NOVEMBER MONTHLY UPDATE

IMPACT & ACTION
This month has been productive. It’s been insightful working with the Financial Times and Old Spike to provide a workshop on budgeting and finance for our trainees. This workshop, will provide valuable tools for overcoming financial challenges and preventing future struggles.

We have also seen a good number of guests on our bus in November seeking oral health care and GP registrations at the Greenhouse Surgery. We are also thrilled to welcome a new volunteer, Mary, to the team as our hairdresser.

Overall, it has been a useful and successful year for our Change Please Training Programme, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to support and empower individuals in need. Thank you for your continued support of the Change Please and hard work.

To the Change Please family - Thank you also for your support and hard work, your efforts have led to 46 individuals completing work placements and 5 individuals receiving job offers and starting new jobs in November.

Together, we are making a positive impact on the lives of individuals experiencing homelessness and supporting them to rediscover their confidence, self-dignity and self-belief.
Impact Update

Our Training Program

Number of referrals received this year: 287

Amount of people completed our 1 day training this year: 155

Amount of people completed our 3 months training this year: 80
SUPPORT IN NOVEMBER

FINANCE WORKSHOP
This month we have been working with Financial Times and Old Spike to formulate a workshop on budgeting and finance for our trainees. This will be an opportunity for them to learn about financial budgeting, understanding how pay checks work and preparing them for increased cost of bills and cost of living. Our very first workshop will take place on 15 December and our objective is providing the tools on overcoming any financial challenges and taking the necessary steps to prevent any financial struggle reoccurrences.

HOLISTIC SUPPORT FOR OUR TRAINEES
We’re excited to have Michelle, our Service Manger, to help consult within our support team on a 2 days a week basis. She will be delivering an holistic approach in supporting our trainees enabling them to succeed in their training. Michelle will help offer practical and emotional support to our trainees and graduates by focusing on their mental, physical and social health needs. Most, if not all of the trainees, have experienced some form of Multiple disadvantage e.g., homelessness, domestic violence, mental health issues etc which can distract them from making a positive turnaround for themselves, which is why Michelle’s purpose is to build a trusting relationship with our trainees, checking in with them regularly and provide suitable needs that will impact them.

‘Creating this role allows me to help build the trainee’s confidence and self-esteem which is essential within an employed establishment. My approach is looking at the whole person and not just focus on one thing, as we wholesomely care about our trainee’s health and well-being’ - Michelle

After the initial needs assessment, we are able to establish what support needs the trainee may have and find the best resources needed. By working in a person-centred way and drawing on the trainees strength and weaknesses, we’re able to empower them to want to move on and make the life-changing transformation they want to make.
Driving For Change

Total number of guests supported this month

30
We have seen a good number of guests to the bus over the month of November. Mainly for the oral health care and the nurse. There have been some GP registrations at the Greenhouse Surgery and the nurse continues to help as many people as possible.

We have a new volunteer on the bus and she will be the new hairdresser with us and we are so thrilled. This amazing lady has worked with the homeless in the past and is a huge asset to the team on the buses. We are so thrilled to welcome Mary. We know that she will be making people smile.
WE WON TWO NEW LONDON AWARDS

Driving for Change has won two prestigious awards with the NLA (New London Awards). We have won the NLA Community Award and the NLA People’s Choice Award where the public voted on the best community project. The New London Awards celebrate all scale of projects, from community-led to large-scale mixed-use developments, both built and unbuilt, that contribute to the creation of a more sustainable, civilised, and egalitarian London.

Awards were presented across 14 different categories and special prizes, including the New Londoner of the Year, People’s Choice Award and the Mayor’s Prize.
Driving For Change took part in the Lord Mayors Parade in the City of London on the 12th November 2022. It was an incredible event to be a part of and visibility of the partnership we have with HSBC. We walked through the City of London with 132 other floats which were made up of the businesses, Livery Companies, charities, Her Majesty’s Forces, the City Police and Londoners from all walks of life come together to enjoy a splendid celebration of the City’s ancient power and prosperity, just as they did in the Middle Ages.
FINANCE SNAPSHOT

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