



Friday 16th September 2022

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to this week's **Weekly Roundup** - quite a few bits and pieces to update you about this week!

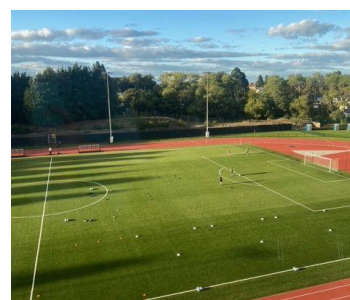
Firstly, it is with deep appreciation that we would like to let you know that **Sam Mallalieu** has advised the Board he will be stepping down from his position as a Director of EKFH. As many of you may know, Sam has been central to the EKFH journey; most recently leading the organisation's transition from CIC to Charity. More fundamentally, Sam's wisdom and patience has guided us through the most challenging of times. In his resignation, Sam expressed the honour he feels being part of a great group of people - staff and volunteers - with a common purpose to support people through turbulent times. We are so very grateful to Sam. We know you'll all join us in expressing that gratitude and in wishing Sam peace, happiness and every success, for the future.

Thank you to Sam G, Jane, Jess, Emily, and Bruce, who gave their valuable time to help at the **Volunteer Edinburgh Recruitment Fair** on Wednesday. It was a great opportunity to chat to people about what we do here, and we look forward to welcoming some new volunteers into the team very soon. It was also a good chance to get to know other charities operating in Edinburgh and beyond.



We were pleased to receive some funding from **Stephen's Foundation (Stephen's Bakery)** for a new induction hob! Some of you will have seen it in the kitchen, and you may even have been lucky enough to have tasted Scott's delicious casseroles, curries and soups that it's already produced!

We had a visit from Aneka from **Hibernian FC** to discuss our partnership this season - watch this space for more updates! Mike and Emily went along to the **Hibernian Women's FC** match against Glasgow City at the new **Meadowbank Stadium** on Wednesday. There will be tickets available for other matches in the future, so let us know if you'd be interested in coming along!



Groups from **Baillie Gifford** and **Natwest** were on site with us this week, and we'd like to thank you all again for making them all feel so welcome! Groups who have been in over the last couple of weeks have resulted in some people signing up to become regular volunteers, which is wonderful news. There are some more groups next week from **Barratts, Natwest, and NIRAS.**

And finally, good luck to everyone taking part in this Sunday's **Kiltwalk!** If you see any of the team out and about on the **Mighty Stride** and the **Big Stroll** - give them a wave! They're walking either 13 or 21 miles, so they'll be grateful for the support!

### **And on the noticeboard this week...**

We will be operational on **Monday 19th September**, so if you've already signed up for a shift, this will be going ahead as normal. We of course understand that some of you may prefer not to do your usual shift on Monday.

**Rota Central Shift Booking** - the shifts for September and October are now live! As a reminder, we've reviewed evening packing shifts, and have decided it makes sense to continue with shifts on **Wednesday and Thursday evenings** only through September. Also, please note there is a change to Friday's packing shifts - we won't have a **Friday morning packing shift but there is an afternoon slot from 1.30pm-4.30pm.**

**Membership Registration Forms** are always available from the Welcome Desk, and will be put forward at the next Board meeting in December.

We're pleased to see new volunteer forms coming in! Please carry on sharing our recent **Volunteer Recruitment** posts. We have flyers and posters. Anyone interested can get in touch via the website [www.emptykitchens](http://www.emptykitchens) or email us at [volunteer@emptykitchens.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@emptykitchens.co.uk)

And that's it for this week. Let us know how you're doing and what's on your mind at [et@emptykitchens.co.uk](mailto:et@emptykitchens.co.uk) or just come and have a chat.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Martin, Janet, Mike

The Executive Team at Empty Kitchens Full Hearts