



Empathy Lunch



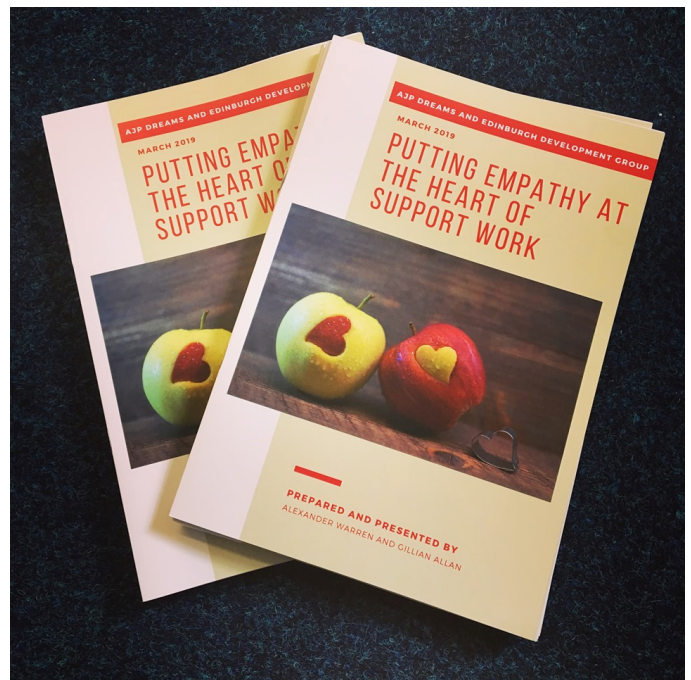
Save the date! We are going to be holding an empathy lunch fundraiser on Wednesday 4th December. It will be an opportunity to share some food, meet up with old friends and welcome some new ones while chatting through our menu of 'getting to know you' questions.

All money raised will complete the funding for the late Jimmy McIntosh's memorial bench and then also to help publish Jimmy's own story about his life.

We will confirm venue and ticket prices in the next few weeks. We will put up all final information on our facebook and website and in our next newsletter.

For any more information or to tell us you would like to come contact hels@edg-sco.org or call 476 0522.

Empathy and Support Work



Gillian, Maureen and Alexander from AJP Dreams had a great couple of days at the IASSID conference in Glasgow at the beginning of August. The conference was a chance to meet people from all over the world, hear about different work and talk about our own work at EDG.

We were sharing our work on Empathy in Support Work. At our stall we were chatting to people about empathy and asking them to sculpt what they thought empathy looks like with play-doh. We think the results are pretty heart warming!

Would you like to know more about our work on Empathy in Support Work? Interested in our Empathy in Support Work training for organisations? Contact us on 476 0522 for more information.

Are you interested in friendship?

We are delighted to have received funding from the Baily Thomas Trust to run a project about friendship. We will be starting a fortnightly group for people to come together, have fun and think about friendship.



We will be offering sessions where you can join us for -

- A bite to eat!
- Fun and friendly activities to get to know each other
- Guest speakers on issues such as trust and keeping safe
- Discussion about what friendship is and what can support us to make and keep friends
- Relaxation exercises



If you are interested please get in touch with Gillian by email gillian@edg-sco.org or call 0131 476 0522.

We aim to start the project in October. We will have more information in our next EDG newsletter,

You can also find out more on our facebook page and website.



Home Sweet Home



We're very happy to announce that we have received funding from Awards for All for to produce some accessible information about what you need to do if you want to move home.

It will cover what different options there are and how to access them. As part of the project we will also be finding out what kind of support people need to make the transition involved in moving home.

We will kick off the project with a world café event in November. If you would like to know more about this, please get in touch with Gillian by email gillian@edg-sco.org or call 476 0522.

Easy fundraising

Already thinking of shopping early for Christmas presents? Using **easyfundraising.org.uk** is a way of raising money for EDG while you are shopping online. Every time you use their search engine to look for the shops or sites you want or when you purchase through this, then EDG will receive a donation, at no cost to yourself.

All you need to do is type in 'Edinburgh Development Group' in the section about supporting your cause and then sign up with your email address.. It's easy! Thank you.



Meet the team.....

In our new feature, we will be introducing you to members of the EDG team, a bit about what their role is and finding out more about them. This issue we start with Frances MacDonald, our administrative assistant.



Frances has been with the EDG team for 23 years! Her favourite part of her job is sending out the EDG newsletter, emptying the shredding bucket and chairing the team meeting. In her spare time Frances enjoys going out to theatre shows, concerts and exhibitions. She also loves holidays and visiting her sister in Chicago a few times a year - particularly when it involves spending time with dogs Seamus and Homer.





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Newsletter



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Dates for your diary

* Empathy Lunch
Wednesday 4th December 2019

* EDG A.G.M
Wednesday 11th December 2019

