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The PHAB Times

Welcome to the Ark

Since St John's PHAB closed its doors for the final time in December 2007, we have been working hard to re-establish PHAB within the Fairfield area of Liverpool. After six long months we are delighted to announce that we have agreed a deal with L'Arche to use their premises on Lockerby Road. The Ark is the old St Sebastian's building and this will be the meeting place for the all new Fairfield PHAB. The process of re-establishing ourselves has taken longer than expected but now we are finally back we hope we can move forward and enter a bold new era.

Everyone at PHAB would like to thank the people from L'Arche and especially Rae Lee for all his help and support. We would also like to thank PHAB England for their help and support.

As PHAB will be working closely with L'Arche we thought we would let you know a little more about our new friends. Back in 1989 L'Arche Liverpool moved its day projects and office into The Ark on Lockerby Road. The Ark is a large, Victorian building on two floors which provide space for different workshops, kitchen and a communal eating area. As well as being the central focus of work both inside and outside of L'Arche Liverpool, it also provides a social setting in which people can meet. In The Ark, we also welcome a number of members with learning disabilities and assistants from the wider community of Liverpool, who participate in the day provision activities.



Planning for a PHABulous Future



During the remainder of 2008 we hope to announce a fundraising program that will enable us to plan ahead and eventually provide the Fairfield PHAB with an opportunity to grow and firmly establish ourselves within the Liverpool community. As we are now fully a voluntary charitable organisation, fundraising will play an integral part in how we progress. The fundraising activities that we are currently planning involve staff and friends of PHAB participating in this years Santa Dash , attending a local car boot sale and we hope to end the year with a Christmas raffle.

We are also currently in talks with a few other organisations about various activities that will raise money for the Fairfield PHAB. We are committed to meeting the needs and requirements of our members, and to do this we must always have a fundraising strategy, we really cannot stress how important this is. If anyone has any ideas, or would like to make a donation to the Fairfield PHAB then please speak to either Phil Peel or Mick O'Reilly.

New Places, Same Old Faces!

Ok, so the new PHAB era begins. We are delighted to have found a new place to host our club and we are also delighted to announce that the old team is still in place. As at St John's PHAB our team is Phil Peel, Mick O'Reilly, Trish Roberts, Jess Walsh, Ste Hunt, Roy Styles, Tracy Lang, Heather Roberts, Billy Roberts and Duncan Roberts. A big welcome goes to Jonathan Fryer who is our latest recruit to the PHAB team. We are also hoping to introduce new members to the team soon. Anyone wishing to join the PHAB team needs to contact either Phil or Mick.

PHAB's aim is to promote and encourage people of all abilities to come together on equal terms, to achieve complete inclusion within the wider community. Fairfield PHAB is an inclusive youth group that is open to children and young people both with and without disabilities, who are aged between 11 and 16. For more information about when we are open and what we do then please also contact either Phil or Mick.

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