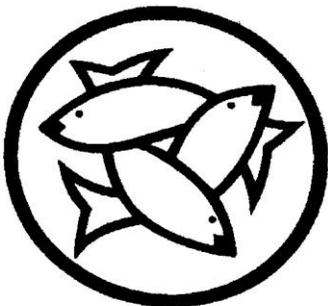


# FISHERMEAD TRINITY CENTRE

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Trinity Centre, Fishermead



## Safeguarding Our Centre

In these difficult economic times many people in the community are finding everyday life increasingly difficult. The Trinity Community Centre management has initiated a regeneration program to secure the future of the centre with the express aim of improving the lives of local residents by providing much needed services and a safe and secure meeting place. It is envisaged that the local community will embrace these changes and take part in this exciting venture making the Centre the Hub of the community now and for the future.

The Centre now has a Coordinator, Tony Lovelock who is a local resident and so knows the needs of the local community. He is able to assist local people who wish to setup and run some of the much needed services. Although Tony is initially only working part time it is hoped that we can secure the funding to employ him on a full time basis. It is also hoped that this will become a valued social enterprise in Fishermead, being run by the community for the community.

Initial market research has shown many needs within the community of which we have identified the following as the most urgent; an internet café, computer room, a community garden and a job shop.

Tony is working hard on these ideas to bring them to life and would welcome any and all offers of assistance from within the community either by donating funds or time and expertise. He can be reached on 01908 660401 between 9am -1pm Monday-Friday or via email at [tony@fishermeadtc.plus.com](mailto:tony@fishermeadtc.plus.com)

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## POINTS OF CONTACT AND STAFFING

The Centre is maintained by a team of caring people ranging from paid staff to volunteers.

The Management Committee are all volunteers with a particular interest in the well being of the Fishermead Estate and its residents, and include representatives from MKBC, Campbell Park Parish Council, Trinity Church, user groups and local residents. New members are always welcome to the meetings and those interested should contact Mr. Martin Petchey at [bookings@fishermeadtrinitycentre.org.uk](mailto:bookings@fishermeadtrinitycentre.org.uk).

Staff currently at the Centre include Tony our new Centre Coordinator introduced briefly on page 1, Malcolm our weekend Caretaker and Tracey our cleaner who many of you will also have met. For those of you who knew Sue our Caretaker she has now moved on and no longer works for us and her role will be covered by Tony.

We hope to encourage volunteers into the centre who wish to assist with the day to day tasks required in running a successful centre for the community, whether they can offer their time on a temporary basis or wish to gain some work experience. Anyone interested should contact our Centre Coordinator Tony on 01908 660401. If Tony is unable to take your call there is an answer phone where you can leave a message.

## OUR VISION

- Our vision is to create a safe space free from hierarchy, oppression and conflict. We welcome everyone who enters this space with respect for our aims
- The Centre is an inclusive, welcoming space governed and defined by its users, which nurtures a supportive and participatory community.
- We shall endeavor to organise events that foster communication, interaction and exchange between diverse groups across the community including students, local residents, youths and adults alike as well as different cultures and beliefs.
- We will provide an example of a successful social enterprise that inspires and supports social entrepreneurship in the community.
- We will encourage collaborative thinking and the exploration of ideas
- We will collaborate with existing community groups in Milton Keynes that can benefit from a regular space for meetings and events and from interaction with other groups and the wider community to add value to the services we offer.
- We consider ethical principles in the sources of funding, investment of funds and services offered.

### Internet:

With the help of Milton Keynes College the Centre now has a wireless internet connection so groups and users can access the internet from anywhere within the centre

**VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT TONY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED**

"Assume that in spite of the ways we have been divided, it is possible to reach through those divisions, to listen to each other well and to change habitual ways of acting which have kept us separated."

**-Dr. Ricky Sherover-Marcuse,**

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### POINTS OF INTEREST

Other ideas being considered;

- Community Garden
- Growing our own fruit/ veg
- Catering for evening events
- Computer classes
- Job seekers training
- Free Shop
- Days out (Summer)

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## Phase 1

### REGENERATION

Several changes are being considered within the Centre to enhance the services offered to the local community. Whilst these are still at planning stage we would encourage those interested to voice their ideas and opinions, and where possible to offer assistance, be it by making a monetary donation, pledging time or skill or offering expertise and advice.

Community/ Internet Café: We are looking into opening the kitchen area as a café during the day where there will be general refreshments available. To enhance this we are also looking to setup a small computer room where the computers will be available for use by the community and / or run computer courses. The computers will be supplied via Milton Keynes Council and we are currently considering the best placing for the computer room.

Storage: The centre is looking to supply new secure storage areas in the courtyard for regular users. This will replace the current arrangements and users are asked to remove as much of their belongings as possible to assist with this. Items that are no longer required or are broken/ damaged will need to be removed by the groups at their own expense. Anyone needing assistance should contact Tony who will also keep users informed of progress.

Office: We plan to have a new office to replace the current one, which has seen far better days, The new office will be located in Hall 2 near to the kitchen area and close to one of the old entrances, now blocked off. Tony will be available in this new office every morning Monday though to Friday once completed and will be accessible to all users with enquiries during those times. We are hoping to secure funding via the regeneration fund to achieve this.

Check out our Website at [www.trinitycentre.org.uk](http://www.trinitycentre.org.uk)

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

**Margaret Mead**