

Staff News

Well, it's been like musical chairs here at the FACES office! Amy has left us- again! She has moved on to a senior role with another organisation. Abena, our Family Groups Practitioner has also moved on to a new venture, however she is still volunteering with Dad and Me so we haven't had to say a permanent goodbye to her, which is great. We wish them both the best in their new roles.

Michaela has been promoted to CEO and is absolutely smashing it! We have also welcomed some new members to the FACES team: Katie is now in post on our #SEEN project. Lore is our new administrator, and will also be taking on some of the volunteer lead responsibilities. Lastly, Mel very recently joined us as the new Family Groups Practitioner and has already got stuck in!

Volunteering Opportunities

Family groups- we are in need of volunteers to support at Cherry Pies on a Monday morning and Little Acorns on a Thursday morning. Both groups run from 10am-12pm, term time only.

Emotion Detectives- Volunteer support required to help facilitate this very successful project. Sessions are held on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm-3pm, term time only. These sessions are held within school settings.

SENDiTots- one or two volunteers are needed to help with this group which is held on the first Thursday of the month from 1pm-2.30pm, term time only at Kingsbrook Children's Centre. SEND knowledge is useful but not essential.

Please contact the office if you are able to help with any of these projects.

A warm welcome to our new volunteers!



Yet another training course is complete, and the new recruits are all very excited and eager to get started.

The next course is due to commence on **Fridays from 20th January 2023 through to 10th March 2023**. If you know of anyone who might be interested in volunteering with us, please ask them to get in touch as we would love to hear from them. Alternatively, they can download an application form directly from the website.

Christmas at FACES

As usual, the office looks like Santa's Grotto and we have been blown away by the generosity of individuals, businesses and other organisations who have donated gifts to our appeal- this may be the biggest haul yet!



We will be hosting our pop up shop again this year. It provides the opportunity for families experiencing financial hardship to come along and choose gifts for their children.

Our annual FACES Christmas Party for families will be held this Saturday 17th December from 2pm-4pm here at the Centre. Thank you to those who have offered to support with this, we look forward to seeing you there.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all, and thank you so much for your continued support. We appreciate each and every one of you and look forward to another successful year for Team FACES.