



FUTURES NEWS

Working for all the community

Summer 2018

MARSH FARM FUTURES TO HOLD “COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS” LOCAL ISSUES - LOCAL SOLUTIONS - community businesses could be the answer

Marsh Farm Futures (MFF) is kick-starting the Power to Change - Empowering Places Programme, with Community Conversations with local residents, community organisations/groups and partners.

The key objectives include:

- Introducing community businesses and demonstrating their success in other places.
- Enabling local residents to identify the key issues (e.g. education, unemployment, crime and business initiatives) affecting the local community, prioritising them and working with people to establish community businesses.
- Inspiring residents, partners and stakeholders to make the most of this opportunity to improve lives using community business as a driver for social change.

Programme Manager, Ishaq Kazi, said “We are absolutely delighted to host the first Community Conversations with residents and others who have an interest in this area. In my view, this programme is all about local people identifying local issues and finding local solutions using community business principles. I am really looking forward to welcoming everyone and their ideas”.

Community Conversation will be held during late summer at Futures House

The purpose of this is:

- To develop an understanding of economic, environmental, social needs/issues in the area and how community businesses can help these.
- To ensure local residents, community groups, partners and other stakeholders are involved and collectively drive the Empowering Places Programme (EPP) through developing community businesses.

During the first Community Conversations, residents will meet key members of MFF Team leading on the programme, colleagues from Power to Change and other national organisations committed to providing support and resources to the area. The evening programme will include laughter, discussion, identifying key issues and agreeing the next steps.

Process

An interaction between residents, service providers, and users is required and necessary resources need to be identified. MFF (with support from other National organisations including New Economics Foundation (NEF), UK COOPs), will facilitate discussion in small

groups. This will help ascertain real information, data and the size of problems and possible solutions. Light refreshments will be provided. We would love to see as many people as possible but if you are unable to participate in this conversation, you are welcome to visit us, talk to us or email your ideas to ishaq@marshfarmfutures.co.uk.



power to
change



LOTTERY FUNDED

Futures Community Fun Day

Come and join us here at Futures House on **Sunday 8th July 12-4pm** for Futures Community Fun Day!

There will be water zorbing, nerf wars and so much more. Try your hand at some of our fete games or maybe you could try mastering some circus skills.

The best part is that entrance to the fun day and attractions are completely free! There really is something for everyone.

For further enquiries please contact Cathy McShane at 01582 512555 or alternatively email Cathy@marshfarmfutures.co.uk



**Buy One Get One Free Child Entry
On Wednesday's in August.
(8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th)**

**SESSION TIMES WILL APPLY.
For any further information please call 01582
492166.**



Marsh Farm Futures hosts Afternoon Tea

Marsh Farm Futures opened its doors to the community on Friday 4th May 2018 to celebrate the annual Community Business Weekend.

Organisers, Power to Change, started the Community Business Weekend three years ago to offer a unique opportunity for local people to visit and see how they can get involved in community businesses.

All team members at Marsh Farm Futures participated in the event that had a Community Business Tea Party theme, with free teas, coffees, cakes, scones and samosas on offer. Members of the local community listened to Ishaq Kazi, Programme Manager, delivering the Empowering Places Programme at Marsh Farm Futures, talk about the benefits of community business, how community businesses can be set up and the sort of help and

support that would be offered by Marsh Farm Futures to a new community business.

Ishaq Kazi, Programme Manager, at Marsh Farm Futures said: "There are great opportunities here for local people to get involved and drive the initiative forward. We are aiming to address local issues with local solutions."

A view echoed by Annette White, Director/Trustee of Marsh Farm Futures and responsible for this project commented "I am delighted that Marsh Farm Futures has been selected as a catalyst by Power to Change. We are looking forward to working with local communities, residents, partners and various other stakeholders to address local needs by promoting community business platform."

Mohammed Rafi, Chief Executive at Marsh Farm Futures said: "It really is an exciting prospect for Marsh Farm as an area and I hope that the people who attended the event pass on the word that we are here to help them achieve and set up a range of community businesses that will boost local economy, offer employment opportunities and help Marsh Farm thrive."



COMMUNITY BUSINESS

More information on this major initiative will be provided through our website www.marshfarmfutures.co.uk

also available in leaflets and our newsletter.

If you are interested in joining the initiative, please email Ishaq Kazi Programme Manager: ishaq@marshfarmfutures.co.uk



Look out for Community Conversations

New Starter



Seema

A warm welcome to Seema Chandarana, our new Project Administrator who joined the team in May this year.

Seema brings with her extensive marketing experience from both the public and private sectors. She said "I'm very excited to be working on the Power to Change project with Marsh Farm Futures. I am also looking forward to Community Business Day on 23rd July 2018."

To book your place at this event, contact Seema on 01582 512555 or email seema@marshfarmfutures.co.uk

R & L Hairdressing

Now Open in Futures House

SPECIAL OFFERS
HIGH LIGHTS CUT
& FINISH £40
HERBAL PERM CUT
& FINISH £40

07779 148 504
randlhair@yahoo.com



Futures House Café

Now open with new owners. Come visit us
Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm
Sundays 9am – 4pm





We welcome your feedback to improve our services
please email
info@marshfarmfutures.co.uk

| Service Provider | Type of Service | Time/Day of the week | How to access Service |
|---|---|--|--|
| Community Resource Room | Community Resource Room Free computer use with internet and printing facilities | Mon – Fri 9.15am - 4.15pm except when in use by a service provider | Turn up and dial 200 from front desk or dial 01582 512555 to check whether it is available |
| Sexual Health Clinic | Confidential advice, information, support, contraception, pregnancy tests. Free Service for anyone under 25 | Thursdays 3pm – 5pm | Drop in Service. No appointment necessary |
| Customer Services Luton Borough Council | Council Tax, Housing Benefit, Advice on Council Services etc | Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am - 5pm Lunch 1pm – 2pm | Front Desk, Futures House |
| Job Club | Employment support and assistance with online job searches, CVs and application forms | Tuesday 9.30am – 1.30pm | Drop in Service – Dial 203 and ask for Cathy McShane |
| Luton Foodbank | Luton Foodbank charity provides emergency food supplies to local people in crises and in poverty | Monday 10am – 12pm | Referrals only. Call LBC Crisis Support on 0800 456 1673 or Citizen Advice Bureau on 0844 245 1285 for an assessment |
| Money Matters Credit Union | Financial advice, loans and savings | Thursday 10am – 12pm | For more information Tel: 01582 666877 Email: office@mmcu.co.uk |
| Futures Fun Factory | Indoor play park for children | Mon – Sat 10am – 6pm Sun – 11am – 5pm | Just turn up or call 01582 492166 (Sessions may apply when busy and during holiday periods) |
| Councillors Surgery | Local Councillors Roy Davis and Don Worthing meet with local residents to discuss their issues | Saturday 10am – 12pm | Drop in Service |



**are recruiting for
Learning Support Assistants.
Please apply through our advert on
www.indeedjobs.com/heywood-house/**



Elite Day Services (EDS) clients have been helping us at Futures House by beautifying the gardens. This is their second year and they have been doing a wonderful job. We would like to thank EDS team for all their efforts.

Ambassadors of Change Programme

The Ambassadors of Change Young Adults Project is a joint partnership strategy led by Marsh Farm Futures (MFF) and partnered by The Walk to Freedom Foundation and Develop. The programme is funded by the Police Crime and Commissioner's funding. The programme has 7 different phases that will include self-reflection, looking into drug and alcohol use, employability course and the delivery of a summer programme to name a few.

The Ambassadors of Change Young Adults Project is for up to 10 Young Adults (M/F) aged between 17 – 21, who are on a transitional pathway to changing their lives and would benefit from an opportunity like this.

The project started in May 2018 with a 5 day residential programme in Somerset and finishes September 2018 with a Celebration of Achievement Evening where families, guests, and dignitaries can join us in celebrating the amazing achievements of our new Ambassadors of Change!

FUTURES JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB – coming soon

Futures Junior Youth Club will be starting here at Futures House on Wednesday 11th July 6pm – 8pm and will be for ages 7 – 10 years. Entrance for this will be £1 per week. Activities will include a variety of table top and giant board games, games consoles and lots more.

For further information please contact Cathy McShane
Tel: 01582 512555 or email:
cathy@marshfarmfutures.co.uk

New Starter



We would like to welcome Anya Hobbs our new Community Engagement Officer who studied at the University of Bedfordshire graduating in 2015 before travelling to Uganda to do charity work. Whilst travelling she realised working with the community was what she really wanted to do. Shortly after she began working for Luton Foodbank and then Bushmead Community Hub before coming to Marsh Farm Futures. Her role will require working closely with the Community Voice project on bringing the community of Marsh Farm together to encourage a positive change in the area.

Police & Public Meeting

A public meeting was recently organised by Bedfordshire police to discuss the current rise in knife crime in Luton. The meeting was attended by over 150 members of the public and highlighted issues concerning knife crime and what the public is expecting from the police.

Assistant Chief Constable, Jackie Sebire said: "We are one piece of the puzzle in terms of driving down knife crime, and we can't do it alone. Therefore it was really important for us to meet with people from the communities we serve to have a frank and honest discussion about knife crime, which has risen nationally in recent years. I'm pleased we were able to speak to people about the work we're doing to tackle knife crime, and how important it is for us to do this.

"Even more importantly though, we were able to hear from the public about their thoughts on knife crime, and how we can continue to tackle this. The meeting was incredibly valuable, and we will continue to engage with our communities moving forward."



Cupcake day

On Thursday 14th June Futures Community Voices held a cupcake day to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. It was a successful and yummy morning! We are delighted to say we raised over £60 from our cakes and cake related games, which will go towards helping the Alzheimer's Society find a cure for this illness. Futures Community Voice would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along and also to those who donated cakes.



FUTURES COMMUNITY VOICE

This is to inform all residents that there is a

COMMUNITY/RESIDENT VACANCY FOR MARSH FARM FUTURES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

If you are interested please email your name and contact number to fcv.lu3mf@gmail.com

Closing date for applications is
Monday 30th July 2018