

# Newsletter

## Happy New Year from the Open Centre!

### Baby News at the Open Centre!

Congratulations to our Manager Sam and her husband Bilal on the birth of baby Rayaan! Sam will be on maternity leave during the 2019-2020 academic year. Her role will be filled by our Deputy Manager, Eve, and our new administrative assistant, Sabina. Please note that both Eve and Sabina work part time and during term time only. This means that should you call in the afternoons you will get the office answer machine. There may also be delays in responding to email, particularly during busy times of year. We will try our best to get back to you as soon as possible.

### HMD 2020 75 Memorial Flames Competition

We are proud to announce that our submission for Holocaust Memorial Day 2020's 75 Flames competition has been selected and will feature in the national exhibition. HMD received over 300 entries which were judged by a distinguished panel. Our entry features portraits of staff, volunteers and trustees gathered around a memorial flame to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. We felt that the theme of HMD 2020 'Stand together' matches the aims of the Open Centre perfectly. The piece was completed by 16-year-old, GCSE Art and Duke of Edinburgh volunteer Adi Sacker.





## Helping Children with Loss Training

Would you like your team to be better equipped at helping a child deal with grief and loss?

Leni Robson, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist is bringing the acclaimed education programme 'Helping Children with Loss' to Derby.

Established for over 30 years, newly updated and revised into just 4 sessions, this comprehensive, structured programme will:

Enable staff to identify symptoms and behaviours caused by grief and loss

Increase confidence in talking about difficult and painful feelings with children

Increase confidence and give structure for talking to a child who has experienced loss

Know what to say/what not to say to parents/relatives who are also grieving

The course is £100 per participant. Every participant receives a certificate and a copy of the course book 'When Children Grieve'. Group discounts are available, and Leni can bring this course into your school at a time to suit you. Alternatively contact Leni for dates of the next course for individuals.

For more details please contact Leni Robson on 07717071725 or on [leni@grmspecialist.uk](mailto:leni@grmspecialist.uk)

## New Staff Members

[Sabina Yasmin, Administrative Assistant.](#)

Sabina will be based in our Pear Tree Rd office. She is a first port of call, answering the phone and enquiry emails. She also processes invoices and related enquiries.

[Kulvanth Kaur, Sikh Sessional Worker](#)

Some of you will have already met Kulvanth. She will be hosting visits to Guru Arjan Dev Gurdwara and to Sri Guru Singh Sabha.

[Safiyah Hashim](#)

Safiyah has an Islamic Studies Degree and will be leading Mosque visits.

[Emily Lonsdale](#)

Emily is a trained Christian youth worker. She will lead Church visits and Christian themed workshops. Look out for news of these!



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