



Friday 9th September 2022

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to this week's **Weekly Roundup** - just a couple of updates and reminders for you this week.

Starting with some very exciting news - we're delighted to say we've reached our summer **Crowdfunder target of £50,000!** Thank you so much to everyone who donated and helped us to spread the word! Hitting our target means we've secured our matched funding from British Airways, and that we'll be able to cook, pack, and deliver more than 33,000 meals with the money raised. We'd also like to say a huge thank you to Harvey for editing our promotional video, and to Vlad for his footage.

In other funding news, we are also pleased to have been awarded a grant from the **Souter Charitable Trust**, who 'assist projects engaged in the relief of human suffering in the UK and overseas', and also from the **Stephens Bakery Foundation**.

And some reminders...

We met quite a few of our now regular volunteers at last year's **Volunteer Edinburgh Recruitment Fair**, so **have booked a slot again this year. It's on Wednesday 14th September at St Paul's and St George's Church on York Place** and we would be delighted if any volunteers fancy popping along for an hour or so to tell people about your experience with us. Please email Martin (martin.clarke@emptykitchens.co.uk) if you can come along.

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.**

The routes for **the Kiltwalk** have now been published! Remember it's on **Sunday September 18th**. Three distances to choose from ranging between **4 and 24 miles**, every step helps us to raise funds and awareness. Step up and join our team.....Find out more about the event/sign up here: <https://www.thekiltwalk.co.uk/events/edinburgh>

Contact Emily (emily.gifford@emptykitchens.co.uk) with any questions!

Thanks to **Edinburgh Science** we've got an opportunity to book **free tickets** for **Dreamachine**, a light and music show described as "a magical journey to explore the extraordinary potential of your mind"..! We can book in small groups to go as team outings, so if you're as intrigued as we are and would like to come along, please get in touch with Emily (emily.gifford@emptykitchens.co.uk) You can find out more here: <https://dreamachine.world/>

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.co.uk) or email us at 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 or just come and have a chat.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Martin, Janet, Mike

The Executive Team at Empty Kitchens Full Hearts