

## Fundraising News

It has been an exciting few months for fundraising team here at Shekinah. There have been a variety of events happening. Here are a collection for you:

Plymouth Albion hosted a fundraiser day for us in November. Raffle prizes were kindly donated by some lovely businesses to help us raise as much as possible.



Portcullis Legals and Plymouth Argyle hosted the Big Sleep Out. Such an eye opening event for many.



*Thank you*



## Shekinah Quarterly Newsletter

We would like to say a huge thank you to Carol Hemming. Carol is completing a monthly challenge for Shekinah of walking 50 miles every month to raise money for us.



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## In other fundraising news!

Friends of Shekinah is still growing and it would be wonderful if you could all share with your contacts the benefits of becoming a Business Friend.

If you haven't already please can you contact Kristy to get your Shekinah Poster with its QR code.



If you would like support in creating your own fundraising opportunity please contact us.



### Fundraising contacts:

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## In other news!

### Shekinah Drop-in Centre client story.

#### Mel's Story

Mel grew up in the Plymouth area and has accessed both Housing & Support Services over the years. By his own admission, at times, Mel has been led by Peers, also done some daft things, when he was trying to find out who he was as a person, not caring about himself or others at times and generally following the crowd. Over the last two years Mel has made a concerted effort, to change his outlook on life, steer away from negative influence and start to build a better life, not only for himself, but also his family. Mel wishes to be a positive role model and someone he and others around him can be proud of! Mel has been supported by Simon one of Shekinah's Complex Needs Workers to help make this happen.

Mel is now volunteering with Hamoaze House, within their Gardening project, which he really enjoys and also gives him some structure to his week. Mel also spends time with family and has been able to build up his relationships with them again.

Mel serves as a reminder to others, that with the right support lives can be changed.

Direct quote from Mel:

*" If I can do it, anyone can"  
"Change is possible if you reach out to others for support, and just believe in yourself"*

### Shekinah Training client story.

#### Della's story

My experience of Training at Shekinah has been a very positive one. 3 months ago I was isolated and had no direction or connection. I kept seeing various information about Shekinah on either social media or leaflets, I contacted Shekinah and made an appointment to come in and start the Re:vive course, which has honestly changed my life for the better. I have made new friends and learned a lot about myself and others. I then went on to do the Re:develop course and have also joined a Level 2 Counselling course which I am enjoying a lot. Through Shekinah, I have started voluntary work also and have started to feel my connection within the community strengthen.

We felt it was important to share these stories with you so you can see how Shekinah are supporting our clients. We would like to say a special thank you to Mel and Della for sharing your stories.

### Shekinah Leonard Stock Centre

Have been featured in the Herald Express to share their story and changes over the last 30 years.



### Shekinah Grow & Endeavour House Christmas Fair!

A special thank you the fantastic Eclipse choir for the most beautiful singing, our very own Aisa for performing an array of songs and the Rapid Relief Team for the most amazing refreshments! It was such a fantastic event. Don't miss out next year!



**Shekinah Charity Shops** had their very own Christmas Fair. Thank you to all of the wonderful stall holders for getting involved in the Christmas Fair at Catherine Street, Baptist Church. The event was attended by many and as a result we have been able to raise £653!



### Make Amends

Were able to have their recent Development Day which provided an opportunity for practitioners and volunteers to be together, the first time in two years.

