

Manna House Update



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2017

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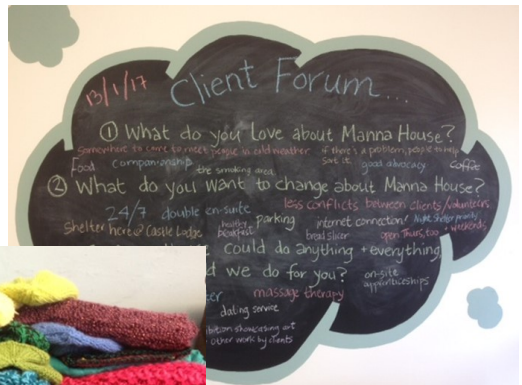
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As seen in a shop
window in France

Castle Lodge's front porch
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Blossoming

For our
Colour Evening:
Joint fundraiser
with CADAS
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Our Client Forum:
next meeting 21/04

Manna House Blossoming

It's sad that a world so beautifully created should be subject to so much destruction and decay. So many of the stories told to our team at Manna House reflect that same pattern of hopes that failed, dreams frustrated, and plans that withered.

What a joy it is when we hear that our team of staff and volunteers, working together with our service users, hear those stories being turned around. Of hopes, dreams and lives blossoming as folks find their feet, re-establish their lives on a solid footing and begin to hope and dream, believing and knowing that this time things will be different.

Like the seasons, our work at Manna House is based on the premise that, for those who seek our help, the winter of decay and loss can and will turn into springtime. That we don't have to go round the same cycle of failure and disappointment. And although everything in the garden might not be rosy, at least we can get to live in a garden and not an endless wilderness.

See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Song of Songs 2:11-13

Colin Greaves, Chair of Trustees

Thanks to our funders !

Big Lottery Fund
Hadfield Trust
Lloyd's Bank Foundation
SLDC
The Stephenson Trust
Friends of Manna House
Cumbria Community Foundation
Lupton Tower Trust

Fun with Data

Manna House has a new database—it's called In-Form and it's been set up by Homeless Link, who have national expertise in working with, and capturing data about, those who are homeless. The new system means we should be able to keep more thorough and accurate records and produce reports more easily. That being said, it's always a challenge to transfer all the data we already collect on an old database onto a new one. So please bear with us! And if your details have changed, now is the perfect time to let us know.

We're looking forward to...

The next Client Forum
The Easter Feast on 19th April
Having a male staff member around the house
The Ninebarrow Concert on 27th May at the URC
New cooking delights
On site learning opportunities
Designing a new garden
FOMS membership reaching 500

...so bring it on!!

Manna House Drop In & Client Support Worker

30 hours per week

Three year contract

We are looking for an energetic, compassionate individual with a rich life history and great communication skills to be a positive male role model and provide holistic and practical support to our clients.

Working under pressure, as part of a team and on your own initiative is essential, as is demonstrating an understanding of the needs of our clients.

Experience of mental health work and drug and alcohol awareness and a relevant qualification NVQ 3 or above is preferred.

Closing date: 18th April 2017

Interviews: 27th April 2017

As a genuine occupational requirement, only male applicants are being considered for this post.

DBS Check required but we will consider applicants with a conviction history on a case by case basis.

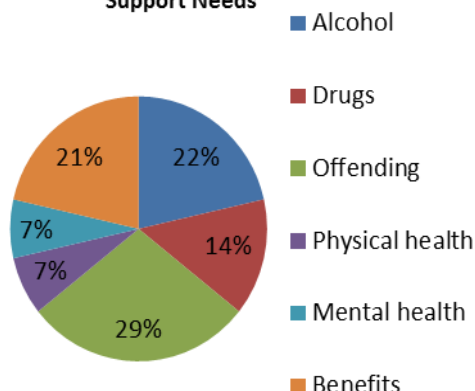
For further information and an application form, please see our website: www.manna-house.org.uk or ring 01539 725534.



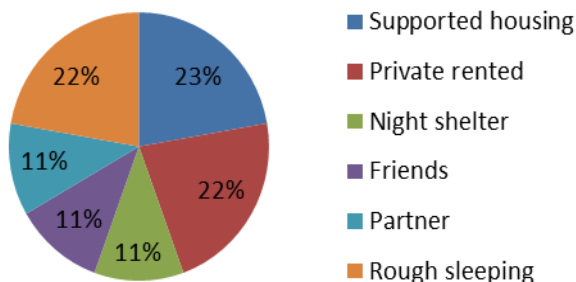
Yes, Manna House is looking for some new staff, thanks to a Big Lottery Fund grant which enables us to hire three new positions and continue to run our service. The first of the posts, the Drop In and Client Support Worker, is a male applicants only post because of the genuine occupational requirement for the post holder to run a men's group, take men to medical appointments and be a positive male role model for our clients. Know anyone like that? Get in touch!

From the Winter Shelter Evaluation 2016/17

Support Needs



Housing at the end of the shelter



Guest survey answers

Six clients took part and this is their feedback:

Q1 What benefit did you get from staying in the shelter?

Contact; company; communication, safety and a secure place to sleep; Good food; Excellent food.

Q2 What worked for you in the shelter?

Feeling not alone; Knowing support was out there which was non-judgemental; Allowed some time alone if it was requested.

Q3 Is there any evening that has worked better than others? If yes, why?

No; Good people to talk to, especially at two of the venues.

Q4 How were the volunteers and were there any issues?

Volunteers were fantastic; respectful; marvellous; more than helpful and brilliant.

Q5 What is missing in the shelter that we could provide?

Longer time in the morning and to open earlier in the evening; Air beds annoying and squeaky!

Fiona Nelson, Winter Shelter Coordinator



*The magical Ninebarrow
are coming to the URC, Kendal*

Saturday evening 27th May 2017

in aid of Manna House

Tickets on the door £10

Doors open 7.30pm

*To reserve tickets or more info:
01539 725534*

Friends of Manna House

The Manna House Super Swim, held on 25th February at the Kendal Leisure Centre, was a great success! We raised an estimated £3,300 from both swimmers and sponsors (not all the money is in yet as of this writing). A HUGE thank you to all who supported this important fundraiser, including Christine Hewitt and her marvellous cupcakes! All proceeds will go towards our Manna House Building Fund. A cheque will be presented to Manna House Chairman, Colin Greaves, for £4000 which includes the current sale of our 'Bricks'. You really are helping us build up Manna House brick by brick, so thank you once again swimmers & sponsors, and of course, all of you members of FOMS. See you at the Garden Party on 1st July.

Nina Bale,
Founder and Coordinator of Friends of Manna House

**Interested in joining
Friends of Manna House?**

Good idea!

Here's how...

Email info@manna-house.org.uk

Or

Ring 01539 725534

For an application form



IMPORTANT DATES

Fri. 14th April	Manna House Closed for Good Friday
Mon 17th April	Manna House Closed for Easter Monday
Wed 19th April	Easter Feast 10am—2pm at Castle Lodge
Fri 21st April	Client Forum 11.30am Castle Lodge
27th April	Provider Forum Manna House 10am
25th May	Provider Forum Manna House 10am
27th May	Ninebarrow Concert at URC, 7.30pm, £10 on the door
26th June	next deadline for Update copy
29th June	Provider Forum Manna House 10am
1st July	FOMS Annual Garden Party

Current Programmes at Castle Lodge

Monday :	Women's "Sew What" 10.30-12.30 pm Men's group 1-3pm
Tuesday:	Advice surgery & Drop In lunch 10-3pm
Wednesday :	Drop-in, Skills cafe & lunch 10-3pm
Thursday:	Closed except for rough sleepers
Friday:	Drop-in, advice & lunch 10-3pm

Next Edition Update

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