



Friday 18th November 2022

Hi Everyone,

How are you doing? Welcome to this week's **Weekly Roundup**.

This week we reached another milestone in the development of Empty Kitchens. On an evening that provided a "welcome" return to more normal November weather we came together for the inaugural **Member's Meeting**; our Trustees, the Executive Team, Employees, and our Members. Linda, our Chair, and Sam as Secretary provided information and direction on governance, and the role of the membership, whilst we, the Executive Team, outlined the organisation's journey so far, where we are financially, and looked ahead to what the future may look like in terms of strategic aims. We also heard from two of our Trustees; Mark Cooper - who we introduce you to this week on these pages - provided insight into the future of Fundraising and Lindsay Isaacs spoke of the learnings and response to Food Poverty from the perspective of the Trussell Trust.

It was an excellent evening and we are grateful to all for coming along particularly to the members for their participation, their frankness and the many things they gave us to think about and challenges to respond to. It is exactly that space for engagement, involvement and accountability we wish for the organisation.



Thank you all.

*(Thank you
Beverley Groves
for the
photograph!)*

Remember - 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.

And to update you on...

Visitors....This week we welcomed Kenneth Ferguson, Chair of The Vardy Foundation and members of the Glasgow based National Lottery team, to Granton. Kenneth and the Foundation are great supporters of what we do and a very broad ranging conversation was had about Empty Kitchen's reach and future projects. The National Lottery were super impressed and very encouraging about future funding opportunities. We'll keep you posted.

This week in our **Introducing** series we are delighted to introduce the second of our three new Trustees, **Mark Cooper**.

Hi there, I'm Mark and I first became aware of Empty Kitchens in 2021. I visited Leith Theatre and was so impressed with what I saw I wanted to get involved in a way that I felt I could help.



I worked in law firms for 13 years before moving to the third sector in 2012. I'm so pleased that I made that switch as it's enabled me to align my own values with my day to day work.

It's an honour to have been appointed as a Trustee at Empty Kitchens and I am looking forward to meeting everyone in time.

Fundraising Concert! with **Lorna Luft and Worbey & Farrell**....So far we have sold **71 tickets!** They're going like hotcakes! [Tickets are available here](#) - Please, do join us for the evening or do keep in mind that 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.

Volunteer Survey....Thank you, again, to everyone who completed our last volunteer survey. Unfortunately it has come to our attention that some respondents who asked for an individual response did not receive this. Jane is investigating how this happened but meanwhile, if this applies to you, could you contact Jane directly and we'll ensure that this is rectified. Jane's email address - Jane.rutherford@emptykitchens.co.uk

New Hub Locations: Deliveries to **Pilton Community Health Project & Spartans FC**...commence this Monday, **Monday 21st November**.

And on the Reminders & Recaps ...

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...Mike - mike.innes@emptykitchens.co.uk - is keen to understand what facilities you feel we need to provide and the scale of that provision in order to create the most **cycle friendly environment here at Empty Kitchens**. Please do get in touch with Mike and let him know. There is funding available for active travel initiatives and we are keen to access this for the betterment of your experience here as well as the wider environment.

Christmas Meal Delivery....Last week we shouted out for help with delivering to all our Service Users on Christmas Eve. The shifts are up on Rota Central but please do contact Chris for more information. We also need your help to cook (Thursday 22nd), pack (Friday 23rd) these meals. The volunteer shifts are up on Rota Central so please sign up if you are able to.

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.

That's it for this week. Do please let us know what's on your mind by email at et@emptykitchens.co.uk or just come and have a chat. If you are reading this for the first time do get in touch and let us know what you think and how you're finding your experience of volunteering with us.

Thanks again and wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Janet, Mike and Martin