



Chair's Welcome

Despite facing the most extraordinary challenges and the full impact of Covid-19, the Boomerang Community Centre has emerged in 2022 in good shape and ready to face the demands of a post-Covid world. The last year has been successful on more fronts than we could ever have envisioned, we diversified, listened to our members and began to emerge in a stronger position. Our vision at the Boomerang Community Centre is to create a better everyday life for the people in our community and the last year has been a year of transition and outstanding achievement as we reintroduced more activities while endeavouring to improve the quality and availability of services.

The Boomerang Community Centre held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) in September 2022. The new Board of Trustees was elected at the AGM and comprise of:

Chair - Anne Robb

Treasurer - Bob Wishart

Trustees - Kelly Barnes, Bill Becker, Joe Good, and Colin Clement.

We have two vacancies on the board, and are currently advertising for a secretary and a trustee.

The Trustees have been very busy behind the scenes and have approved several policies and guidelines to help the staff and volunteers in their daily business and to keep our members safe. The following policies have been signed off by the board: Communications; Social Media; Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion; Fire Safety; Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement; Volunteer Expenses; and Volunteer Induction Checklist.

We as a Board of Trustees would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and much happiness for 2023 and look forward to working with you all next year.

- Anne Robb, Chair



Lord Provost Bill Campbell

On the 31st of October, we hosted Lord Provost Bill Campbell at the centre (Header Photo). He spoke to our Centre Manager, Chair, and some of our volunteers and service users, while having a look around the centre and learning what we do at Boomerang.

He said of his visit, "To say I was hugely impressed with the centre would be an understatement. I met many of the staff and volunteers as well as some visitors who were there when I was visiting. Thank you to the staff for what you do and my best wishes to this amazing place and the amazing team at Boomerang going forward."

It was a joy to host him at the Centre for the morning, and we are proud that he got an insight into our work.

Volunteers of the Month, October-December 2022



To say a big thank you to our wonderful volunteers, we have started a "Volunteer of the Month" scheme. Each month, a volunteer will be recognised for their hard work, and will win an ItIsOn Voucher. Our winners throughout October, November, and December were Gail Birrell, Lynne (Flossie) Isaacs, and Linda Anderson! Gail and Flossie work tirelessly in the kitchen and always make sure to serve with a smile, and Linda has successfully run our toddlers group for over a decade. Thank you ladies for all your dedication.

Christmas Fayre 2022

On Saturday 19th of November, we hosted our annual Christmas Fayre. 205 people attended with their Christmas spirit in tow, and we raised over £1000 for the centre! It was a fab day with lots of stalls, food, and a great performance from the Makaton Choir. Thank you to everyone who attended, hosted a stall, and volunteered on the day.



Boomerang Community Centre Newsletter



In mid September we started providing afternoon tea on Wednesdays which has been a popular addition to the weekly timetable - especially Sammi and Flossie's chic new outfits as seen in the photos above! Themed afternoon teas have also started, such as the St Andrew's Day ones, and an upcoming festive one!

We also hosted the annual toddlers' Halloween party in late October. Everyone got involved with fun costumes and a great time was had by all, as shown in photos below.



Budget Cooking Classes

Throughout the season, our service users have enjoyed learning to safely prepare and cook various low-budget meals at our cooking classes. Each recipe is designed to be easily made on a budget, while also being tasty and accessible!



Cosy Café and Larder

Over the past few months, our work has continued with providing a warm space - the cosy café. The café runs every weekday from 10:00am until 11:30, and anyone can attend to have a cup of tea, bite of toast, and a natter, all in a warm space. Our community larder also continues to operate, with donations coming in from many different shops and organisations around the city. To use our larder, no referral is needed. Our community larder runs every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning, from 10am until 12 noon, and is open to all. Thank you to our dedicated team of volunteers who keep the larder and cosy cafe running!

Looking forward to 2023...

Thank you to everyone who has supported Boomerang over 2022, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year! Wishing you all the best for the festive period!

