

# NEW PIONEERS NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

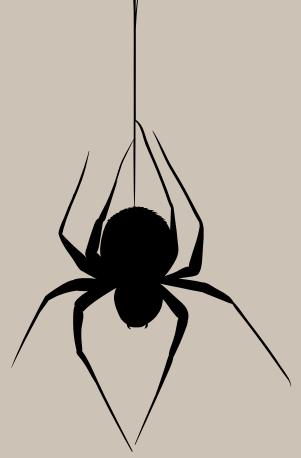
## WHERE TO FIND US

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1094210857963627>

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## Greetings New Pioneers!

Welcome to October's newsletter featuring highlights from the project.

You will have noticed that the leaves are starting to change from a dull green, to vibrant red and orange, but here at the New Pioneers, we are keeping things bright.

This month the project has seen:

- 7 pioneers gaining a qualification
- 3 pioneers gaining employment
- 38 pioneers engaging in life skills
- 42 pioneers involved in education or training
- 3 new referrals





# Learning Lab



Our community learning initiative, has been stepping up to empower the next generation with essential life skills.

The New Pioneers Learning Lab is for any child aged 5 - 13 who wants to learn basic cooking skills, attend art classes or learn the language of Arabic.

Last week the cooking class focused on making pancakes.

Beyond the joy of flipping pancakes, this endeavor holds numerous benefits for children - nurturing their development in various aspects.

The young learners are gaining the understanding of the cooking process whilst developing their confidence to experiment with other recipes.

Also, making pancakes is a hands-on way to introduce children to basic maths. From understanding fractions while measuring ingredients to grasping the concept of time through cooking durations, pancake-making provides an enjoyable context for mathematical learning.

The positive feedback created by successfully making a delicious dish contributes to the children's belief in their ability to tackle new challenges.

From practical life skills to cognitive and social benefits, our community-driven approach not only equips our children for the future but also fosters a sense of togetherness and shared experiences within the community

Learning Lab takes place each every Monday 5pm – 7pm at Spotland C.C.  
To book your child a place, please contact Laila.Almahrug@Rochdale.Gov.UK





# Halloween Party

The air was filled with excitement as our families gathered for the New Pioneers annual community Halloween party.

Spooky decorations dressed the Community Centre and provided a perfect backdrop for families to bond over seasonal treats and food.

Face painting in our public living room was a popular attraction, transforming little faces into ghouls, cats and witches.

The party offered a variety of activities that kept the children entertained and engaged but the heart of the festivities was undoubtedly the vibrant array of costumes wore by both the children and the adults.

The event showcased the power of community coming together to celebrate the spirit of Halloween.

The children were sent home with sweet treats which truly made this Halloween party an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.





# Romeo and Juliet

The New Pioneers enjoyed their recent visit to the Royal Exchange Theatre to watch the retelling of Shakespeare's most famous love story: Romeo & Juliet.

The unique contemporary take on Romeo & Juliet made the play current and accessible.

A special thank you to The Royal Exchange Theatre for allowing the New Pioneers the opportunity to experience this simply brilliant play.



# Womens Group

The Women's Group is held every Wednesday, at 10AM to 12PM

The weekly group is a space used to empower our women, creating a support systems within our circles. The woman share challenges, seek advice and find understanding within one another. The group promotes diversity and equality, breaking stereotyping and widening the mindset.

The Woman's Group creates a sense of community through the diverse languages spoken within the group, we foster a sense of inclusivity and solidarity.

Refreshments are provided.

Please contact Laila for further information on 07954767324





# Cooking for Hope



Volunteers at The New Pioneers Project have been collaborating with the Rochdale AFC Community Trust on their Hope Football sessions to serve hot, nutritious meals to the participants.

The partnership aims to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone, bringing the community closer and providing essential support to those who need it most.

Every week, volunteers from our project gather at Spotland Community Centre to prepare a warm and nourishing meal for the Hope Project's participants.

Pioneer, Enas Hammam, who has been part of the New Pioneers Project for several years, shares her motivation: "Cooking for the Hope Football participants is not just about feeding them; it's about connecting with people from different walks of life and letting them know they are welcome here. The smiles on their faces when they enjoy the food we prepare are priceless."

Rochdale AFC Community Trust's inclusion coordinator, Liz Cotterill, who coaches alongside community coach Kisimba Kisimba praised the partnership, saying: "The meals provided by the New Pioneers Project volunteers are a lifeline for many of our participants.

"It's heartwarming to see how this collaboration is making a real difference in their lives. It's about more than just food; it's about building a sense of belonging.

"The beneficiaries of this collaboration are not just enjoying delicious meals; they are also gaining the opportunity to bond with the local community. This connection is invaluable for individuals who may have experienced isolation and adversity in their pursuit of safety and refuge."



**Rochdale AFC  
Community Trust**

# Upcoming events.....

**FREE!** NEW PIONEERS PROJECT

## WEDNESDAYS FAMILY TENNIS PRACTICE

@  
ROCHDALE LEISURE CENTRE

All equipment provided

START ON WED 01/11/23 FROM 4:30 PM TO 6:30 PM  
FINISHES ON WED 06/12/23

To Book your place please contact your broker

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**Do you want to have more money in your pocket?**

LEARN HOW TO MAKE A NO-ELECTRICAL **COOKER BAG** **FREE**

**Cooker Bag Sewing Workshop**

SESSION 01 | SESSION 02  
07/12/23 FROM 10 AM TO 1:00 PM | 11/01/23 FROM 10AM TO 1:00 PM

To book your place please contact:  
Sharon Dunn 07970285870 | sharon.dunn@rochdale.gov.uk

**Spotland Community Centre**  
92-96 Spotland Road, OL12 6PJ

**Cartwheel Arts** | **ROCHDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL** | **RBH** ALL TOGETHER BETTER LIVING

**Let's Unite Against Domestic Violence!**

Join us for an important event dedicated to raising awareness and taking a stand against domestic violence. Together, we can make a difference and create a safer community for all.

The White Ribbon Campaign is a symbol of our commitment to ending violence against women and promoting healthy relationships.

Guest speaker, workshop and refreshment!

TUESDAY 21/11/23 FROM 12:30 PM TO 2:30 PM

Be part of this movement!

To book your place please contact Sharon Dunn at sharon.dunn@rochdale.gov.uk or 07970285870

This event has been sponsored by Councillor Iram Faisal supported by members funds

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Join the Get Rochdale Working group on Facebook - Opportunities' for jobs and apprenticeships daily and a chance to engage with local employers. The team can help with a variety of things including interview techniques and job searching.

For information about the Digitech library email Vicky Burgess  
[Vicky.Burgess@Rochdale.Gov.UK](mailto:Vicky.Burgess@Rochdale.Gov.UK)

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