



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

**Mustard Tree**  
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Creating choice and opportunity for people who are homeless and marginalised

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### Welcome Shiran



Shiran is the most recent addition to the Mustard Tree team, joining us in December 2013. Shiran has a fantastic track record of helping vulnerable people, in particular through his volunteering work for the Red Cross Movement in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. This has seen him support victims of the Boxing Day 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, and be involved in the post-conflict recovery programme in Sri Lanka. Shiran sees the Mustard Tree as the ideal place to help vulnerable people in Manchester and he is already proving just how effective he is at getting the job done. Welcome Shiran!

### Heart of Salford



On 18 November, one of our Eccles volunteers Denise Farelly was nominated for the Heart of Salford awards at an award ceremony at Buille hill park, organised by Salford C.V.S. Denise was nominated because of her down to earth character and desire to help those in need in her community. She has volunteered for Mustard Tree since the branch in Eccles opened in January 2011. Denise volunteers 3 days a week at our Eccles branch and 1 evening a week at Oldham Rd helping with our soup run. Not only do we feel very proud of her but also privileged to have her volunteering for us. On behalf of all at Mustard tree thank you, Denise.

### Tea Party Awards



In December, Mustard Tree and partner organisation Business in the Community celebrated the successes of 2013 at our Ready for Work Club award ceremony. The vintage tea party-themed event celebrated the achievements of our clients in gaining and sustaining employment, and formally recognized the fantastic support of our different partner businesses. A total of 8 awards were given, including for clients sustaining employment, and for businesses who have supported our weekly work club and provided work placements and employment opportunities. Our thanks to DWF for resourcing the event and a huge well done to our clients for their achievements last year. We look forward to building on these successes through 2014!

### Big Coat Day



Big Coat Day was a great success! FC United fans managed to outdo last year's generosity, with collections taking place as far away as Hull and we estimated that 2 tons of coats were collected! We had a wonderful team of sorters in on Monday 23 and all coats all sorted, sized and processed in one working day! What a great combined effort! Once again FC United have been a joy to work with, great team and community spirit. Other charities benefiting from this epic effort included the Salvation Army, Cancer Research, Tree of Life, Hope Direct, Age Concern and Life Share.

### The Empty Shop



Mustard Tree is very proud to be working with [Clarke Gough](#) to bring you [The Empty Shop](#) between 23 Jan – 2 Feb. The Empty Shop will be located on the ground floor outside Next in one of the busiest shopping centers in the UK – [Manchester Arndale](#)! With this amazing concept, we will see the general public donate pre-loved clothes to fill up the Empty Shop. We will transform the shop with show stopping looks made from the donations. Every evening the shop is emptied and the clothes will be brought back to Mustard Tree to be sold on, donated to other charities or given to those in need. We are hoping to raise awareness and support for people facing homelessness as well as challenging perceptions of homelessness.

### Fundraising



We saw some fantastic fundraising efforts in 2013 from many of the individuals and businesses that support us. Lots took part in the BUPA run, others baked cakes, dyed their hair, ran marathons, cycled miles or found a whole lot of other ways to raise our profile and raise much needed sponsorship monies. We would like to extend our thanks to all of you; we really couldn't do what we do without your support. We continue to look for people to fundraise for us so why not enter the [2014 Salford Dragon Boat Festival](#) on behalf of Mustard Tree? Don't be afraid if you're no Steve Redgrave, the boat race is suitable for everyone, no experience necessary!

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

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