

## Newsletter Spring 2017

### Ryan at Scottish Parliament



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On 10<sup>th</sup> January, Ryan Brown gave a presentation at the Scottish Parliament to celebrate his becoming the 7500<sup>th</sup> Community Jobs Scotland work placement. He talked about his difficult childhood and how he turned his life around with Move On's support. He has been working with us as a trainee development worker in Glasgow since November, along with three other CJS-supported employees (we have eight in total, others are employed in our Food and Training Depot and our Edinburgh office). He was [interviewed by SCVO's Third Force News](#), and both he and Move On were mentioned in a Scottish Parliament motion supporting Community Jobs Scotland in February.

Ryan also attended the Community Jobs Scotland debate at the Scottish Parliament in March, along with Stephen Clark and Hannah Martin.



## Visit from Kevin Stewart, MSP



James Frame, trainee development worker, and volunteer Paula Arthur met with Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Local Government and Housing, to provide an insight into the barriers young people face in accessing and sustaining suitable housing. In his follow up letter, the Minister said “their stories highlighted areas where obvious improvements in the system can be made and I will do my utmost to make sure this happens”.

## Christmas Hamper day



The wonderful graduates at RBS, who did so much to help us in 2016 by donating their time and skills as well as money, raised £500 at their graduate ball. We used this to purchase items to make up Christmas hampers, and a group of the graduates came to the office to help staff and other volunteers make up the hampers. Some of the hampers were delivered on the day, as our staff made visits to help people settling into new tenancies, and others were collected as young people came in for various activities over the Christmas season.

We are always interested in working with new corporate partners. If you'd like to know more about CSR opportunities, see [www.moveon.org.uk/corporate-supporters](http://www.moveon.org.uk/corporate-supporters).

## Choose Youth Work – vote for Move On!

Join in the **big** vote PARTY

Aged 11 to 21? Choose your services <https://edinburgh.participare.io>

*And vote for Move On's "Moving On – Our Story" - a video by young people overcoming homelessness/care and making a better future for ourselves/others.*

Young people in Edinburgh aged 11-21 are invited to vote for their favourite youth work projects from now until 27 March. Move On's project is "**MOVING ON – OUR STORY**" – young people who are supported by us working together to make a video about their lives. Young people can vote:

- [Online](#) (see link above)
- At the Big Vote Party on Friday 24 March, 1.30 pm at the Festival Theatre
- In selected community centres

Please pass this message on to all the young people you know in Edinburgh!

## FareShare Burns celebrations



Food re-distributed from FareShare helped at Burns celebrations. MacSweens supplied us with haggis and clapsnot for a Burns Supper at Flourish House. This is one of the centres, or "CFMs", that benefit from a rich variety of food redistributed from major retailers by FareShare Glasgow and the West of Scotland.

If your organisation is interested in becoming a CFM, you can get more information [here](#).

Our FareShare operation now has its own Facebook page – see [www.facebook.com/FareShareGlasgow1](http://www.facebook.com/FareShareGlasgow1). Please visit and like us!

## Money Advice Service



Move On's peer education financial capability programme is one of 26 projects throughout the UK which is being evaluated as part of the Money Advice Service's new What Works Fund. If yours is one of the schools where we deliver budgeting workshops, we may be contacting you about participating in the evaluation over the next few months.

## Aye Write Festival



Learners from both Phoenix Futures and Cothrom Elie are taking part in the annual Aye Write festival this year. They attended a creative writing workshop with author John Binnie at the Mitchell Library on 10<sup>th</sup> March. This was hugely successful last year. This year's theme is "Learning for the Future" and learners have produced work for the annual learner event in the Mitchell Library on 17<sup>th</sup> March. All work will be showcased and learners will have the opportunity to read or perform their work.

## New mentors

Since January, we have trained 28 new mentors in our Edinburgh and Glasgow offices. Welcome to you all, and may your mentoring experience with Move On be a happy and productive one! [Mentoring with Move On](#).



## Young visitors!



Some of our recent visitors are too young even for our intandem mentoring service for 8-14 year olds! Two of our former employees brought their lovely babies in to see us. Imke's son Kian, appropriately dressed in check shirt and denims, is seen here with our Executive Director, John, his style guru. And Beth's son Asher soon made new friends, especially David, as you can see!

## Staff changes

Welcome to the following new members of staff:

- Grant McRoberts, trainee warehouse worker, Food and Training Depot
- Ian Weightman, intandem development worker, Edinburgh
- Ronald Whittaker, trainee warehouse worker, Food and Training Depot

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