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Director's Intro

And just like that, summer is over, and the kids are back at school.

At HSGNNL we know summer is over because we start getting emails about Christmas from a partner agency that needs to start their meticulous planning to ensure the smooth running of their Christmas initiative. They are absolutely amazing and with the support of local communities and businesses provide Christmas gifts to many children who may otherwise not receive presents. Please consider supporting their fantastic work - www.justgiving.com/campaign/glasgows-spirit-of-christmas-2025

Unfortunately, poverty impacts families all year round, and not just at Christmas. It can affect all areas of people's lives, including their basic needs and living conditions, eg being able to afford food and clothing. It also affects areas such as health and well-being, education, and relationships. Families can become very isolated and lonely and at HSGNNL we strive to support families through these difficulties connecting them with relevant supports in their communities,

signposting to specialist organisations, and connecting them with other parents, as we know friendships are key for both parents and children. Volunteers are vital in this journey as families regularly share the difference that “people that have been there” make in their lives. We also hear from volunteers the life-changing impact volunteering has on their lives, often giving people a sense of purpose and fulfilment.



We have heard first-hand from volunteers the positive impact volunteering has had on their mental health and well-being and how their new skills and experiences have supported them into new careers and opportunities in further education.

We remain eternally grateful to our volunteers for all that they bring to HSGNNL and are pleased that for many it feels like a mutual benefit. Please don't be coy in sharing your experiences with others. We will never have enough volunteers!

We continue to work hard to secure funding to support the work of the charity. Like many other third sector organisations, we know that we must diversify our funding streams, considering new opportunities and relationships. We have been really pleased that our relationship with Scullion Family Law has gone from strength to strength and are delighted that a Motion was passed at the Scottish Government by MSP Annie Wells congratulating Scullion Law in their work with HSGNNL. Our relationship with Glasgow Golf Club has also flourished, and we were absolutely thrilled to receive a very generous donation from their recent ProAm golf tournament in July. As the Captain's charity, the members have come together and embraced the work of the charity, raising vital funds to support families in their local community.

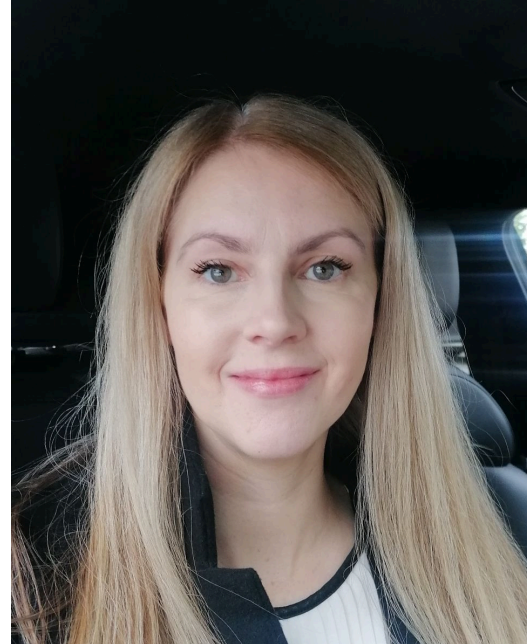
Later this month we are excited to officially open our early years Hub in Maryhill. The last year has seen some fantastic collaborative working with services coming together to provide holistic support for families when they need us most. The welcoming, accessible space provides an array of services and opportunities for families, with HSGNNL providing 1:1 staff or volunteer support, groups and additional opportunities and services from partner agencies, including breastfeeding, baby massage and specialist group support.



The FHANS (Families Here and Now Service) continues to develop and thrive in North Lanarkshire as we discover and learn about whole family support alongside our partner agencies in the service. The Board of Trustees were delighted to hear more about this service at the last Board meeting and look forward to hearing more as the partnership continues to develop and grow, and volunteering is introduced to the support options.

As always, thank you for your support, kindness and care. We can never say it enough.

Staff News



We were lucky to welcome two great members to the Glasgow team in June! Grace joined us as Volunteer Coordinator whilst Emily is off on maternity leave. Grace was already volunteering with us whilst she was studying, so we are delighted to have her on the team.

Nicola has joined as an Administrator. She has a great background in admin, which we are very grateful for! She also has some other talents, one of which is face painting. She has already kindly been using these creative skills at our events, and the children have been delighted with her work!

Volunteer News

We would like to say, as always, a massive thank you to all of our volunteers for your continued support and incredible work.

We have had a busy few months, with our Volunteer Week from 2 - 8 June being a highlight in our agenda. Amongst this week of celebrations and recognition for our volunteers, they enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea at Brodie's Bites, Netherton Community Centre and Theo's café, Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre, giving us a chance to provide recognition of their hard work and commitment to helping local families.



Despite groups finishing, our volunteers have been busy at our summer programme events each week, including trips to the Riverside Museum and Dumfries House.

We are looking forward to meeting those who are about to embark on our upcoming autumn training block, starting at the end of August. We've had a fantastic response to our recent volunteer outreach activities, especially from students, local choirs, and community groups, so we can't wait to get started.

Additionally, we are looking to continue the opportunities for our volunteers, introducing the role of a 'Community Ambassador Volunteer' who will take part in steering outreach events, networking, and fundraising events. This role aims to provide a space for our volunteers to use their creativity and align with their interests and hobbies. So far, we have had a successful weekend at the Alexandra Park Fair, where our wonderful volunteer Marilyn helped to run a stall and spread the word of our services and volunteering opportunities. We are open to any ideas our volunteers have, both big and small, to further promote and obtain recognition in the community.

[Click here for our Volunteer Leaflet](#)

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

Corporate Partners

Scullion Law

We were thrilled to welcome Scullion Law to our Early Years Family Hub for a day of volunteering.

Judith Higson, Executive Director at Scullion Law, and the team helped to refresh and tidy our garden space, creating a welcoming environment for the families we support.

Since 2021, Scullion Law has generously supported HSGNNL in a range of ways from fundraising and donations to hands-on help.



We are deeply grateful for their continued support, which plays a vital role in helping us expand our services for families and grow our team of trained volunteers.

Fundraising



Glasgow Golf Club

We cannot begin to explain what an amazing opportunity we had at Glasgow Golf Club on Friday at their ProAm golf tournament. Run by the Golf Club, PGA, and main sponsors Arnold Clark, the day was a treat from start to finish, with a little rain to keep us all fresh and on our toes!

With 100 players, staff, volunteers, a spectacular venue, and a beautiful golf course, it was a

fantastic event. With sponsorship and kind donations from many individuals and companies, along with a fabulous auction and amazing hospitality and entertainment, we really cannot thank everyone enough.

The support and kind words from members and guests reminded us of the great work happening in local communities every day.

Support us today...by shopping!



**Turn your online shopping
into a free donation to us
at no cost to you.
Amazing!**



Did you know you can raise funds for Home-Start GNNL without actually fundraising, but when you are doing online shopping?

You can do this by signing up through Easyfundraising - it only takes a couple of minutes and there are only 4 questions to answer.

We would be very grateful if you chose us as your charity, as these donations will contribute greatly to the work we do and support local families!

Please share this with family and friends!

Sign up to Easyfundraising [here!](#)

Upcoming Fundraising

Christmas Challenge

BigGive

The Big Give

This year, we are thrilled to be participating in **the Big Give Christmas Campaign**, a national match-funding initiative that will allow donations made during the first week of December to be doubled. Every donation you make will be doubled — meaning your support goes twice as far to help families in need.

But in order to unlock this opportunity, we urgently need to raise a minimum of £1,000 in pledges before **5 pm on Friday 29 August**.

Keep your eyes peeled for more updates and how you can get involved, whether it's donating, sharing, or spreading the word; there's a way for everyone to help.

Together, we can make this Christmas brighter for local families. Stay tuned!

Pledge here!

London Marathon 2026

Last Chance to Apply!

We've got a space in the 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
prepared 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

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.

Groups & Events



Summer Programme

For our summer programme this year, we had some sessions as breakfast clubs along with fun activities, which involved a relaxation session for families and messy play. We also ventured out to the Children's Wood, Summerlee, and the Riverside Museum. The finale for the programme was a trip to the wonderful Dumfries House!

We would like to thank all the families who came along, and thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped out!

Groups

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.

Cafe Stork Cumbernauld is on hold until further notice.

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!

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.

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