



West Sussex Mediation Service External Newsletter

Staying on Top of our Game

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Our thanks go to our mediators who turned up at the Henfield Hall on 24th January for our Training Day. It was great to see such a healthy turn out. The total number was 20, including Nick from the office and two guests (Chloe & Theodora, who are hoping to become WSMS mediators). Julie managed to avoid being in the photo!



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Many others would have liked to attend but had important prior commitments. We hope to see you next time. Our Autumn Training Day is provisionally scheduled for **Saturday 26th September 2015**. We will be trying to add additional workshops of interest during the year.

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If any of our friends would like to observe our training they would be more than welcome. Just notify our office.

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More next time



Love to shop at Sainsbury's?

Do you shop at Sainsbury's – regularly or even on the odd occasion? If the answer is 'Yes' then you can help WSMS make money from your spend there.

Everyday Fundraising is an easy and straight-forward way for you to raise money for our charity. The process is simple. The first step is to contact **Nick** to get your Sainsbury's Everyday Shopping Card.

Once you have your Everyday Shopping Card all you need to do is:

Follow this link <http://wsms.mblsolutionsrewards.co.uk>

Click on the Register a Card button and fill in the details on the form. It will only take a few minutes to fill in. The card serial number is on the back of the card.

Load your Everyday Shopping Card with a minimum of £50 using your debit card. Within 24 working hours (normally 1 hour) the money will be loaded onto your card.

With 1000s of choices from high-quality food, wine, Tu fashion, homewares, DVDs, CDs, electricals, books and garden products - every time you load your Everyday Shopping Card you are raising vital funds for WSMS without any additional cost to your household budget. **The card cannot be topped up in-store. It is not PIN protected.**

To reload your Card simply follow this link <http://wsms.mblsolutionsrewards.co.uk> then click on the Existing Fundraising button. You can top up your Card or view previous transactions. For every pound you load onto your Everyday Shopping Card our organisation will receive 4%. You can load your Card as many times as you like during the month and there is no cost to you or us as an organisation.

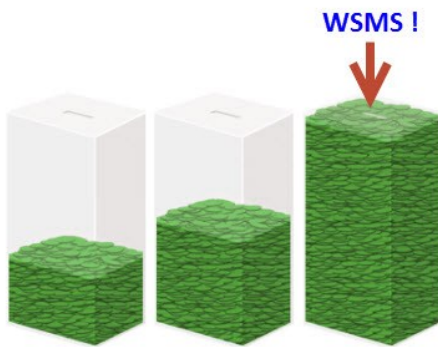
For example, if we as a charity loaded £10,000 a quarter onto our member Cards, we would receive £1,200 over the year towards the vital work that we do – just from doing the weekly shop!

In an era of shrinking statutory funding, such fundraising schemes are a vital contributor to the bank balance. Please help if you can.



Snippets

> Waitrose in Chichester have been good enough to include us again in their Community Matters green token scheme for the month of **MARCH 2015**. If you shop in this store, or know anyone who does, please remind them nearer the time.



One the previous occasion in 2012 we achieved a donation of £160. Let's hope that we can increase that this time and aim to be the tank with the most tokens in it.

Feel free to circulate this on Social media throughout March if you tweet or use Facebook.

> We have an invitation, once again, to attend the Worthing Lions Festival Charity Market on Worthing seafront on Sunday 19th July 2015. This is just before the schools break up. We hope to attend again. If anyone has any good ideas to use as a fundraiser on the day do let us know.



> It was good to see our Webmaster, Brian Creasey, who paid us a visit recently. We don't get that opportunity very often as Brian is now based in sunny Spain, having moved out there with his family. We usually communicate with him via Skype or email. Brian continues to provide us with excellent service, however. (If anyone is in need of Website or SEO functions you can email Brian on info@bcdd.co.uk)

We discussed with Brian one concern we had, resulting from a recent news item. This involved the hacking of a charity website (The Women's Resource Centre in London) by a pro-Isis group. Their home page had been replaced by a page stating, "I love Isis & Jihad" and "Je suis Isis" along with a promotional video, which contained distressing scenes. We were reassured that safeguards to avoid this situation have been in place for us already, plus ways of dealing with such an attack, should one be successful e.g. back ups of our web pages, notification alerts, etc.



Spread a little love!

Please support us this Valentine's Day
Just by shopping online at **Give as you Live**



Go to: www.giveasyoulive.com/join/wsms

Love Holidays?

Getting away this Winter?

Did you know you can raise money for us when you book your travel -

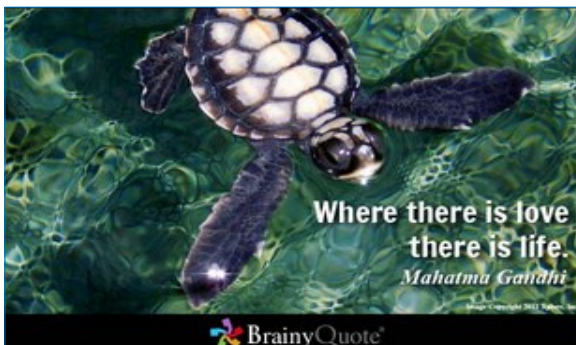
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Where there is love there is life.

Mahatma Gandhi

Love They Neighbour

Because neighbourly relations are the main focus of our charity, we thought that we would try to promote a new social media campaign to:

- a) Increase awareness of our good work.
- b) Hopefully encourage charitable donations.
- c) Help improve neighbourliness.

What we need:

Initially we would like some photo images of smiley people shaking hands with their neighbours – at the front door or over the garden fence. We will use these to hopefully start a social media campaign via Facebook and Twitter. If it went viral that would be fantastic. If it just raised our profile a little bit, it would be worthwhile.

Please do get involved and help us get the ball rolling. Images can be sent as an email attachment to info@wsms.org.uk

Most of us have a half decent camera on our phone. Try to keep the images in sharp focus. We can crop and otherwise edit as required.



**IF YOU FEEL UNSAFE APPROACHING YOUR NEIGHBOUR
PLEASE DON'T PARTAKE IN THIS ACTIVITY.**



It's a Numbers Game

0300 Numbers

Ofcom introduced UK-wide 03 numbers as an alternative to chargeable 08 numbers, such as 0870, in 2007.

0300 numbers are allocated exclusively to charities, non profit organisations and the public sector.

These new numbers allow organisations to have a single national point of contact without consumers having to pay extra to call them.

For these reasons WSMS is about to acquire an 0300 number that will sit on top of one of our existing telephone numbers (01403 257800). It will allow us to publicise a number that will not identify our town of operation. We believe that this will help us attract more paid mediation cases from a wider West Sussex catchment area. Currently we only seem to attract Family Mediation referrals from Horsham and Crawley and maybe stretching a little bit further south.

0300 numbers do not result in high call charges. National rates apply, which will tend to be included in call packages that people have on their phone contracts.

Our new number is 0300 200 0025 and will go live within 7 days