

Mooligan News

Some of what we've been up to



What is MOOL?

Massive Outpouring of Love is a local charity committed to spreading love, kindness, unity and understanding locally and worldwide. We believe that, together, we can build a better world: one where hatred has no home and where people will treat others the way they would like to be treated. We rely on the goodwill of our volunteers to keep us going and we'd be delighted if you would be part of the MOOL family. This newsletter aims to show you just a few of the things we do.

We've just got new offices in The Y Centre, a brilliant new Community Hub, in the former Lochside Primary School. Our new offices will give us more options with a variety of meeting spaces as well as (in due course) a community café and a performance space. We're really excited to be working with all the other groups who are going to be in the space and building a great community resource.



Helpers at the toy stall.



Clothes swappers.



Award winner Yoshi - for attending every event.



Delivering supplies.

Education and Outreach Symposium – November '18

This event was the final part of a project sponsored by the Big Lottery Fund. Education and outreach activities had been held throughout the region and we invited as many stakeholders as possible to examine the issues raised and to look for ways to make our region a more welcoming place to live, work and thrive. It was a very positive meeting with a wide range of views and ideas. We look forward to working on as many of them as possible.

Painting party

Our volunteers help to make homes and this is what some of them have said.

“The houses are so important because the families have lost everything so we make them feel safe, happy and at home as much as we can. That’s why we put our heart and soul into the finishing touches to make it as lovely as possible. We very much enjoy it.

We think what it must be like for them to be uprooted from their homes and families: being able to do anything we can do to ease that is a privilege. Our hope is to give them a welcoming, comfortable place where they can feel safe and secure to be able to enjoy life in a new place. Families we’ve met have all been lovely and some regard us as their family here. We are very happy to continue doing what we can to ensure new families feel welcome in our country.”



Pop up shop November '18

This was a wholly volunteer-led initiative. Some of the clothes donated to us are not really suitable for people on the refugee road. It makes more sense to sell them to raise funds. One of our volunteers took this on and got a space in a Pop-up shop in Kirkcudbright.

Do you have a fundraising idea you'd like to take the lead on? If so, please get in touch!

MOOL Spirit Awards – October '18

The awards are a celebration of the work of our volunteers and bring volunteers, the local community and our resettled families together.

The event was held at Lochside Family Centre and over 70 people came and shared food, conversation, music and laughter.

It was also a chance to talk to refugees and volunteers about the best ways to encourage integration and understanding in the region. A number of possible ways to encourage community cohesion were developed so keep an eye out for some exciting upcoming events.

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