



...and maybe a little money, food, clothing or furniture too? Please.



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Creating choice and opportunity for people who are homeless and marginalised

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Provision



A big thank you to the councillors, volunteers and local businesses involved in the 'ECCLES GIVING DAY' in July. An estimated £2,000 worth of food was collected to be shared between our Eccles Foodbank and the Salvation Army. Local Councillor Michael Wheeler said "The generosity of local people was overwhelming. Even in these hard times Eccles people will go out of their way to help others."

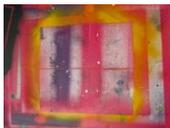
A 2nd initiative that Ian our Mustard Tree Eccles branch manager has just started is 'Coffee with a Coppa!' An opportunity for local people, who may in the past have been reluctant to approach the police, to meet a PCSO in a neutral venue to discuss anything that may be troubling them.

Progression



The Freedom Project continues to be our Mustard Tree flagship programme. To date, we have developed placements with a range of businesses including John Lewis Trafford Centre, First TransPennine Express, and Northwards Housing. We are delighted to be partnering with Nazarene Theological College, Didsbury, to develop a range of new placements opportunities, to include grounds maintenance, housekeeping and library assistant roles. Work placements provide an excellent spring board for clients moving back towards work, and have positive benefits for the host company too. If you are interested in hosting a placement or would like to find out more, please contact Johnny Bushell: johnny@mustardtree.co.uk

Creativity



Graham our Creative Programmes Manager writes, "The Urban creative posse' led by Chris Brogan and Andrew Cannon have just completed a very fruitful and successful 5 week course here at Mustard Tree, working with ex-offenders. They have discovered some real creatives and hope to do more varied projects here at Mustard Tree in the future including music based workshops within our newly built and equipped music room/studio."

Meanwhile Graham has put together a great programme of classes and exhibitions for the Autumn term to build on the growing range of creative programmes that we are able to offer clients to help them discover the gifts and abilities that lie within them.

StandFirm



Mike, our StandFirm Ops Manager writes, "We are now moving to an exciting phase of deconstructing electrical items. Peter Tomcik our Recycling Manager has secured us an Exemption licence with the Environment Agency following a recent full inspection. This success will aid us we look to work towards a financially self-sufficient model. In the last month alone we have raised over £500 in income through metal recycling. We are also pleased to report that our streams of volunteers through Mustard Tree, the Booth Centre and JHP has continued apace and we are able to increase our opportunities because of this." To find out more about this part of Mustard Tree operations contact Mike Green: <mailto:mike@stand-firm.co.uk>

Sale!



We continue to offer a wide range of pre-loved furniture, household goods and clothing from our shops in Ancoats and Eccles at bargain prices that we believe are hard to match anywhere in Greater Manchester. For a limited period only, we have a small stock of the exclusive Mustard Tree 'joy' design t-shirt which we are selling at £15 per garment.

Dare we mention Christmas!? Well in the next few weeks you might want to check out the bargains in our Ancoats and Eccles shops as we do a huge autumn stock clearance sale. Of course every penny goes back into the charity to help us to do what Mustard Tree does best; Creating choice and opportunity for people who are homeless and marginalised.

On your bike!



On Sunday 1st September our Freedom Team Manager, Johnny Bushell, got on his bike for charity! Johnny joined over 4000 other cycling enthusiasts who took part in The Christie Hospital's annual cycling event. Johnny's cycling stats from the day: total miles: 110, total hours in the saddle: 6 hr 1 min, total raised: £883.75. From the sponsorship raised, 75% will go towards the work of Mustard Tree, and 25% for The Christie. After the ride, Johnny commented, "It was a brilliant event, especially taking part with 4000 other cyclists all raising funds for great causes. Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored me... Who's up for riding it next year?"

Sponsored events for Mustard Tree is a great way to raise funds - we would love to hear from you!

"The one thing they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor" Gal 2:10