

We need your help!



Project Overview

Verve Community CIC are supporting the Veterans Hub, Leigh, CIC at the Spinners Mill in Leigh. The hub is where Armed Forces Veterans and their families can meet, get advice and support and also positively promote the outstanding contribution our Veterans bring to their community in Leigh. The hub is also where the Re-engage programme is delivered, supporting young people in mainstream education at risk of exclusion with Veterans of the Armed Forces as mentors. The hub is also to Verve Community CIC's knitting campaigns which donates knitted baby clothes, toys and blankets to local mums in need of a helping hand with our Sure Start and community centres. The ladies who knit the campaigns are local ladies, they do it because they want to make a difference and to date we have donated over 15000 items into our community. I also recruit foster carers for the Not for Profit sector and many of our Armed Forces Veterans are foster carers. Through the hub we will promote foster care recruitment to keep children within the communities in which they belong.

What support is needed:

We need help painting the room at the Spinners Mill as the ceiling is proving a problem. We have paint which I bought from the £180 donated to a GoFund me page, and we have scaffolding in situ. We also need wool for the ladies who knit for the campaigns.

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What difference it would make to our project?

If we got support for the hub, we can get the room ready for the launch. We don't get funding and I pay for room personally until they are in situ and able to stand alone. The ladies who knit would be able to continue their knitting which often gives them a purpose. When I started the campaigns in the pandemic, many of the ladies felt abandoned. My mum was one of these ladies, and knitting is how they give back to support young mums and the children with the toys. The cost-of-living crisis means the cost of wool has shot up and is now unaffordable. There is cheap wool in the shops, but they don't wash well. Good wool does, and it means the garments are regularly handed down to other mums which saves money.

The knitted toys are donated at Christmas for mums to use as presents and keep money in their purses, they also go to foster children with the Not for Profit charities I recruit for and local authorities. These organisations keep children in the communities they belong and deliver to children in care, hugs from a special friend, when they need it most.

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