

New project

'Sewing2gether All Nations'

I am a freelance charity development worker, based at Mossvale Community Church in Greenock Road Paisley.

Mossvale member Gabi Cullen is a sewing tutor. In partnership with charities she works with a variety of individuals of all ages and abilities including school children, Roma families, and vulnerable women escaping from the sex trade. Her groups make practical items for the home and their families using only upcycled fabric.

I have been planning with Gabi for some time 'Sewing2gether All Nations', mirroring work with refugees in the same fashion as she has done with Roma women in Govanhill. This project will support and teach sewing those with limited English skills, predominantly individuals who are new to the UK, and would appreciate the opportunity to engage with others in similar situations. As sewing is a visual experience, verbal communication is secondary, as she uses step by step demonstrations and can use multi language flash cards.

We pursued external funding, and are amazed at receiving a grant on our second attempt at an application! We are about to receive £4000 from Santander. This will cover costs for three 6 week blocks including tutor fees and additional materials, admin support, travel costs and lunch / refreshments for attendees in the Mossy Community Café.

We are able to start every Wednesday from May 2nd, 9.30am till noon. We are open to referrals from partner agencies, and happy to take advice or discuss our plans further with yourself.

Please note that although this is in partnership with the church it is not a faith based project and referrals would not be discriminated against based on religion, nationality or gender, although we do perceive it to be most likely of interest to females.

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact:

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