



COMMUNITY
CHAMPIONS

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Client Newsletter April 2017

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and if you would like to know more please get in touch with us.

Join us for a trip to Curve Theatre on 25th April

The cost for Curve is £15 which we need by 13th April.

The project is paying the transport.

What you need to know

The full tour involves walking for an hour, with brief stops in the auditorium and the studio where you can sit down. You will still be able to see the paint room where they create scenery, the costume area, the auditorium, rehearsal rooms, hear the history of the theatre, and maybe see a famous face or two, as well as the auditorium.

(Access is dependent on performances/rehearsals that are taking place).

We will use the lift to access the upper floor, but only able bodied people will be able to go down into the basement, which includes the orchestra pit and the trap doors for the stage. If you can't go downstairs you will be able to sit and wait for us.

You need comfortable shoes and don't dress too warmly as the theatre is heated throughout.

"I have been to check it out, it is really interesting, the guide is very informative and I am happy that even if you can't complete the basement section of the tour there is still plenty of interest" Jenny

Get in touch if you would like more information or to book a place.



Community Vehicle will collect from home (time to be confirmed)

Travel to Curve

2pm Tour lasting approx. one hour

3pm Afternoon Tea at Curve

Travel back to your home.



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March Community Gathering

It was lovely to see so many people on a beautiful spring afternoon at the Peace Café in Kelmarsch for the March Community Gathering. For some this venue was a new discovery and for others a favourite place of tranquillity. All enjoyed the company, countryside views, blue sky, lambs/ ewes and spring flowers. There was the sound of animated conversation and many introductions.



There were 22 in total - 9 clients and 9 volunteers. This included 2 clients who came on their own, without their volunteers and 2 new volunteers who have done volunteer training but not been matched with clients yet. Our project community is growing!

We also had a visitor and Maureen, VASL's Charity Manager, joined us. Both enjoyed the event. Jenny talked to groups about the trip to Curve planned in April and people shared stories of what they have been doing through the project eg, learning how to use a computer, attending Bereavement and Dyslexia training, going out to a garden centre / for lunch, and enjoying regular home visits.

Feedback included "A good trip out this afternoon - a lovely venue but rather noisy. All improved when we managed to get onto the patio and be in the sunshine watching the ewes and lambs and admiring the flowers." At the end one client accidentally took another's coat which led to a bit of confusion but happily the right coats and their owners have now been reunited.

We hope you can join us at our Community Gathering

Thursday 4th May 2.30pm-3.30pm

The Roebuck, Off Rockingham Way MH LE16 7XY

Please let us know by Tuesday 25th April if you need transport

Other groups 30th April Tea @ Three will be meeting at St Dionysius Church Hall on Coventry Road with the theme 'The Wonders of Nature'. David Palmer on 075005 968767 will be able to arrange transport for you.

Several of our people have been along to the group and have been made to feel very welcome.

Did you know

we now have **84** people involved in VASL's Community Champions Project.