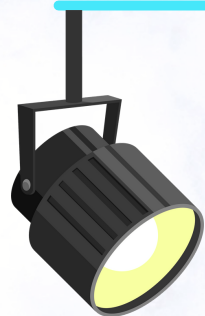


We have lots of news and updates to share with you in our May newsletter. The recent sunshine has allowed us to take more projects outdoors and we look forward to this continuing this throughout the summer. As usual, if you'd like any further information about any of our programmes or services, please ring the office on 01706 345111 or email [info@r-c-t.co.uk](mailto:info@r-c-t.co.uk).



## SPOTLIGHT

Each month, the staff team are asked to select their Employee of the Month. The winner in April was Lizl Donnelly our Business Support Manager. Lizl was recognised for the support she provides to the team and her positive attitude.

Lizl really enjoys spending time with her family, horse riding, shooting, white water rafting, fishing, karate and entertaining 'bbq style' at home.



Thanks to funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport administered through Children In Need, RCT have been able to purchase space pods. This will provide a private meeting space on all 3 floors at our Drake Street base. Here's Bev using the Office Floor hub for the Rochdale Locality Meeting this morning.



Domestic Abuse Manager Jenny Miller and CEO Kathy Thomas went to London to attend the Queen's Garden Party. All of the team are so proud you have been recognised for all your hard work during the pandemic helping service users and local people access online support and delivering food and activity parcels.



Project Worker Gerry took a group of ladies from our Heritage Lottery Project with RCT, Co-op Heritage Trust and Due North on their first walk of the year. They went over to Ogden Reservoir on a beautiful sunny day in May and saw some great scenery. All the ladies smiled their way through the day.



RCT are delighted to announce that our new project 'Heritage Happens Here', funded by the Heritage Lottery, will soon be live. The project aims to organise positive free time activities for families based around the Rochdale Canal and Rochdale heritage. We are in the process of recruiting and are also looking for volunteers to assist with the project. We have partnered with Touchstones and the Canal and River Trust to deliver the project.

## **GREATER MANCHESTER**

### **DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY**

Our Game Changer project, funded by Greater Manchester Council Authority (GMCA), has been set up to prevent and reduce gambling related harms in our communities. We are working together with partners across Greater Manchester to raise awareness of gambling related harms and provide support to our residents in Rochdale.

As part of our involvement we were visited by Jo Evans, the Programme Manager, who had a look at the work we've been doing in Rochdale. She said; 'it was fantastic to see the project in action and to hear your honest reflections of how the work is going so far....I'm really impressed with the work you are doing'.

If you or someone you know is affected by gambling whether that be as a gambler or someone living with a gambler, please get in touch with [hannah@r-c-t.co.uk](mailto:hannah@r-c-t.co.uk).



Deputy CEO Bev delivered a presentation at the New Burden's Funding for Domestic Abuse victims living in safe accommodation event at No 1 Riverside on Friday 27/05.

She provided a detailed overview of the therapeutic programme for children and young people, Safe Space, that we are delivering with in conjunction with Early Break.

With stakeholders from across a range of statutory and voluntary sector organisations present on the day, Bev was able to provide information about all of our services for both adults and children and young people.

Here are some of the RCT team with the LA's Domestic Abuse Coordinator, Wendy Stringer and Community Safety Manager, Chris Highton.