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Director's Intro

Hope everyone is well. The year seems to have flown by and in the main it has been a fruitful and positive year for the charity. We have supported more families than ever thanks to the commitment of staff, volunteers, our Board and funders. We have continued to link with partners in our communities, enabling us to extend our offer of additional and/or specialist support to families, if required. Our contacts and relationships have allowed us to access free training and



opportunities for families, staff and volunteers, which is always welcomed and helpful. We have been able to offer an array of creative services and interventions to ensure that families have the opportunity to be the best they can be, and children have the best start in life. We see first-hand the impacts of the cost-of-living crisis and the daily challenges that families with young children face.

As some of you may be aware, there have been some staffing changes over the last couple of months at HSGNNL. Like all organisations, staff changes happen, as they do in all businesses. Whilst some of the movement has been down to natural progression and career development, we have also had to reduce our organisational structure.

Like many third sector organisations, we are operating in a challenging funding environment. Whilst the landscape remains uncertain, we are continuing to work hard to innovate, diversify our funding streams, and work collaboratively with funders and partners to secure the necessary funds required to support families. To sustain and strengthen the services we deliver, we've undertaken a thorough review of our current approach and future direction. Our priority is to ensure the sustainability of the organisation, enabling us to support families now and in the future.

After careful consideration, we have slightly decreased our staffing structure and closed our North Lanarkshire office. Neither of these changes will impact our service delivery to families in North Glasgow or North Lanarkshire, or volunteers. Staff that were previously based in Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre will now be located in our main office in Glasgow but will continue to work in communities in North Lanarkshire and utilise community spaces as required. This decision has not been taken lightly but it has been necessary. We are grateful to all our staff for their dedication and commitment to the work of Home-Start, and to those moving on we wish them well and thank them for all they have done for the charity.



We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead with renewed passion, enthusiasm and energy, ensuring families and their wee ones are at the centre of all our decision-making. I am laughing as I say this, but I hope I am the first to wish you a great festive season when it comes, and a happy and healthy 2026. (I believe it is 7 weeks today until we get a visit from Santa 😊) .

Early Years Hub Opening





We were delighted to welcome the First Minister, John Swinney, who officially opened our new Early Years Family Hub in Maryhill on Thursday 28 August 2025.

"A fabulous practical example of the support I want to see in place to give children the best start in life" First Minister, John Swinney.

The launch was a huge success and brought together families, volunteers, staff, supporters, funders, NHS partners, and

community groups to celebrate the collaboration and innovation that made the Hub possible. Thanks to all who attended for supporting our work and sharing in our celebrations.

Subscribe to our Early Years Hub Newsletter!





Home-Start Early Years Family Hub Film

A huge thanks to film-maker Sandy Butler who has recently worked with us to produce a film about the work of the Hub and our vision going forward. Thank you to all of the families, staff, partners and volunteers who made this possible.

Click button below to watch the video.

Home-Start Early Years Family Hub Film

Volunteer News



New Volunteers

We would like to welcome our 9 new volunteers who have just completed our Training & Assessment course. We can't wait to have them as part of our volunteer team and we thank them for their commitment and energy so far!

Other Volunteer Training

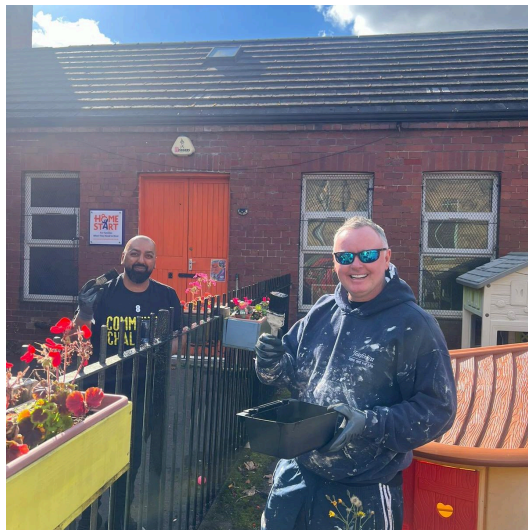
Some of our volunteers have also taken part in additional training from external organisations, which included Rape First Responder training facilitated by Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis, and a Paediatric First Aid Course provided by First Stop Safety Training. These have been fantastic opportunities for our volunteers to develop their skills and knowledge when supporting local families.





Volunteer Voices

We also enjoyed hosting our Volunteer Voices event this month, where our volunteers came together to share their volunteering experiences and feedforward their opinions for the upcoming months. Volunteers were given the chance to take part in some glass painting, and we were also joined by Michelle Candlish from Linking Lives who put on a wellbeing workshop about how to have more meaningful conversations.



BT volunteer at our Early Years Hub

Happy sunny days at the Hub!

We were grateful to have BT staff volunteer their time and make our garden railings look brand new!

Thanks for all their hard work!

[Click here for our Volunteer Leaflet](#)

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

Fundraising



Glasgow Golf Club

When four golfing gents and their fabulous driver decide to take on a golfathon to raise funds for HSGNNL! 18 separate golf courses, 18 holes, all in one day! They were welcomed like champions by all neighbouring golf clubs, who were in awe of their amazing feat and fabulous fundraising.

Thank you to everyone who supported this fun-filled day and Arnold Clark for providing the transport for the day!

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

You can do this by signing up through Easyfundraising - it only takes a couple of minutes to sign up 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!

Support us today...by shopping!



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



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.

The online campaign will run from Tuesday 2 December until Tuesday 9 December. Set a reminder in your calendar and watch this space! The campaign will appear on all our social media platforms - give us a follow if you don't already follow us!

Follow us on Facebook

Follow us on Instagram

Follow us on Linked In



[London Marathon 2026](#)

We are super excited to share that we have the wonderful and inspirational Lewis running the 2026 London Marathon for HSGNNL! He has a target of £2,000 , and has raised £280 so far!

Lewis has started training already and is sharing his journey on his donation page. A marathon takes a lot of effort and training towards the main event!

Any donations - big or small - towards Lewis' target would be very much appreciated. Please share with friends!

You can read Lewis' inspirational story and also donate by clicking button below.

Read Lewis's story and donate here!

Glasgow's Spirit of Christmas

Glasgow's Spirit of Christmas website is now open for pledges. If you would like to pledge a gift donation to Home-Start Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire you can click the button below.

We would really appreciate it! It makes a huge difference to the families we support.



Pledge a gift here

Drop off point for gifts

Groups & Events

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 our groups are held 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.

Subscribe to our Family Matters magazine here!

We would love your feedback on our newsletter, please get in touch if there's any further information you would like, or if there's anything you'd like to see included.

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We are always grateful for donations to help us continue to support families, you can donate by clicking on the button below.

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