

# FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

## WHERE TO FIND US

Website: <https://newpioneersproject.co.uk/>

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Please join our New Pioneers Programme Facebook  
group to hear about events and success stories.





# Hello Spring

*A warm welcome to our February newsletter. As we look forward to the spring season ahead, we also look forward to many more success stories from our amazing pioneers.*

*In February the New Pioneers Programme delivered a Level 1 resilience course at Spotland Community Centre in partnership with Hopwood Hall College.*


*16 Pioneers completed the course and are currently awaiting their results, in the hope to receive a Level 1 qualification in Resilience.*

*Also in February, 5 pioneers have enrolled on to a Basic IT course at Heady Hill Community Centre, Heywood. The course is due to start in March. Good luck to all our Pioneers completing the course.*

*As of February, the NPP runners from the Running Lab are currently on week 8 of the 9-week couch to 5K programme. Only 1 more week before the pioneers run a full 5k. All the pioneers have done amazingly well. Some have never even run before. What a massive achievement.*

*The NPP book club at BOTM community centre continues to thrive. The Pioneers are currently reading, 'The Untethered Soul'. Please ask your Broker for further information on our book club if you wish to join.*

*In February we also held a family event to celebrate Valentines day. The children enjoyed decorating our tree of love, the family choir preformed throughout the evening and delicious food prepared by our pioneering chefs was served.*



# THE SUCCESS OF THE NEW PIONEERS FAMILY VALENTINES FESTIVAL.

WRITTEN BY PIONEER, ROKSANA WRZESIEN



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VALENTINES



### ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE



LOVE IS LIFE'S ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT BLENDED WITH FAITH, FLAVOURED WITH CARE, SOFTENED WITH HAPPINESS, BAKED WITH EMOTIONS, GARNISHED WITH SACRIFICE, SO KEEP SERVING THIS CHERISHED DISH WARM, TO WHOM YOU LOVE FOR A LIFE TIME.

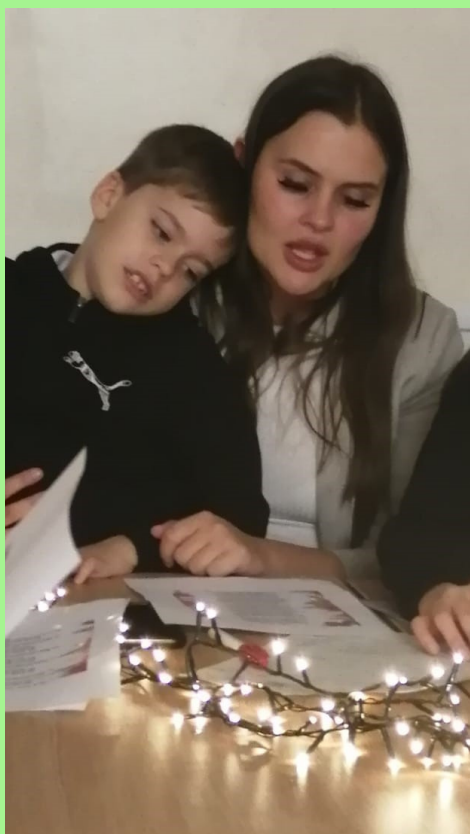


## THE PIONEERS

OUR PIONEERS HAVE BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD TO MAKE VALENTINES REALLY SPECIAL, THERE WAS AN OUTSIDE GARDEN WITH CANDLE LIT SPACE, CUTE BLANKETS WITH ROSES ON EACH TABLE TO SPICE UP THE SPECIAL DAY. AMAZING CAKES AND CUPCAKES WERE MADE BY OUR PIONEER AGATA MINICZ EVERYTHING WAS SERVED AT THE SWEET SHOP, DECORATIONS WERE ASTONISHING, BALLOONS IN THE SHAPE OF HEARTS, LOVE TREE, ROMANTIC LIGHTS FOLLOWING UP WITH THE RED THEME. THE CHOIR RAN BY OUR PIONEER ROKSANA WRZESIEN WAS ALSO PERFORMING WITH AMAZING LOVE SONGS. THERE WAS ALSO PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES PROVIDED FOR THE KIDS FROM DRAWING TO CREATING THEIR OWN LOVE HEART.



# Positive News Stories



We hope you enjoyed the previous article which was written independently by our Pioneer, Roksana.

Roksana is a long standing Pioneer. She is currently a full time student and has a strong passion for music. Roksana leads the NPP Choir which offers vocal classes for all Pioneers and local community of any age - **free of charge**. Roksana has also started her own small business offering vocal lessons, using her singing knowledge and experience to a wider audience.

Roksana's career Broker, Aggy has recently arranged an interview for Roxana at local employer where she managed to secure a part time position at lovely little café, Russell's in the centre of Rochdale. She has been able to arrange her working hours around both University and her other commitments. We congratulate Roksana and look forward to listening to her beautiful singing in the very near future.

If you wish to join the NPP choir please contact Aggy on **0787191428**.

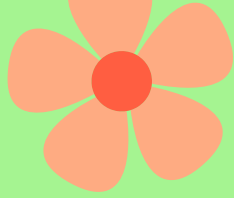


**Success for Amy....** Amy joined the New Pioneers Programme in October 2022. Amy is a stay at home single Mummy of two lovely children. Amy loves being active. The programme provided Amy with gym membership so she could enjoy keeping fit in her free time. Amy has also enjoyed one of the New Pioneers mindfulness walks in Hebden Bridge. When joining the Pioneers, Amy's aspiration was not only to improve her own well-being, but she wanted to make those around her feel good about themselves too. She has recently enrolled on a Personal Trainer course at Hopwood Hall College and is hoping to gain her qualification later this year. When qualified, Amy wants to start an exercise group for new Mums and their little ones. When Amy became a new Mum herself, she found it difficult to find the time to exercise and socialise.

Amy is also passionate about beauty. Her Broker, Aggy sourced and organised an eyelash course for Amy at a local saloon. The course was funded by the NPP bursary. Amy is now a qualified classic lash technician. Amy and Aggy are still working on employment options to fit around Amy's family commitments. Keep going Amy, we are all very proud of you.



# Positive News Stories



## It's All Adding Up for Vicky...

Heywood Pioneer, Vicky joined the New Pioneers in March 2022.

Vicky referred herself to the project to get some support to improve her skills after several years of bringing up her young family.

Vicky said "I have always been good with numbers, and I wanted to explore finance jobs. It was never the right time previously and there was always another priority. Since meeting career broker, Mark, it's given me the confidence and motivation to get into the sector".

Since starting, she has achieved level 1 accountancy and currently studying level 2 accountancy with Bury College. More recently, Vicky has started to volunteer with the finance team at Rochdale Training.

## New Pioneer Gym Buddies.....

Why not make the most of your NPP gym membership and join our popular Gym Buddy Group which takes place every Thursday morning with Broker, Laila.

Care for your health and well being, lose some weight or simply have fun.

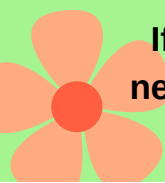
To join the NPP Gym Buddies, contact Laila on **07954767324**.

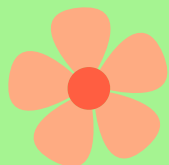


**Next month will be International Womens day on 8th March.**

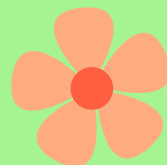
**We will be celebrating the social, economical, cultural and political achievements of all our woman pioneers.**

**If you have any inspirational stories that you wish to feature in next months newsletter, please speak to your broker and we will look forward to reading all about your personal achievements.**





**Heywood Food Bank**  
94 Adelaide Street  
Heywood  
07396071193  
Monday and Friday  
10am - 12pm



**Aunt Irene's Pantry**  
St James Church  
Milnrow  
07870172142  
Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm and Sunday 11.30am - 2pm

**Petrus Emergency Food Parcels and Vouchers**  
Great George Street  
Rochdale  
01706 526289  
[www.petrus.org.uk](http://www.petrus.org.uk)

**Citizens Advice Rochdale**  
Freephone 08082787803

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

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