

mcsc news

After a difficult and challenging 18 months it seems that we are finally getting back to some sort of normality, whatever that now is.

In the early days of the Pandemic it became very clear that the lockdowns were going to seriously affect our Charity as well as affecting the member organisations based here.

We had no choice other than to shut down our sessional hire and close the front doors. Most of our team were furloughed with just a skeleton staff team kept on, to ensure that those groups still operating in the building could still be supported.

Through this period we lost a number of our groups based here, including the YMCA who were running café. The losses was expected, but very worrying for our charity.

As the year wore on and summer approached, glimmers of hope appeared on the horizon, but that soon faded when it became clear that the Pandemic was far from over and further restrictions prevented us from opening fully again.

Fast forward to Christmas 2020 and again we found ourselves in another full lockdown, which lasted well into spring 2021. With summer arriving we finally receive the good news that restrictions are being lifted.

With sessional hire now restarted and some of our long term groups are now coming back to use the centre. We are also starting to fill up the vacant offices caused by the Pandemic with a number of new groups now taking up rooms with us which is welcome news.

If I am honest these have been extremely worrying times for me, my team and the Charity, as I know it has been for all of you. But I am proud to say that the team here adapted, took on different roles and faced the crisis, and it was a crisis, head on. I am grateful for all that they have done.

I am also extremely grateful to our groups, who despite going through an equally challenging time stuck with us where they could. MCSC would like to say a big thank you to you all.

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