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## Newsletter of Home-Start Lorn

### Latest news from Home-Start Lorn (covers N Argyll and Mull)



Home-Start Lorn

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It is a while since our last Newsletter. There has been a lot going on. Here we bring you up to date.

### Kiltwalk 2017

We had volunteers and staff participating in both the Dundee Kiltwalk and the Edinburgh Kiltwalk this summer. The magnificent sum of over £2,000 was raised from sponsorship and from The Hunter Foundation adding 40% extra to what had been raised.



The Home-Start Loafers team Linda, Karen, Irene and Aileen looking cheerful before their Edinburgh Kiltwalk

### Big Hopes Big Futures

Home-Start Lorn is rolling out its Big Hopes Big Futures work soon. This work is part of a wider project being run within Home-Start in Scotland.

Some children find it difficult to make the transition from school to nursery and are

not able to get the best out of their early days in this new environment.

Specially trained Home-Start volunteers will work with parents who believe their children would benefit from a little additional support in their last year of nursery. Volunteers will offer play ideas and help families establish good bedtime routines which will be valuable in ensuring their children get the best out of the next stage in their development.

Unlike the standard model of home-visiting which is not time limited Big Hopes Big Futures volunteers will support a family for a maximum of 6 months.

Please contact us if you would like to know more about this exciting new project.

### Bookbug Training

In September, Paul, from Scottish Book Trust, provided training to some of our Home-Start volunteers on delivering Bookbug in the family home.



Home-Start Lorn volunteers getting their Bookbug training

## Mull co-ordinator needed!

It is with sadness and regret that we say goodbye to our Mull Co-ordinator Sarah, who has been in post for 2 years. A farewell lunch was held for her along with Mull volunteers at the Isle of Mull Hotel at the end of September. She will be sorely missed.

This means, of course, that we are looking for someone to fulfil the Mull post, which is part time. This is an exciting post which depends on the holder to be self-motivated and passionate about supporting families. The closing date for applications is 13<sup>th</sup> October. Full details can be obtained from Aileen on 01631 566749



Sarah receiving her leaving presents at her lunch on Mull.

## Bumps and Babies on Mull

Did you know that during term time we run a weekly Bumps and Babies Group from 10.00 til 12.00 noon at Salen Church Hall on Mull. In partnership with the Family Support Worker from the Health Team, we offer occasional Messy Play sessions which are very popular. We also deliver Book Bug for babies within the Bumps & Babies group and separate toddler Book Bug sessions.

## We've moved

From 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 our new address is 15 Lochside Street, Oban – above CGL Print

supplies. Our phone number remains the same.

## A Stool Against the Printed Rule

Mull playwright and actor Sarah Palmer, who is also a Home-Start Lorn Trustee and home-visiting volunteer, put on a historical “2 man” play at the Edinburgh Fringe 2017 along with co-writer and actor Graham Alexander. This play then played “one night only” at Oban's Phoenix Cinema on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Funds of £100 were raised for Home-Start Lorn.

The pair also presented a play at the Benderloch Book Festival on the preceding Wednesday and raised £150 for Home-Start Lorn.

## Be a Home-Start Lorn Volunteer

Would you like to help in your local community? Can you spare 2-3 hours per week of your time?

Home-Start is *always* looking for new volunteers. If you are a mum, dad, or grandparent, and want to find out how you can help, then please contact co-ordinator Aileen on 01631 566749.

All home-visiting volunteers receive first class professional training and preparatory courses are organised twice a year. It is only through our wonderful volunteers that we can provide our service!

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