







NEW PIONEERS NEWSLETTER JUNE 2023

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















June

June is here already and we have had some really hot weather so far. In this edition we are looking back at some key events over the past month and to announce some positive news stories by our Pioneers.

PUBLIC LIVING ROOM

This month, the New Pioneers and the Camerados movement set up three public living rooms.

They took to the Neighbourhood of Freehold on the 3rd June, spent the day at Rochdale Railway station on the 9th June and to celebrate 'Be More Human Week', on 15th June we were at Number One Riverside's Roof Top Terrace. Here they invited colleagues for a chat, a cuppa or cake. No judgement.

The public living is there for people to chat, have a brew or even help out a stranger with no agenda.

Camerados think it'd be great if people just looked out for one another more. Not fixing each other. Not trying to solve anyone's problems. Just being a bit more human.

For more information please see link below:

https://camerados.org

Don't forget there is a public living room at Spotland Community Centre that is open to everyone. A space without agenda or judgement.









GLOBAL GROOVES



21st June 2023 marked National Writing Day - an annual celebration of the power of writing and creatively, inspiring people of all ages and abilities to try writing for fun and self-expression.

Pat from Global Grooves visited Spotland Community Centre to deliver a carnival inspired creativity workshop, enabling them to help our New Pioneers produce spectacular poems and joyful cards. Their work will be showcased at Rochdales Feel Good

Rochdale Feel Good Family Picnic series.

Tuesday, 25 July 2023: Falinge Park, Falinge Road

Wednesday, 26 July 2023: Limefield Playing Fields

Thursday, 27 July 2023: Hare Hill Park

Friday, 28 July 2023: Queen's Park, Queen's Park Road

For more information about the family picnics, speak to your Broker or see link:







Tessa Mann was economically inactive when she joined the New Pioneers Programme back in February. Her aspirations were to gain confidence, learn new life skills and become less socially isolated.

Tessa began her journey with the pioneers by joining our mindfulness book club (every Thursday at BOTM Community Centre, 10am), where she made lifelong friends and opened up about her love of knitting and croqueting.

In just a short time, Tessa and her Broker, Nicola, discussed the opportunity of setting up a social knit club, where Tessa could teach the community new skills in knitting and croquet.

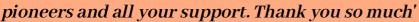
Tessa was understandably nervous, but had the courage to give it a go.

The knit club was soon set up and gained so much interest, it went from fortnightly sessions to weekly sessions in a very short period of time. (Tessas Knit club: Heady Hill Community Centre, every Friday 10am).

Tessa has recently joined our social Tennis Sessions (meeting a Spotland Community centre every Wednesday, 11.45am) and has attended many of the New Pioneers short courses and social activities.

Through the support and encouragement of the programme, Tessa is now exploring setting up a small business. She has gained the confidence to sell her wonderfully crafted crocheted items at Heywoods artisan and small business market.

Tessa commented: 'The Pioneers really have helped so much, if you'd have told me in February that I'd be doing this now in June I wouldn't believe it! That's all down to the







UNBAN ARTISAN

Are you passionate about supporting women's empowerment and reducing textile waste? We have an exciting social project that brings these two causes together: "Urban Artisans- Denim to Apron." Our initiative aims to transform donated denim into stylish, functional aprons, all while providing economic opportunities and skill development for women in need.

The concept behind Urban Artisans -Denim to Apron is simple yet powerful. We collect unused or old denim garments from individuals and organizations in our community. These donations serve as the foundation for our apron production. By repurposing denim, we not only minimize waste we also promote sustainable fashion practices.

The donated denim is then carefully washed, sorted, and cut into apron patterns by a team of skilled artisans. But that's not all — we take the project a step further by partnering with our women pioneers, the UK Textile Association, and community organizations such as Maverick Lab cic. We offer these women an opportunity to learn tailoring and sewing skills, enabling them to actively participate in the transformation process.









TOBY PERKINS

The shadow minister of lifelong learning, Toby Perkins, visited Rochdale and presented our New Pioneers with their Level 1 Award in Personal and Social SKills at Toad Lane Co-Op museum.

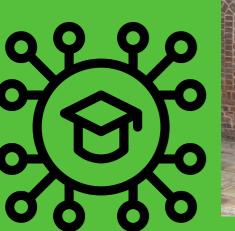
Mr Perkins spoke our Pioneers about their experiences of the course and their ambitions for the future.

Brokers of the programme told Mr Perkins how the neighbourhood-based learning, skills, and employment programme, has been instrumental in radically changing the prospects of people who would otherwise end up in short term, low-paid entry level work.

Well done to all our hard working Pioneers.













TENNIS SOCIAL SESSIONS

Tennis is a great game to learn at any age. Lead by our pioneer and volunteer, Gloria, we are offering FREE introduction lessons to the sport.

The social sessions are initially open to all pioneers where Gloria (who is working towards her next level in tennis coaching) will compose individual structured tennis programmes involving skills, development and fun.

This is a perfect way to get fit, learn new skills and meet new people.

Meet at Spotland Community Centre at 11.45am every Wednesday.

No need to book.

For more information, contact Nicola on 07530258253











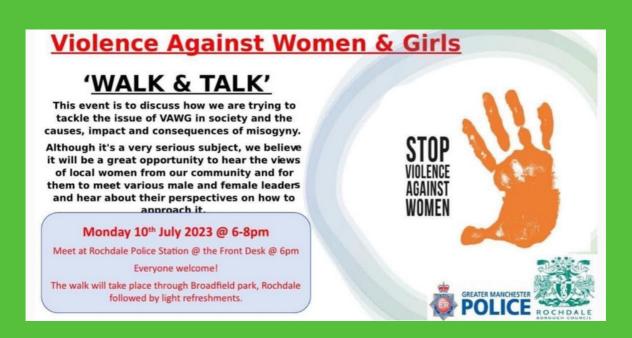


The New Pioneers Project is currently working in partnership with Greater Manchester Police and other partners to help stop abuse against women and girls.

On the 10th July there will be a 'Walk & Talk' event at Broadfield Park.

All woman pioneers and woman of the wider community are welcome to share ideas on community policing to prevent VAWG - please contact Nicola if you wish to attend. 07530258253

Refreshments provided.



Useful Contacts

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

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