



Friday 11th November 2022

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to this week's **Weekly Roundup** and a very warm welcome to those receiving this for the first time.

There is, as you will see, lots to update you on this week.....

Hibernian Women Edinburgh Derby at Easter Road...On Sunday November 27th, Hibernian Women FC will be taking on Hearts Women in the inaugural [Capital Cup](#) match at Easter Road! Tickets are available free of charge and [can be booked here](#) - we hope to see you there!

Part Time Delivery Driver Vacancy...We are looking for a **Part Time Delivery Driver** (roughly 8 hours/1 day per week) to help with our van deliveries. If you would be interested in the role, you can read more about it here, and please feel free to get in touch with Chris (chris.noon@emptykitchens.co.uk) if you have any questions.

Cyclists & Could Be or Would Be cyclists...After an initial conversation with Cycling Scotland - discussing how we could create a more **cycle friendly environment here at Empty Kitchens**, we are seeking your input on how we as an organisation could help to facilitate you to cycle to Granton more often, all thoughts welcome, please drop me an email at mike@emptykitchens.co.uk

Members' Meeting: Tuesday 15th November...Our first members' meeting is taking place on Tuesday November 15th from 5.30pm - 7pm. This is a great opportunity for everyone who has already been confirmed as a member to meet each other and our Board of Trustees. If you would like to become a member and join the next meeting, **Membership Registration Forms** are always available from the Welcome Desk, and will be put forward at the next Board meeting in December.

New Hub Locations: Pilton Community Health Project & Spartans FC...Work is continuing on our local outreach with other community organisations and we're delighted to be starting to work with the **Pilton Community Health Project** and **Spartans FC** as our next hub locations! Service users will be able to pick up their meal packs from these locations starting Monday 21st November.

And to point again to Chris's **Christmas Delivery Shoutout** broadcast yesterday for those who may have missed it!.....

Hi all you wonderful humans! It may still be November but I have Christmas on the brain which means, sadly, now so do you!

We've been working hard on our plan to provide every Service User a festive meal on Christmas Eve (which is a Saturday this year) so regardless of where in the delivery cycle they are, it'll be extra.

This is where you come in!

We're looking for drivers and cyclists to ensure EVERYONE gets a meal pack and the more hands then the quicker day for everyone! It's set up a little differently on Rota Central than a standard day, instead of a 'pickup window', every shift is set as the absolute MAX anticipated length of day (3 hours for a bike, 5 for a car), and staggered morning starts to allow folk to plan accordingly... and avoid traffic jams in the car park!

This is all easily said, but we really can't do any of it without you, so it would be truly amazing if you can find a bit of time to slot in around all the other chaos of the weekend. Feel free to bring a buddy or two to make it even quicker (just make sure you've space in the car for the meals!)

Again, thank you all.

Chris

Football World Cup Sweepstake...The kickoff of the **Football World Cup** is imminent and Mike is arranging a sweepstake! If you'd like to be allocated a team, please let Mike know and he'll draw teams out of a hat. £5 per team. 30 teams. Group stage winners double their money and get £10 back. Eventual winner of the world cup gets £50 and the runner up £20.

And on the Reminders & Recaps ...

Fundraising Concert! with **Lorna Luft and Worbey & Farrell**

We're looking forward to our Fundraising Concert on **Thursday 5th January!** [Tickets are available here](#) - we hope you'll be keen to come along, and tickets would make excellent Christmas presents! We'll also need some volunteers to help us with various front-of-house roles on the day - if you're interested in being involved, please let Emily know.

Hot Service...There are shift slots on rota central for each Friday from 12.45 to 2.15pm, so please do sign up if you fancy being involved and do please spread the word!

Mental Health & Wellbeing Policy Focus Group...We want you to tell us what you see as the factors which influence overall wellbeing in the workplace and what you feel would be important to include in our Empty Kitchens Mental Health & Wellbeing Policy. So to this end, we are looking for people to be part of a small focus group in November and December to provide input to and review a draft policy before we finalise.

If you are interested in joining this group, we would be grateful if you could contact Fiona by Wednesday 16th November to express your interest. fiona.ogg@emptykitchens.co.uk

Christmas Meal Delivery...We need your help to cook (Thursday 22nd), pack (Friday 23rd) and deliver (Saturday 24th) these meals. The volunteer shifts are up on rota central so please sign up if you are able to - santa hats are optional!

Christmas Day...We will be operating a normal Sunday shift pattern / demand on the day and into the week leading up to Hogmanay. As **New Year's Eve** falls on the Saturday this year which coincides with our shutdown day, we will not be operational on the Saturday. **Sunday 1st January** will be a normal operating day. Shifts will be on Rota Central imminently.

And that's about it - please do let us know what's on your mind by email at et@emptykitchens.co.uk or just come and have a chat.

Thanks again and wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Janet, Mike and Martin