

# LEITH, NEWHAVEN & RESTALRIG

Quarterly newsletter  
October 2024



## YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Restalrig



**Malcolm Kyeyune**  
Practice and Wellbeing Leader



**Rosa Abel**  
Operational Leader



**Stijn Baecke**  
Depute Practice and Wellbeing Leader

### Newhaven



**Nikki Kelleher**  
Practice and Wellbeing Leader



**Vikki Hyndman**  
Operational Leader



**Claire D'Arcy**  
Depute Practice and Wellbeing Leader

## REGISTERED MANAGER'S MESSAGE

I have enjoyed meeting all of the people we support and staff across the Leith Restalrig and Newhaven teams over the past few months. Whilst doing this I have also been carrying out a self evaluation so as to write an improvement plan for the next year. I will share this with everyone next month. I am looking forward to working closely with the leaders to make sure we are providing the best service as possible to people we support. I hope to see as many people as possible at the upcoming AGM and TAG Talks - details are below in upcoming events.



**Lorna Patton**  
Development Manager

## Information

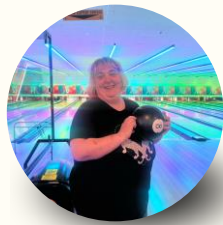
Welcome to all of the new employees who have joined the Leith area. We have welcomed Cornelia, Tosin, Ariakpoze, Kelechi and Funmolia who have all joined us as support workers in the Leith Newhaven Team. We are delighted to have you as part of our team.

We also said goodbye to Sunday, Babatunde, Blessing and Kenneth from the Restalrig Team and Anna from the Newhaven Team. We wish them all the best in the future.

## Updates



Congratulations to Charlene who recently completed 25 years service at Sainsburys! Well done Charlene - you are amazing!



Congratulations to Shaima and Farzanna who have been successful in gaining promoted posts in TAG. Shaima as Depute Practice and Wellbeing Lead in Granton and Farzanna as Practice and Wellbeing Leader in Saltire.

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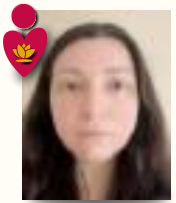
# SEAFIELD & EDINBURGH SOUTH

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## YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Seafield



**Hillary Appleyard**  
Practice and Wellbeing Leader



**Ruxandra Umbres**  
Operational Leader



**Yvonne Walker**  
Depute Practice and Wellbeing Leader

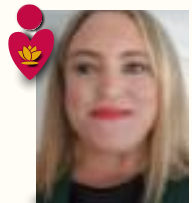
### Edinburgh South



**Suzanne Anderson**  
Practice and Wellbeing Leader



**Anna Hornig**  
Operational Leader



**Anne Knutsen**  
Depute Practice and Wellbeing Leader

## REGISTERED MANAGER'S MESSAGE

I have enjoyed meeting all of the people we support and staff across the Edinburgh South and Seafield teams over the past few months. Whilst doing this I have also been carrying out a self evaluation so as to write an improvement plan for the next year. I will share this with everyone next month. As I write this, our teams are going through their routine inspection from the Care Inspectorate. I am looking forward to hearing what the inspector has to say and will let you know the outcome in due course. I hope to see as many people as possible at the upcoming AGM and TAG Talks - details are below in upcoming events.



**Leigh Baird**  
Development Manager

## Information

A huge welcome to new employees joining us in the Seafield and Edinburgh South Area. We welcome Omorinsola and Aderayo as support workers in Edinburgh South and Jestin and Kate who have joined us as contracted support workers in Seafield. We also welcomed Anna as our Operational Leader in Edinburgh South and Anne who joined is as the Depute Practice and Wellbeing Leader. We said goodbye to Ainuska from Seafield and Rofiat from the Edinburgh South team.

**TAG EVOLVE**

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## Updates

We would like to celebrate Hayley for her quick thinking and bravery when she rescued a dog whose life was in danger.



Congratulations to William who has moved from our group living setting in Cameron, to his own tenancy in Granton. Everyone in Edinburgh South will miss you but we are so happy you have realised your dream!

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# WEST LOTHIAN, FALKIRK, & EDINBURGH WEST

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## YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

### West Lothian and Falkirk



**June Thompson**  
Practice and Wellbeing Leader



**Maureen Kilgour**  
Operational Leader



**Beverley Reid**  
Depute Practice and Wellbeing Leaders



**Mel McFarlane**

### Edinburgh West



**Matt Ogden**  
Practice and Wellbeing Leader



**Katelyn Walker**



**Heather Colvin**



**Tania Adeoti**  
Depute Practice and Wellbeing Leader

## REGISTERED MANAGER'S MESSAGE

I have enjoyed meeting all of the people we support and staff across the West Lothian, Falkirk and Edinburgh West teams over the past few months. Whilst doing this I have also been carrying out a self evaluation so as to write an Improvement plan for the next year. I will share this with everyone next month. I hope to see as many people as possible at the upcoming AGM and TAG Talks - details are below in upcoming events.



**Linda Matthew**  
Development Manager

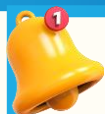
## Information

We are extending a huge welcome to all of the new support workers joining our team, Welcome to Angela, June, Kirsty, Tracey, Elisa and Samantha who have joined us as contracted support workers in West Lothian and Falkirk. We said farewell to Iannis, Clara and Anna from Edinburgh West as well as Rita, Rebecca, Shannon-Lee, Lisanne, Gbonjubola, Omotayo, Binta, Nicola, Jaqueline and Tony in West Lothian. We are pleased to say that most of our colleagues leaving are retaining a casual contract, so have not left completely. We said goodbye to Stijn and Maciej as the Depute's in Edinburgh West with Stijn moving to the Leith area and Maciej becoming a casual support worker. We have also welcomed Tania into this role.



### Happy Retirement Tony

We recently said goodbye to Tony as he embarks on retirement. Tony joined The Action Group as a support worker in 2016. Tony quickly became a favourite of many people we support and a reliable, colleague who was respected by his peers. Tony spent some time as Assistant Team Manager for the West Lothian B team (at the time) across 2017-2018. He returned to the support worker role (much to the disappointment of his leaders) because his motivation was to be with people we support where he has left a bit of a legacy in the West Lothian and Falkirk team. We wish you all the best Tony.



## Updates

Congratulations to Rebecca who has started a new job volunteering at the Sensory Centre in Falkirk.



Congratulations to Ben who has worked hard to learn how to ride a two wheel bike. This was a goal of Ben's so that he can join his family on bike rides on their next holiday.



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## YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Granton



**David Hughes**  
Practice and Wellbeing Leader

**Hayley Cook**  
Operational Leaders

**Charlie Cross**

**Shaima Khlifi**  
Depute Practice and Wellbeing Leader

### Children and Groups



**Stefan Holt**  
Practice and Wellbeing Leader

**Rachel Boyle**  
Operational Leader

## REGISTERED MANAGER'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy summer for the Groups, Childrens and Granton team running two playscheme's accross Edinburgh and West Lothian. I have enjoyed meeting all of the people we support and staff who are new to me. Whilst doing this I have also been carrying out a self evaluation so as to write an improvement plan for next year. I will share this next month. We have had some leadership changes within the Groups, Children and Granton teams with Shuai leaving, Charlie becoming Operational Leader for Granton and then Shaima joining as our Depute. Now we have people in their roles, I am looking forward to getting to work with the leaders on making the services we deliver the best we can.



**Paisley Deighton**  
Development Manager

## Information

We would like to extend a warm welcome to people who have joined the team over the past few months. We welcomed Oluwabusayo who joined as a support worker in Granton. We said goodbye to Shuai as the Operational Leader for Granton, and welcomed Charlie over from the Day Opportunities team who has taken on this role as an acting up opportunity. We are also extending a warm welcome to Shaima who has joined us as the Depute Practice and Wellbeing Leader for Granton. We said goodbye to Syeda, Prince, Anna and Claire from Groups and Childrens team and Wisdon, Jade, Kevin, Aileen, Adedayo and Ibiyinka from the Granton team. We wish them all the best in the future.



## Updates

A huge welcome to William who has moved into his new home from the Edinburgh South Team. Welcome to Team Granton!



We recently welcomed Tiffany to The Action Group as an activities co-ordinator. Please check out the community website to see the programme of activities she is running at The Prentice Centre - free to people we support!



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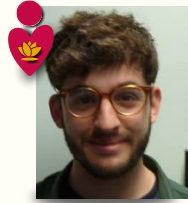
### Portobello



**Lloyd Sui**  
Practice and Wellbeing Leader



**Kirsty Pike**  
Operational Leader



**Rodrigo Fernandez**  
Depute Practice and Wellbeing Leader

### East Lothian & Midlothian



**Pam Fish**  
Practice and Wellbeing Leader



**Angie Bain**  
Operational Leader



**Ryan Kiddie**  
Depute Practice and Wellbeing Leaders



**Ahana Zahman**  
Depute Practice and Wellbeing Leaders

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**Kyle McKenzie**  
Development Manager

## Information

In the month of July we successfully transferred over 30 people we support and staff from Enable services in East Lothian. We would like to welcome all of our new colleagues and people we support to The Action Group. We have said goodbye to some colleagues: Lewis, Ireoluwa, Sunday, John and Jon in East and Midlothian and Nicola and Lianhcai in Portobello.



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## Updates

Welcome Chak who has moved into his own tenancy in the Portobello team.



Congratulations to Jo who has been successful in gaining a post in the Scottish Coalition for Learning Disabilities Advisory Group

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## Updates Positive Behaviour Support Practitioner



Vik has recently joined The Action Group as a Positive Behaviour Support Practitioner. Positive Behaviour Support is an evidence based, human rights approach to providing support to people. Vik will work alongside people we support, their support workers and leaders to improve/develop the practice of staff and quality of life of people we support. Referrals for support from Vik can be made via your Practice and Wellbeing Leader or Development Manager.