

IMAGINE20 PORTSMOUTH40

our vision for Portsmouth's future



Community Award 2023

More than 2,500 individuals and organisations came together in 2019 and 2020 to create a new vision for Portsmouth in 2040. The vision is made up of six aspirations for the city, as well as five values that articulate how the people of Portsmouth want it to feel to live in the city.



The first Imagine Portsmouth community award has been created by the partner board that oversees the city vision development and implementation, to recognise community organisations that embody the city vision values: equality, respect, community, collaboration, and innovation. The inaugural award also considered organisations that have been making a contribution to helping people and communities in the city around the impacts of the rising costs of living. The nominees for this year's award were nominated by the partner board organisations, and the winner was selected by a judging panel.

The nominees are all organisations providing support for people and communities in the city. Information has been included in here about six of the nominees, with details about the kinds of support that businesses could offer and who to contact if you can help.

This year's nominees are:

- British Red Cross Support at Home Service
- Citizens' Advice Portsmouth Specialist immigration service
- Lifehouse
- Moving on Project Portsmouth
- Pamodzi Creatives The Inspirational Women of Portsmouth project
- Restart a Heart
- Trussell Trust

British Red Cross

British Red Cross Support at Home Service

www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/get-support-at-home

British Red Cross, Support at Home provides short-term support to people that aims to prevent hospital admission, keep them well at home and regain independence. The service offers practical and emotional support, whether that's stocking the fridge, making the home safe, or re-building confidence. The Portsmouth service is part of a local collective which works collaboratively with community partners to achieve improvements and access to health and care pathways. Thanks to donors, supporters and charity partnerships over the years, the service has been able to help vulnerable people return home from hospital and live independently at home. The service believes connected communities are stronger communities, which is why corporate partnerships are so important in the work that they do.

If you are interested in working with the Support at Home service, please contact Carole Bayes on **07710 066889** or **CaroleBayes@redcross.org.uk**



Citizens' Advice Portsmouth Specialist immigration service

www.capportsmouth.org.uk

The refugee/asylum seeker journey is well documented. The vast majority of those who settle in Portsmouth have fled violence and persecution. First generation migrants are at a higher risk of mental ill-health and PTSD problems, can feel isolated and alone and do not know where to turn for assistance and support. This is where CAP's specialist immigration service comes in. The service is free, confidential, and impartial and has become a lifeline for those who understandably cannot afford solicitors fees. However, it is an unfunded service, that has seen a 70% increase in client numbers in the last 12 months and is struggling with demand.

If you would like to help and could sponsor the service, contact Phil Marshall at **phil.marshall@cap.org.uk**



Lifehouse

www.lifehouse.org.uk

Lifehouse's mission is to help those outside mainstream society to combat homelessness and addiction, prioritising rough sleepers. They also provide a friendly food kitchen and diner, giving space to people in need from all ages and backgrounds, whatever difficulties they are facing, and making time to talk to their guests about their concerns and the challenges they face. Lifehouse is open three days a week offering free, nutritious hot meals and food parcels, as well as clothes, shoes, toiletries, sleeping bags and other equipment. The service also provides free counselling, expert help with benefits, letters and official documents, and access to a professional advisor in partnership with Advice Portsmouth.

The service needs everything from sponsorship to help with long-term projects like improvements to their facilities to donations of food, clothing and equipment. If you would like to help, please contact Mike at **office@lifehouse.org.uk**



Moving on Project Portsmouth

www.movingonprojectportsmouth.co.uk

MOPP is a small local registered charity working with many service providers to ensure residents taking on a new tenancy or who are experiencing financial difficulties have access to good clean serviceable second-hand furniture and household items. Since March 2017 MOPP has helped over 3,500 families in the Portsmouth area. MOPP is a totally volunteer run project. MOPP take donations of good quality second-hand furniture and small household items and working with service providers by way of a referral process, ensure the most vulnerable residents who are experiencing financial hardship are able to acquire or replace household items.

MOPP need financial support and sponsorship, as well as volunteers to help run the project undertaking all kinds of roles, including for the furniture repair workshop. If you can help, please contact sarah@movingonproject.co.uk



Pamodzi Creatives – The Inspirational Women of Portsmouth project

www.pamodzicreatives.com/inspirational-women-of-portsmouth-awards.html

Pamodzi Creatives celebrates inspirational local stories and collaborates with creatives to challenge, affirm and inspire our communities. Pamodzi is a community interest company with a community of volunteers focused on creative schools engagement, community projects and the Inspirational Women of Portsmouth Project which includes storytelling projects, a podcast series, filmed conversations and an annual award event.

The awards celebrate individuals making a positive impact within their communities, whatever the context. The awards don't use the term winners, as they recognise that behind every woman or girl making a positive impact to her community is a tribe of people supporting her in different ways, and the award is the product of a whole tribe. This year's award event will take place on Friday 10 March at The Guildhall, Portsmouth and tickets are now available.

For more information visit

www.pamodzicreatives.com. If you would like to support the work of Pamodzi visit www.patreon.com/PamodziCreatives



The Trussell Trust Portsmouth foodbank, King's Church

www.portsmouth.foodbank.org.uk

Part of the Trussell Trust network of foodbanks, Portsmouth Foodbank provides three days of nutritionally balanced emergency food to local people in crisis. The project, founded by local churches, community groups and individuals, takes donations of non-perishable, in-date food which are checked and packed by a team of around 60 volunteers and given to people in need. Volunteers are also on hand for a chat over a warm drink, and the foodbank advisor from Citizens' Advice Portsmouth is on hand two days a week to help clients. The service fed almost 10,000 people in 21/22, of which almost 3,000 were children, and demand is increasing.

Fundraising, food shopping and raising awareness are the most helpful ways to support Portsmouth Foodbank.

If you would like to help, email Leanne on foodbank@thekings.church

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