

## **Report: – Queensferry Care in the Community**

Much of the renovation work, e.g. carpeting, change of room use, revamped office space, at the Haven has been completed and has been approved by staff and users of the service.

1. Liz McIntosh, Manager of the Haven reported staffing changes following a period of staff shortage, due to ill health or retirement. There have been interviews for existing staff and new applicants to fill these posts. Two new members of staff were recruited. There is a continued need for volunteers especially the young people who use their experience as part of their learning.

2. Edinburgh District Council have changed their policies on Voluntary organisations operating throughout the city. In future tendering will be required for the continuation of a service. In theory this could lead to larger, more well funded voluntary organisations taking over smaller ones. This poses a threat to the Haven in it's current form. Documentation on this policy is currently being drawn up.

3. Living Well in Later Life. This was a morning event held in the Rosebury Hall on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 1.30 to 4pm. It was planned by Lorna Russell, the Development Officer at QCCC. It was aimed at older persons and their relatives, people who had contact with them e.g. Gps, Social Workers, local voluntary organisations. There were a wide range of stalls to visit including Will writing service, Living it up, a web service for older people wanting more out of life, a Social Work stand pointing to many different organisations, e.g. Gas and electricity advice, environmental wardens, Adult care services. There was a continual flow of people around the stalls.

QCCC were mainly publicising Gillian's Directory of Services, which lists every voluntary service in, and around, Queensferry all of which form the Hub. Those in the Hub are kept up to date on all funding available and other sources of help and advice.

## **Report:- Queensferry Parish Church Kirk Session Community Group**

1. The group continued their usual activities of helping the Foodbank with provisions and delivery; the 3 cooked meals for families experiencing trauma; carpet lifting for people

unable to do so.

2. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, post fireworks, the group met members of North Queensferry and Inverkeithing Parish churches in the middle of the Forth Road Bridge. Together they walked to North Queensferry and shared afternoon tea. Gifts were exchanged as momentos of the day. During the following week the North Queensferry group visited Dalmeny church with gifts and shared tea there.

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