home for them and to make it their safe place. It is large enough to make social distancing possible and so suitable for the government's safety requirements.

New address—31 Beverley Road, Hull. HU3 1XH



CHANGE/IMPACT DUE TO COVID

This is a critical time for the charity's work- with many local services running virtually, we are seeing increasing numbers of women who are not getting the support they need and moving back into drug use and violent situations. We have recently seen women on the street who have not been involved in prostitution for many years, and others who are staying out longer due to the increased pressures caused by the social impacts of COVID-19. Even after lockdown eases and regular services return to normal, we expect to be seeing the impact for some time to come.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the remoteness of services and the different way of life during this time is really beginning to show its impact and we know that our support is going to be needed more than ever over the coming months and years.

From the start of lockdown, we have kept in touch with the women ensuring they keep safe, calling them regularly, finding ways to keep the boredom at bay and ensuring them that they have not been forgotten. We have left food parcels on doorsteps, Easter Eggs, cards and craft packages. As restrictions eased, we began social distancing walks and encouraged them to meet publicly in small groups to reconnect with each other. To be able to see a friendly face, and to receive care and concern in person, makes a really big difference. To find human connection - even at 2 metres apart - is a wonderful thing!

NEW LOOK WEBSITE

Check out our new look website at www.hulllighthouse.co.uk. We are extremely thankful to Jim at Garner.dev for redesigning the website and bringing us up to date.

Don't forget to check us out on Social Media - Facebook—Lighthouse Project Hull

TRUSTEES.

We are pleased to announce that we recently welcomed two new Trustees – Jane Honey and Steph Darnes.

Jane was the Project Manager for Hull Lighthouse and the Next Step Project from 2006 until 2014 when she decided to take a break to concentrate on family and church commitments

However, we are pleased that she is back with us as Chair of Trustees. We also welcome Steph who currently works for Hull Community Church heading up The Free Flow Project which supports women experiencing poverty as well as coordinating events and being the lead in safeguarding. Steph is a qualified social worker, having spent the last 10 years working in statutory social work for the Local Authority. They both bring a wealth of experience to us and we look forward to working with them.

As mentioned, Jane is taking on the role of Chair which means after 6 years of taking the lead, Claire Thomas is standing down as Chair. She is staying with us though and will continue to bring her wisdom and expertise to the meetings. So, we would like to say a **huge thank you** to Claire for her leadership over the last few years which has been very much appreciated.

The Trustees:

Jane Honey—Chair
Claire Thomas
Jane Buckley
Janice Farley
Shirley Ross
Steph Darnes

The Team:

Yvonne Watson, Project Manager
Kath Singleton, Evening Outreach
Melanie Watson, Outreach Work
Jen Davies, Outreach Worker
Claire Maxey, Administration

A reminder that you can support the work of Hull Lighthouse Project when you shop online. There are over 3,000 shops and sites where you can shop and in return they give a donation to our charity. Just go onto www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hullighthouse and join up for free and then every time you shop, go to the online store via easyfundraising.

We are also one of the registered Charities with PayPal Giving, so people can safely donate via PayPal Transactions.

PRAYER POINTS

We are thankful for all your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for funding as we have two salaries coming to an end in January as well as extra running costs now we are in a bigger building. Please pray that the new Drop-in will be well attended and that we can create a safe space for the women we support.

We give thanks for the grants received which helped ease the added pressures caused by COVID-19 and that we were blessed with being able to relocate during such a difficult time.

Please pray that we will be able to fulfil our vision of creating a HOME for the women we support.

We appreciate all the support from all our funders:-

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