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#GivingTuesday

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Yet another American import hits our shores on 2nd December. This one is not so bad and could benefit charities in the UK.

Tuesday 2nd December has been declared as 'Giving Tuesday' (#GivingTuesday) and this is becoming established in the USA. The Day revolves around awareness building and donating to charities mainly through social media.

Alongside #GivingTuesday a new phenomenon has been created called the #Unselfie. The idea is to write on a piece of paper why you support a certain charity and hold it up in front of you in a photo and share it on social media. Joining the two together can increase exposure.

We could all play our part in promoting **WSMS** on this day and encouraging donations to the charity. The office will be leading the way! Watch out for our postings. Our Twitter account is @Mediation1. Please do get involved and have some fun. **You can practise it now – even before the date.**

You can bet your bottom dollar that other charities will be making full use of this opportunity.

If you take a look at the pictures below you will see an easy explanation of how it works.

DECEMBER 2
JOIN THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT

#un·sel·fie
noun [uhn-sell-fee]

1. A show of support for Giving Tuesday. Take a pic, tag it #unselfie and #givingtuesday, and upload to your Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook from now till December 2nd.

#GIVINGTUESDAY
GIVINGTUESDAY.ORG



Snippets

> **The Office** - As mentioned in our last Newsletter, Louise will be on holiday from the end of December through much of January. In order to keep the office ticking over we have accepted a kind offer from one of our Mediators, Hazel to help Louise on Fridays with various tasks. Louise is otherwise quite lonely on Fridays as neither Pam or Nick are in the office on that day. We normally get a quieter in December and January for referrals. However, last year we had a rush of calls in the New Year resulting in a tally of 33 for the month, which beats any summer month this year!

> **The London Community Mediation Council** held a 'London Mediators' Day' on Saturday 25th October. At the event, the College of Mediators (CMC) Chair, Sir Alan Ward, shared his vision of an all inclusive CMC in which **community mediators** play a valued role. In a stirring Keynote Speech, Sir Alan made a call for greater collaboration within the entire mediation fraternity, and vowed to change the Government's approach to community issues. This is what he told Mediation messenger:

"The Civil Mediation Council has enormous regard for our community mediators; their passion is tireless in their bid to bring understanding, tolerance and respect within our diverse neighbourhoods and communities."

I think all our volunteer Mediators should pat themselves on the back following this endorsement from a person of note in the Mediation World.

> **Thanks** to some kind nominations from our volunteers we will shortly be able to announce details of an Award that we are to receive. More details next time, as we have been asked to save publicity until after the Award ceremony.

> **The Argus Newspaper** – Community Chest tokens will appear every day in The Argus until Wednesday, December 17th. We hope some of our readers will collect them on our behalf. We registered late to be part of the scheme but every token submitted is worth something. Please post any tokens to our office straight after this date and we will forward them on.

(On Tuesdays and Wednesdays two tokens appear in the paper).



Christmas Do

Please all see the invitation below. We would love to see some of our funders and friends at this event. We have room for 50 in total!

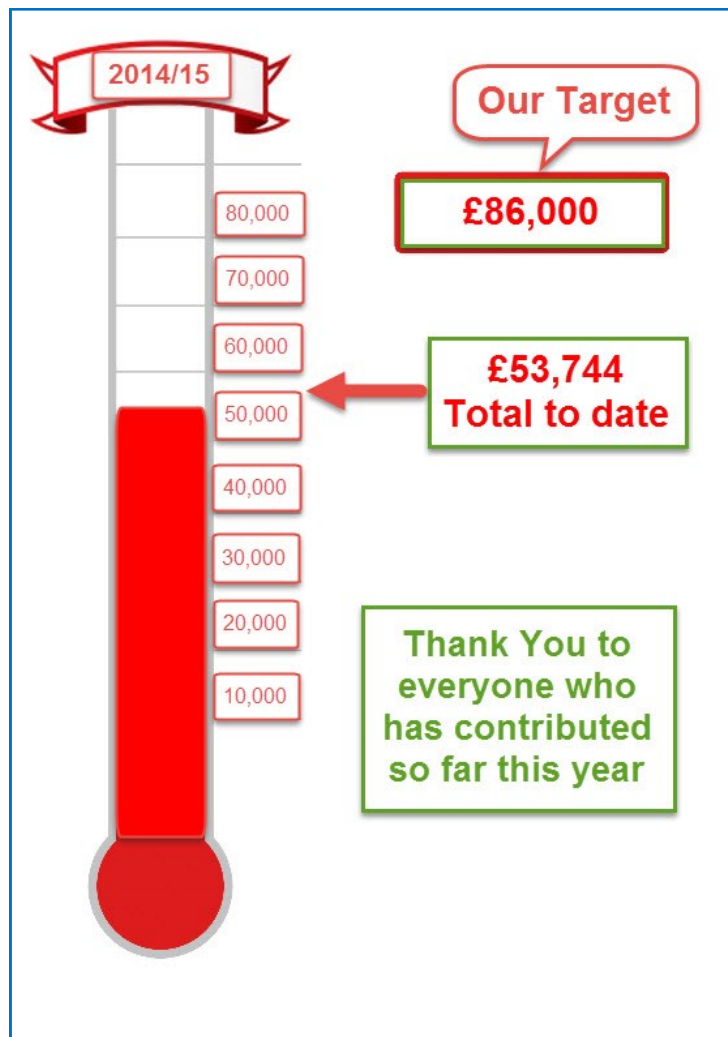
We appreciate that not everyone will be able to attend on the busy lead up to Christmas but hopefully we can meet up again sometime in 2015. Those that can't make it are welcome to pop into the office in Alphacom House in the lead up to Christmas to say hello. We will keep a stock of drinks and nibbles just in case.

	<p><i>West Sussex Mediation Service</i> <i>Special Bulletin</i></p>
	<h2>Christmas Social</h2>
<p>Issued: November 2014</p>	<p>You are cordially invited to join trustees, staff, volunteers and friends of WSMS for a Pre-Christmas Evening Soiree at the Arundel Museum on Wednesday 10th December 2014 from 7pm to 9.30pm Drinks (mulled wine, wine or soft drinks) & Nibbles</p> <p>Please RSVP</p>
	

Funding

Our thanks go to recent funders: Worthing Community Chest (£1,000), Waitrose Community Matters scheme (£124) - Worthing branch, Crawley Borough Council (£1,000 – part payment), Gatwick Diamond Business (Fundraising – £70), Steyning Parish Council (£100), Lancing Parish Council (£100), Saxon Weald (£1,000) and Arun District Council (£3,500).

In the current quarter of the financial year we have also earned £1,876 through paid mediation and £390 from fundraising and donations.



www.giveasyoulive.com/join/wsms

Thank You for your Support

#GIVING TUESDAY

2nd December 2014

#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving

What is #GivingTuesday?

On #GivingTuesday we're asking everyone to come together to show the world why it's good to give. Whether it's making a donation, volunteering your time or just spreading the word, #GivingTuesday is a call to action for everyone who wants to give something back.

How can I get involved?

The simple idea behind #GivingTuesday is to encourage people, charities and businesses to donate time, money or their voice to help a good cause.

www.givingtuesday.org.uk



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