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Director's Intro

I think we have all been lulled into thinking it is summer with some great weather over the last month. Time outdoors with lighter nights just makes such a difference, although I am probably tempting fate now I have said it out loud!

Since our last newsletter there have been a few changes in our staff team as we say farewell to Preetika and a temporary goodbye to Emily and Kelly as they go off on Maternity Leave. We wish them all well. Often goodbyes can feel difficult, but as an organisation we are committed and passionate about staff development and progression and more often than not staff move on to enhanced positions, sometimes outwith the organisation.



This gives us a sense of pride as we witness their life journey and reflect on how we have supported both their personal and professional development. Upskilling, developing and shared learning underpins all our work at HSGNNL. The peer support that is offered within the staff team, volunteers with families, organisation to organisation, families to families feels like the circle of life where we all depend on and benefit from relationships, connections and being part of

communities for survival.

Volunteers remain our USP, our gift to families, with families telling us time and time again the real difference they make in their day to day lives. We are delighted to have just trained our next cohort of volunteers who will be matched with one of our many referrals. As a supporter of HSGNNL, you are the best advocate of our work so please don't be shy in sharing with friends, families and loved ones our volunteer opportunities. There are lots of options from home-visiting, groups, fundraising, helping in our garden and so the list goes on.



By now you are possibly aware that our current Chair, Susan Walsh, will be standing down later in the year. Susan has led the organisation with stealth, passion and enthusiasm and whilst a big pair of shoes to fill, we look forward to welcoming and embracing our next Chair. If this is you, or you know someone suited to the role, please get in touch for further information.

As we move into the summer months, we have much to look forward to and consider. Funding remains a challenge to everyone, but we are working hard to be as creative and flexible as possible, diversifying funding streams and projects to ensure the stability and sustainability at a precarious time.

We are looking forward to entering into new relationships and partnerships, welcoming new team members and supporting many more families through various services and interventions.

As always, we thank you for your commitment to our work and hope you enjoy some sunshine over the next few months.

In April, staff, volunteers and midwife colleagues heard from ARC about their work supporting expectant parents who may be facing challenging pregnancy journeys.



Learn more about ARC



At our team meeting in February, which included some team well-being time, Suzanne attempted to teach the team to crochet... !

Chair Recruitment

Could you be the next Chair of Home-Start
Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire?

Do you have strong leadership and decision-making skills, along with a passion to support children and families?

There are many benefits to joining our Board:

- Enhancing your skills and knowledge whilst contributing to the delivery of our strategic goals
- Learning more about local communities and inspiring others to get involved
- Improving your sense of purpose by supporting our work with children and families

(A minimum of equivalent to 1 day per month time commitment)

For an informal chat or more information about this volunteering position, please email nikki@homestartgnnl.org.uk in the first instance

Closing date: Tuesday 13 May 2025 at 5 pm. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 4 June 2025.

You can find the application pack on our website:

<https://homestartgnnl.org.uk/about-us/#join-the-team>

Join the Board!



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We welcomed new wonderful volunteers to both our Glasgow and North Lanarkshire teams in March. Our volunteer training course is currently running in both Glasgow and North Lanarkshire. If you are interested in learning about future training courses or volunteering, we would love to hear from you. Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested in volunteering opportunities.



We had a lovely catch-up with our Glasgow volunteers at our recent Volunteer Voices event!

It was great to get together and for our volunteers to catch up with each other too. We also decorated lovely Easter baskets.

[Click here for our Volunteer Leaflet](#)

[Click here for the Volunteer Application Form](#)

Corporate Partners



Home-Start Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire were delighted to celebrate their partnership with Scullion LAW at the Home-Start UK Volunteer Awards. Winning the Corporate Volunteer Award at this amazing event was a great surprise to Judith Higson, Executive Director, who travelled to London to collect her prize.

Since 2021, the business has supported HSGNNL in various capacities, including fundraising and donations, hands on support at events and pro bono work to staff and volunteers.

We are extremely grateful for their ongoing support, which enables us to extend our work with families and recruit and train more volunteers.

Fundraising





Glasgow Kiltwalk 2025

On 27 April we had 20 individuals tackle the Glasgow Kiltwalk to raise funds for Home-Start GNNL. We had participants on all three walks covering 3, 14 and 23 miles. We would like to give a shoutout to the courageous individuals from Wednesday Walkers who took on the full Mighty Stride! We were also thrilled that our amazing Corporate Volunteer winners, Scullion LAW, joined the Glasgow Kiltwalk team this year. The sun shone and everyone taking part had a wonderful day. Overall, our participants raised an outstanding £2,340 to help support local families!

Upcoming Fundraising



We've got a space at the London Marathon 2026!!

We are thrilled to announce that our charity has been awarded a place in the TCS London Marathon 2026.

This is an incredible opportunity to raise vital funds and awareness for our cause, and we're on the lookout for an enthusiastic runner to take on the challenge and represent us on one of the world's biggest marathon stages.

Are you ready to run 26.2 miles for a purpose? Whether you're a seasoned marathoner or ready to take on your first big race, we'd love to hear from you!

Interested in running for us?

Click for more information and to register!

Community

Co-op

We're delighted that Co-op members can officially support Home-Start Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire (Cause ID: 88103) as part of the Local Community Fund. The more members that choose HSGNNL, the more money our project will receive.

Find out more about our cause here - <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/88103>

Groups & Events



Our Spring Walk, Talk and Play events were a great success!

We had such a great turn out – lots of families joined us as we headed to Glasgow Green with our Glasgow families, and Strathclyde Park with our North Lanarkshire families. We took a lovely stroll around the parks before arriving at the play areas where the children had loads of fun and grown-ups got a chance to chat and connect.

Lunch was a hit – a spread of pizza, pastries, fresh fruit and yogurt, yum! Then we wrapped up with some outdoor games, including bat and ball, bubbles, and of course... the parachute!



We have various groups that run throughout Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire. They are always fun, with activities such as arts and crafts, sensory play and much more. Healthy snacks are also provided.

If you would like more information about any of our groups, please email us at:
info@homestartgnnl.org.uk

Find out more about where are groups are and times!

Home-Start Hub Newsletter



We have a new Home-Start Hub newsletter. It will be issued quarterly and will include exciting updates and news about the Hub.

You can read more about the services that will be offered within the Hub, including NHS Community Midwives and Perinatal Community Mental Health Team clinics designed to support the mental health and well-being of parents and their babies, and an Infant Feeding clinic run by an NHS GGC Infant Feeding Advisor. There's also information on new groups and events coming soon.

Home-Start Hub Newsletter

Did you know that Home-Start UK have a fabulous magazine - Family Matters! If you would like to keep up to date on all Home-Start UK news, click the button below to subscribe.

Subscribe to our Family Matters magazine here!



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