



# FACT



## Monthly Newsletter - January 2023

**Forres Area Community Trust** had another busy month in December 2022: completing our Autumn & Winter Activity Programme; planning our Winter & Spring Activity Programme; welcoming Volunteers from a range of Forres Organisations to Forres Town Hall for a Festive Get Together.



**THANK  
you**

*We are thankful that over 45 new Volunteers have signed up to support FACT and other local organisations in the Forres Area over the last year, as well as all the existing Volunteers who support us every week.*



FACT are currently looking for an **Operations Manager** and a **Finance Manager** to **join our team**. *These posts could be combined for the right candidate.*

The **Operations Manager** role is **27.5 hours a week** and the **Finance Manager** role is **6 hours a week**. Both roles to be worked flexibly to suit the needs of the business and will make you part of a dedicated, supportive team that works together to **make Forres a better place to live, work and visit.**

Join us on the journey as we move forward with the Forres Town Hall Regeneration Project to make a space that is warm, accessible and fit for purpose in the modern world yet retaining it's heritage. **Please see our website for details:**

<https://forresarea.org/the-trust/support-us/work-for-us/>

**The Finance Manager role could be undertaken on a self employed basis.**



**THANK YOU to everyone who voted!**  
**FACT** was awarded Grants from **BOTH Funds**. We will receive £50,000 for Insulation for Forres Town Hall and £2,000 for our new Project - Menopause Moments.

*For details of the other organisations who were awarded Funding following the public vote please see the tsiMORAY website: <https://www.tsimoray.org.uk/>*

**We are very grateful for your support and for the Community working together to share the leaflet that we produced to encourage votes for the Forres Area.**



## European Social Fund Employability Project



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Investing in a Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Future



The ESF Employability Project has been running since April 2022 in partnership with Moray Pathways, alongside **Forres Online's** existing **Digital Classes for the Long Term Unemployed**

**We can help with:**

- searching for jobs, including on the internet & on Social Media
- Universal Credit Claims & UC Journal Updates
- writing or updating your CV
- completing Application Forms
- writing a Covering Letter
- developing your Interview Skills
- getting your identity & right to work evidence ready for starting a new job
- identifying Volunteer Opportunities that can help you to get a job
- helping to find appropriate Training & Wellbeing Activities
- supporting you when starting work

**Over the last 9 months:**

- just under 500 people have attended our weekly Digital Drop-in Sessions
- 24 people have signed up for the ESF Employability Project & of those:
  - 9 people have gained employment
  - 2 people started training or education
  - 11 Digital Course Certificates have been awarded to participants

**The ESF Employability Project has funding for 1 year: 2022-23**

Over the next few months **FACT** will be looking for funding so that we can continue to support people in the Forres Area from April 2023 onwards and help them to find employability and training solutions.

**If you would like support with improving your digital skills or help with finding a job, please email [info@forresarea.org](mailto:info@forresarea.org) or phone 01309 674388**

# The FACT Team

We have welcomed **Lorretta Oliphant** back to the FACT Team as our new **Finance & Data Officer**. Many of you will remember Lorretta's positive, welcoming manner and her friendly, can do approach plus her huge knowledge of Forres Town Hall is a massive benefit to us all.

**Stacey Harrison** has also recently joined our Team as the new **Administration and Marketing Officer**. You may have already spotted Stacey in Reception and her cheerful, supportive attitude have already been appreciated by staff and visitors alike.



**Lorretta**



**Stacey**

The Team were very sad to say goodbye to **David Hammond** at Christmas, as he leaves FACT for personal reasons. He made many significant improvements in the Town Hall, both behind the scenes and for the FTH User Groups. We will all miss his calm, thoughtful nature and approachable manner.

We also have been fortunate to welcome **Joanne Barry** as a new member of the **FACT Board of Directors** in November. We haven't managed to get a photo of Joanne yet, but regular visitors may recognise her as she is a Volunteer at the Pop Up Pantry as well as supporting the Cameron Project Craft Activities on Thursdays.



**David**

## The FACT Staff

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role within FACT</i>	<i>Normal Working Days</i>
Debbie Herron	Development Manager	Mon - Fri: 9:00 - 17:00
	Operations & Finance Manager	
Lorretta Oliphant	Finance & Data Officer	Tues/Wed/Thu: 10:00-15:00
Stacey Harrison	Administration & Marketing Officer inc. Room Bookings - <a href="mailto:info@forresarea.org">info@forresarea.org</a> or 01309 674388	Mon - Fri: 9:45-15:15
Janice Cooper	Forres Online Coordinator & Tutor	Tues/Thurs/Fri: 9:30 - 17:00
Forres Online Bookings via <a href="mailto:janice@forresarea.org">janice@forresarea.org</a> or <b>07536 978396</b>		
Euan Kershaw	ESF / Forres Online Support Assistant	Tues/Thurs/Fri: 12:30 - 16:30
Michelle Gillibrand	ESF Employability Project Officer	Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9:30 - 17:30
Lindsey Standing	Volunteer & Community Engagement Coordinator	Mon - Fri: 9:30 - 17:30
Frances Anderson	Cameron Project Coordinator	Tues - Thurs: 9:30 - 14:30
Ilona Wood	Activities & Events Assistant - inc. Activity Bookings - <a href="mailto:info@forresarea.org">info@forresarea.org</a> or 01309 674388	Mon/Wed/Thurs + Tues or Fri: 9:15 - 15:00
Esther Banks	Cameron Project Exercise Tutor	Tues: 9:45 - 15:45
Chris Thomas Graham Watson	Town Hall General Assistant Town Hall Cleaner	Hours depend on Activities - Chris & Graham work in rotation

## The FACT Board of Directors

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>
Joanna Taylor	Chair
Jim Farquharson	Vice Chair
Joanne Barry	Treasurer
Tina Coffey	Secretary
Bea Jefferson	Board Member
Kevin Skivington	Board Member
Lorna Creswell	Board Member
Peter Airey	Board Member
Sandra MacLennan	Board Member
Susan Longmuir	Board Member



# Dates for your Diary in January 2023

**Forres Online restarts on Tuesday 17th January 2023**

**Forres Online Drop-in Sessions:** Every Tuesday: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

**Forres Online Drop-in Sessions:** Every Friday: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

**Digital Classes for Long Term Unemployed:** Every Thursday: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

**Forres Online Outreach:** Dyke - **Wednesday 25th January**

**FREE Cameron Project Gentle Seated Exercise & Drumming Class**

Every Tuesday: 10.30am - 12 noon including a cuppa & a chat.

**Restarts with Mollie on Tuesday 10th January**

*Esther will restart Fitness MOTs & Intermediate Exercise Classes in February*



**Cameron Project Classes - supported by tsiMORAY**

**FREE Yoga Classes with Valentina - 6 week Course**

Wednesdays from 11th January to 15th February in the Main Hall

**Dance Yoga:** 9.30 - 10.30am & **Slow Yoga:** 10.45 - 11.45am

**FREE Boro Darning Course with Kirsty - 4 week Course**

Tuesdays from 17th January to 7th February

10.00am - 12 noon in the North Room



**Decorative Patterned Papers with Dawn - £20 for a 1 day Workshop**

Friday 17th February: 10.00am - 4.00pm

**Booking is essential for all activities.**

Contact us on [info@forresarea.org](mailto:info@forresarea.org) or 01309 674388

See our website for up-to-date listings: [www.forresarea.org](http://www.forresarea.org)



**Coffee Mornings - Saturdays: 10.00am - 12 noon**

**January 7th - NO COFFEE MORNING**

**January 14th in aid of FACT**

**January 21st in aid of the Forres Volleyball Team**

**January 28th - AVAILABLE TO BOOK**



**Pop Up Pantry in the Lesser Hall**

**Friday 13th & 27th January: 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Saturday 21st January: 10.00am - 12 noon**

**Saturday 4th February: 10.00am - 12 noon**

