

Dear All

I had a, very positive and I hope a fruitful, meeting with Jonathan Fowler yesterday morning from Re Connect which is linked with



Bristol Foundation Housing was set up as a charity to manage social housing properties. They aim to provide supervised accommodation to encourage and support homeless people (or those at risk of homelessness) and/or ex-offenders to live more fulfilled lives.

They do this by providing a unique mix of secure supervised accommodation together with support. This support takes the form of providing advice, information and assistance with the practicalities of day-to-day living. They are building capabilities for coaching and mentoring to help their tenants access education and employment. They will also provide restorative justice to help people with broken lives to rebuild them.

One of the houses in the scheme is Grove Lodge and the extension which are just between All Saints and the Met.

We hope very much to be able to work with Re Connect and potential church and community links (All Saints and beyond) in some of the following ways:

- **General volunteering, befriending.** There are two dates to explore this: **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February** when you could learn more about the role and meet some of the clients. Please let Mandy Young know if you are interested and I will forward more information.
- **Gardening/ rubbish collecting joint projects** around the church and surrounding road including planting some donated hedging, creating vegetable plots at Grove Lodge.
- **Supporting families** with young children through play, befriending.
- **Creative projects** which could be joint ventures such as another Dance Weekend, drama or arts groups. We already have some plans and funding for this.
- **Support with literacy**, CVs, form filling etc.
- **Fundraising** and donations

Please let Mandy Young know if you feel you might like to support in any of these ways; either by telephoning Bristol 965 7302 or by replying to this email.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Kind regards

Mandy Young

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