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MCSC Reception and Office times

Christmas Eve 8.30am-12pm

Christmas Day - Closed

Boxing Day - Closed

27th December - Closed

28th December - Closed

29th December - Closed

30th December - Closed

31st December - Closed

1st January - Closed

2nd January - Closed

3rd January - Closed

4th January - Open as usual

The Centre is accessible to fob users
as normal and anyone with an
appointment with one of our Member
Groups.



**FUNDING FOR ALL
& ALL FOR FUNDING**

AUTUMN/WINTER 2021-22

Upcoming webinars

Limited
spaces -
book your
free place
today!

Registering for Gift Aid

17 November, 6.30pm / 26 January, 10am

Claiming Gift Aid

1 December, 2pm / 9 February, 10am / 9 March, 6.30pm

Diversifying Income - Community Fundraising

8 December, 2pm / 12 January, 6.30pm / 23 February, 10am

Funding for All Faith Groups

13 January, 2pm / 27 January, 6.30pm / 8 March, 10am

Digital Fundraising

14 January, 2pm / 17 February, 6.30pm / 11 March, 10am

Evaluating & Measuring Impact

6 December, 2pm / 3 February, 6.30pm / 24 March, 10am

Building a Group of Donors

3 February, 2pm / 24 February, 6.30pm / 17 March, 10am

Reserve your free place at fundingforall.org.uk



info@fundingforall.org.uk

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**COMMUNITY
FUND**

Open to small charities, voluntary organisations, community groups and social enterprises from across Kent & Medway. Booking essential.

The Meeting Owl

Welcome to a new member of the MCSC family, our Meeting Owl.

With Covid-19 still very much influencing the way people are working, we were looking at ways in which meetings could be held both virtually and in person effectively.

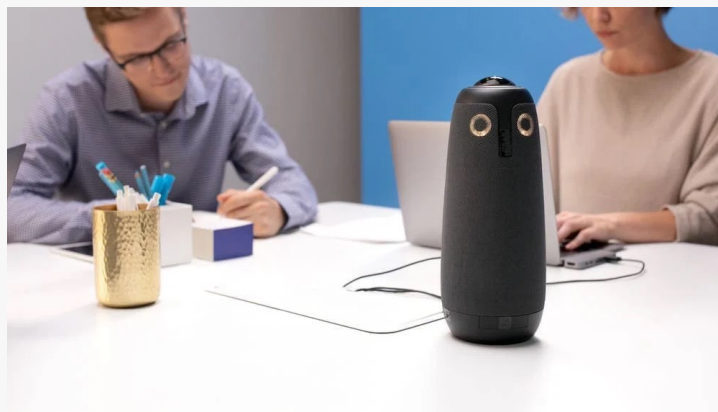
We identified the Meeting Owl as the perfect solution to this, which enables a 360 degree view of the meeting room whilst allowing all participants to be heard and seen whilst conducting either Zoom or Microsoft Teams meetings.

Obviously there is a need to be careful with what MCSC spends, but we believe that this equipment is crucial in supporting our members and sessional hirers to be able to return to the building and be able to hold safe, partially attended and virtual meetings.

With the cost of the Meeting Owl being nearly a £1000, we approached KCC Councillor Ian Chittenden to see if KCC could help from their members grants. I am delighted to say that Councillor Chittenden agreed that this equipment would be very useful, particularly with allowing mixed attended and virtual meetings, which are now becoming more regular due to Covid 19 and agreed to fund the Meeting Owl.

MCSC are extremely grateful to Councillor Chittenden for his support in purchasing this equipment.

If you would like to use The Meeting Owl for your meetings in our sessional please let reception know and it will be included in your booking free of charge.





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the relationship people



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A 3-day workshop from Relate, the acknowledged experts in relationships, open to anyone who wants to learn how to support others, cope with difficult relationships, professionally or in their personal life.

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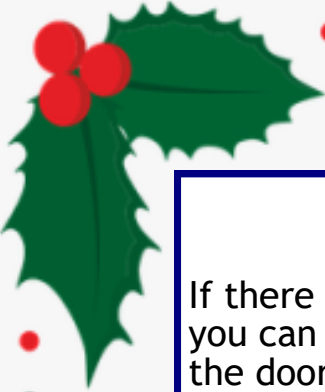
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MCSC Centre Out of Hours

If there is an emergency at the Centre over the Christmas period, you can refer to the 'Out Of Hours Emergency Contact sheet by the door in reception. This phone number is to be used in an **Emergency ONLY**. It is NOT an MCSC phone number and as such they will not be able to assist in general day to day matters. If the alarm is sounding, we have key holders that will attend the Centre and no phone call is required.



Do you have a passion for the Voluntary Sector?
Can you spare a few hours a month?
Do you have skills you feel could support our Charity?

If the answer is yes then Maidstone Community Support Centre is looking for new Trustees to support the continued success and Governance of our Maidstone based Charity.

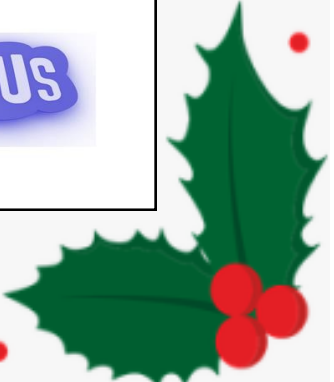
If you would be interested in joining our Board of Trustees please email your interest and any relevant experience to:

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A message from our CEO

Dear Colleagues

What a strange year this has been, but hopefully we are about to turn a corner and get back to some sort of normality in the New Year.

As we are approaching Christmas I would like to take this opportunity to firstly say a big thank you to all our Members, sessional hirers and visitors for your continued support to the Centre over the past year.

I know that this has been a difficult year for everybody but we are still here, we will keep going and I am sure we will come out the other side even stronger.

Secondly I would like to wish you all a very Happy and safe Christmas on behalf of all the team here at MCSC and we look forward to working with you and seeing you all next year.

Tad



welcome!

MCSC would like to welcome our newest
Member Groups to the Centre.



THE
Princess
PROJECT



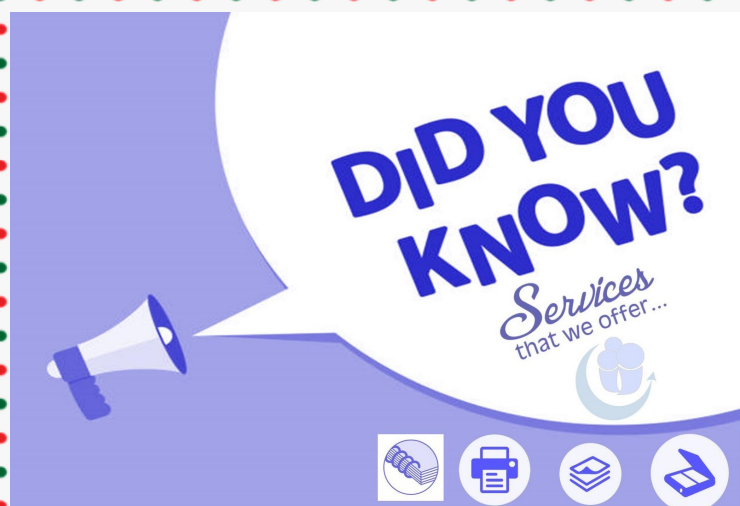
Suzanne
March

Counsellor/Psychotherapist
Registered Member MBACP (Accred.)



Sonya's Cafe
At Marsham Street





A4 B&W 6p per side
A4 Colour 15p per side
A3 B&W 10p per side
A3 Colour 25p per side
Laminating A4 40p per laminate
Laminating A3 80p per laminate
Binding £1 per book

MCSC Reception is able to provide these services to anyone, not just the Member groups of the Centre.



Thanks to the National Lottery, Funding for All is able to mentor even more VCSE groups in Kent and Medway now to develop their fundraising skills. We are all about people helping people to build fundraising skills, to increase your fundraising capacity. If you would like to have the support of FREE fundraising mentoring, please go to www.fundingforall.org.uk go to fundraising support and click on 'Enquire Now'.

We are based at Marsham Street, and if you would like to book a 20 min 121, we will be doing our second bookable face-to-face 'Drop-ins' in Marsham Street on Feb 4th, please book on-line. We also have a day of 121 sessions that will take place on-line, with 45 minute appointments on January 20th, again, bookable through our website.

Look out too for a wide range of webinars, all designed to build capacity with fundraising skills, all bookable as well on the website. There are leaflets for these in the reception area.



A roof with a view

Whilst we were enjoying the hot summer this year, Tad and Andrew took the opportunity to make some repairs on the roof. They were repairing the rendering and the flashings on the Marsham Street side of the building.





Christmas Dinner at Sonya's Cafe



Two Courses:

Roast Turkey (or Nut Roast) with all the Trimmings
Christmas Pudding or Trifle
Tea/Coffee & Mince Pie

Monday 13th to Friday 17th December 2021
12 to 2p.m. (groups of more than 2 need to pre-book)
Limited Spaces Available

£15.95 per person





If you are using the Centre between Christmas and New Year could you please ensure that the **FRONT DOOR IS KEPT CLOSED AT ALL TIMES** And only allow access to the people you are expecting. As reception will be closed, we can't control access to the Centre and we rely on your assistance.



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