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Do you know a company that could become a
#SmallBusinessStar 2021? ☆

All they would need to do is fundraise for us through sales of their products or services via the **@WorkforGoodUK** #SmallBusinessStar campaign. **Workforgood** will **double donations, up to £250 per business**, until the match funding pot runs out.

By raising much-needed funds, through something they already do, those businesses will enable us to carry on with our important work of resolving conflicts through mediation, across West Sussex

Help make this Christmas magical for our charity – and small businesses will find it is good for business also!

Learn more here: www.workforgood.co.uk/small-business-star



Where there's a sale, there's a potential donation; so here are a few suggestions that show how money might be raised from supportive businesses:

Restaurant/Pub: For every Christmas lunch/ dinner booking, donate 2%.

A florist: Donate a % of the sale of each Christmas wreath.

A beautician: During November and December, fundraise by donating £2 from every manicure.

A Deli: Donate £3 from every Christmas hamper sold.

A website designer: Donate 10% of November invoices to charity.

A dog walker: Give 2% of December dog walks.

A coffee shop donate a small amount for every coffee sold with a sandwich or cake (promoting upselling for them also).



Christmas Events



We are pleased to confirm **Friday 3rd December 2021** as the date for a Christmas Gathering for staff, trustees, volunteers and supporters. The event will run from 7.00pm to 10.00pm and will be held in the Ashurst Village Hall, The Street, Ashurst, BN44 3AP. We have used this lovely venue before, back in 2019 when we held a celebration event prior to the formal bestowing of our Queen's Award.

Our former mediator, Bob, managed to secure the booking for us. We understand that December can be a very busy month for people, but we would love to see you there if you can make it. **Please do RSVP in good time.** To minimise costs to the charity we would welcome contributions of food, drink or raffle prizes.

If you can offer a lift to others in your area, do let us know. If you aren't a drinker and could offer to be a designated driver for those who want to enjoy a festive tipples, or two, again do let us know.

We realise that socialising during the pandemic has its risks, but Covid is going to be with us for a long time. It might be a case of 'grab it while you can', if the pressure on the NHS increases this winter and is exacerbated by flu.

We will ventilate the large hall as best we can and wipe down surfaces and handles ahead of time.

An additional offering, is a **Christmas Themed Quiz Night** which is being organised for **Thursday 25th November starting at 7.30pm.** Please feel free to join both events. We could offer a prize for the winner but there is no way of policing an online quiz, not that we would anticipate any of our good people being cheaters!

The Zoom link is here: <https://tinyurl.com/63uar3rn>



Images of
Ashurst Village Hall





New Recruits



Twelve good people started our Initial Training Course for Community Mediators on 2nd November, including one of our current trustees. The course is being held on Zoom and concludes on 27th November. Our usual trainer, Sandy Horvath is doing the honours.

We have folks from Brighton, Pease Pottage, Selsey, Pulborough, Worthing, Mannings Heath, Bognor Regis and near the Hampshire border, so we have a good geographical spread for when things get back to some normality and we can resume face to face mediations.

Only two males in the group, so a slight gender imbalance there.

We will be relying on our more experienced mediators to take the 'newbies' under their wings when we start assigning them to cases, and to guide them through some of our processes.

This is the second course that we have held online. We had anticipated holding ,at least part of it, face to face but in the end took the safest option, because of Covid-19 infection rates. It also brings cost savings to the charity, during difficult times.

A few of our existing mediators have volunteered to help out during the course, particularly for the role play scenarios towards the latter end of the course.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank them all!





In Remembrance



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



The total number of military and civilian casualties in **World War I**, was around 40 million. There were 20 million deaths and 21 million wounded. The total number of deaths includes 9.7 million military personnel and about 10 million civilians.

Some 75 million people died in **World War II**, including about 20 million military personnel and 40 million civilians, many of whom died because of deliberate genocide, massacres, mass-bombings, disease, and starvation.

Nearly 5 million people died in the **Korean War**. More than half of these—about 10 percent of Korea's pre-war population—were civilians. (This rate of civilian casualties was higher than World War II's and the Vietnam Wars). Almost 40,000 Americans died in action in Korea, and more than 100,000 were wounded.

In **Afghanistan**, 405 British servicemen were killed in hostile action. 49 are known to have died from illness, non-combat injuries or accidents, or have not yet officially been assigned a cause of death pending the outcome of an investigation.



Black Friday



BLACK FRIDAY

Generate free donations for us
when you shop the Black Friday sales
at over 5,500+ top retailers

ebay | JOHN LEWIS PARTNERSHIP | Etsy | M&S | wayfair.co.uk | Boots | Currys PC World | go.com
 Dunelm | Q | moonpig | Argos | Waterstones | NOT ON THE HIGH STREET | HOTEL CHOCOLAT | WAITROSE A PARTNERS
 ASOS | THE WHITE COMPANY | LOOKFANTASTIC | LAKELAND | HOLLAND & BARRETT | JD | trainline | La Redoute

Give as you Live®
Online

Black Friday is on 26th November 2021, but knowing retailers their special offers are going to extend well before and after that date. Cyber Monday is on 30th November.

If you happen to be shopping online during that period, and into December for your Christmas shopping, **PLEASE** do sign up for Giveasyoulive and help earn some much needed income for us (at no cost to you).

Here again is our link: www.giveasyoulive.com/join/wsms

Thank you