



WINTER NEWSLETTER 2017



Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Welcome to Rathbone's *Winter Newsletter 2017* and to our **50th** Christmas in existence.

Our charity has been striving to make a positive difference to peoples' lives in Lambeth for half a century. It's never just been about the staff, the Trustees, the volunteers, the people who use our services or anyone and everyone who used to be involved but no longer are – Rathbone is about all of those things together - and more – an ethos and a family.

Thank you for taking the time to read this winter newsletter and thank you for caring about the work we do.

It's been another year of many changes for Rathbone, some of them obvious while some remain subtle and behind the scenes. It's been tough at times, but we emerge into 2018: stronger, determined and ever passionate about making a positive difference to people's lives.



This December also marks the end of an era as **Pippa Langhorne**, Rathbone's Finance and Business Manager, retires after 12 years of Service. Everyone at Rathbone would like to express a fond farewell

and debt of gratitude to Pippa as both she and Rathbone begin writing our next chapters.

We would like to wish a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018 and beyond to you all.

Merry Christmas



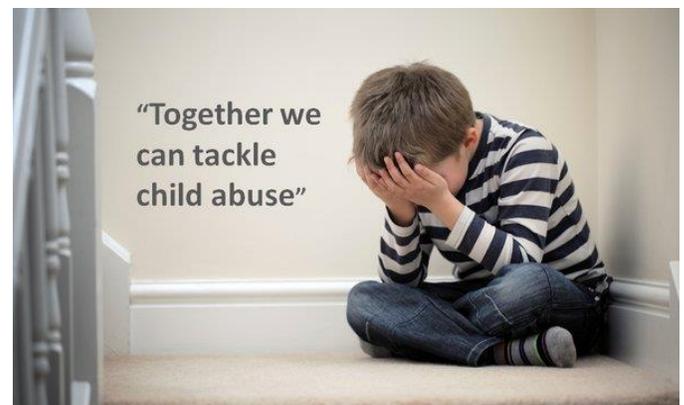
In April we announced our support of and participation in a Department of Education campaign ***"Together, we can tackle child abuse"***

The campaign aims to raise awareness and encourage members of the public to report child abuse and neglect.

It also aims to encourage the public to report their concerns in order to get help to children more quickly, creating a new social norm around reporting and tackle the barriers that stop people taking action.

Lambeth Council, which is also supported this worthwhile campaign, has some very useful information pages on its website which explain what to do if you suspect a child is at risk.

<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/social-support-and-health/abuse-and-violence/together-we-can-tackle-child-abuse>





In April we were proud to announce that Rathbone's *Youth Management Team* won this prestigious **London Youth** award for 2017.

The Youth Social Action Award focuses on organisations that have gone above and beyond the ordinary in their dedication to inspiring and supporting young Londoners to lead change in their communities and their own lives.

The Youth Management Team encourages and supports young people who wouldn't otherwise get involved in social action to have a say on and impact the services available to young people in their local community. This is done through involvement in forums, funding presentations and empowering young people to take on leadership roles within the **Youth Club**.

As ever, we are extremely proud of the young people, youth workers and volunteers and this great achievement!



"Talk to Rathbone" Event



In June, as part of national **Learning Disability Week**, we organised an event at The Old Library for those who use Rathbone services to come for a bite to eat and a chance to tell us about how we could improve and to share ideas about what else we could be doing.



Thank you to everyone who came. We gained lots of ideas and tips for improvement and will certainly be running a similar event in 2018. Watch this space!





A recent successful partnership with **Timewise** saw Rathbone's Outreach Service's involvement in an innovative pilot scheme receive national media attention as Timewise published their **report** of their findings from the scheme.

Timewise are a social business actively involved in researching and developing new ways of flexible working, potentially attracting people to the workforce who may not fit into traditional full-time roles because of their own personal needs, such as caring commitments.

There is a great and growing need for finding more skilled and motivated workers in the care vsector, as more and more people in society need support while there are worrying national trends of people departing the workforce for other types employment.

The report and Rathbone's Outreach Team's involvement in the scheme was featured in the **Guardian**, the **Times** and **Community Care** magazine.



On Friday 2nd June, Rathbone was represented by Shaun Jones at **JP Morgan's Force for Good 2016 Project Showcase Event** in London. Over 100 JP Morgan technologists attended the prestigious event to hear all about the solutions that the Force for Good (FFG) participants were able to create for their NGO partners, including Rathbone, over the past 8 months.

Each team delivered a 'TED-Style' talk about the NGO they worked with and the challenge each organisation was facing. Each team then shared details of their technical solution including a demonstration of their build, before addressing any lessons learnt / enhancement ideas.

Rathbone's Outreach Service Team Administrator, Jacek Wojt, was fully engaged in the project throughout, and it was unfortunate that he had to be out of the country for this celebratory event.



It was a very positive experience for us from start to finish and we hope to be able to work with Force for Good again in the future.

August Bird of the Month



On Monday 7th August, at around 7am, Arthur Hawksworth, who had slept-in at Chatsworth Way, had a very pleasant and unusual surprise when he looked into the back garden.



The Gazebo was still up after the summer BBQ and standing on top of it was a Grey Heron, *Ardea cinerea*, sitting on top, taking in the morning sunshine (See photo), where it stayed for a few minutes.

Hérons are large predatory wading birds more commonly seen around rivers, ponds and lakes, and while we see a lot of different species of bird in the garden, a Heron was something a bit unusual and special. Well spotted and snapped Arthur.



Volunteers – Huge thanks as always go to everyone who gave up their time for free to help our charity during 2017, which includes the Board of Trustees, John who helps out at the office every week and anyone who has gladly helped out during organised activities as well as large annual events like the Summer Barbecue, the Lambeth Country Show and, of course, the Christmas Party. Thank you, thank you, **thank you!**

Funding for local causes



Several local Co-operative stores has been raising money for Rathbone by including us in their Local Community Fund. This means that people making everyday purchases have been raising money for Rathbone by simply scanning their co-op card when they shop.



On November 28th Nadia, Ejiata and Anita picked up a BIG CHEQUE for the fantastic amount of **£4525.84** raised so far by the Co-operative store on Leigham Court Road. The manager and staff were very friendly and gave the group goodie bags to take home. **Thank you so much!**



In September we very happy to wish Rathbone's supported living project at Sydenham Road a very happy birthday and congratulations for a successful 12 years.

Dagmara and the team deliver excellent, consistent support which is very much appreciated by the tenants and their families. **Thank you all once again.**





The Rathbone Youth Service was once again shortlisted for the prestigious Children & Young People Now, Youth Work Awards.

The **CYPNow Awards** have become the gold standard for everyone working with children, young people and families.

Despite having all our fingers, arms and legs crossed for our youth team to take home the trophy but on this occasion it was not to be. Investigations are currently ongoing into whether the result was influenced by Russia.



However, our wonderfully impressive Youth Management Team have once again done us and themselves proud, winning the Best Community Project at the recent London Youth City Leaders Celebration event.

The YMT took home the award for 'for their 'life saver' homeless kit bags.

The group were voted to have the most impactful and outward facing community project as their idea focused on the needs of others in the community and not just themselves or their peers.

On the night the Chair of our Youth Management Team (who is also a member of London Youth, DARE LDN youth board), gave a fantastic speech on the benefits of being involved in projects such as City Leaders and the YMT.



The event was a great celebration of youth leadership, youth involvement and youth empowerment!

Last, but certainly not least, Thank you to all our funders:

