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THE DOOR SHORT STORY

A 6-MONTH UPDATE

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GOLDEN HINGE AWARDS 2024

At our Annual Celebration evening in December we gathered to reflect on the achievements and contributions of service users, volunteers, staff and supporters in 2024. Here are the winners of 'the big three' hinges.



HOLLY: SPIRIT OF THE DOOR

Presented to the person that encompasses all The Door stands for, going above and beyond to bring hope into the lives of others. Holly not only volunteers but is also a great role model to her peers and to other young people.

One young person said of Holly: "They are my best friend and will do anything in order to make us happy and I know they really deserve this reward."

PADDY: STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

In the nominations Paddy was particularly noted for being a calm and friendly presence in the shop, and for being very supportive of colleagues and volunteers. Paddy has grown in confidence this year through taking on more responsibility, and now routinely runs their department in their manager's absence.



NOAH: SPECIAL RECOGNITION



A "consummate professional" who "continues to excel himself" and "works incredibly well on his own initiative." This year Noah happily dedicated himself to providing invaluable support to his colleagues. When compiling a Community Profile in a new area he engaged calmly with all the stakeholders and has this year produced an exemplary report of unparalleled comprehensiveness and clarity.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2025 AND JOIN US ON TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR—CEO VICTORIA ROBSON

Welcome to our first ever Short Story. I hope you enjoy reading about what has been happening at The Door over the last 6 months - there's always so much going on it's been difficult to fit it all in.

One thing I must mention are two incredible young people connected to The Door that have recently received regional awards in recognition of their contribution to their community & their personal progress. Congratulations once again to Holly and Ollie - we are so proud of you both!

Another headline was that earlier this year we were disappointed to hear that our collaboration with local Primary Care Networks, part of our remote mentoring service for young people struggling with their mental health, has not been renewed due to a change in funding priorities. This service offered vital support and we've seen the positive impact it can have. While we respect the need for funders to adapt to changing demands, we remain committed to advocating for accessible support and will continue to seek new ways to reach those in need. If you know of a business or funder that may like to support this work, please do get in touch.

After over a decade at the top of the Stroud High Street, it was time for a change so in April we packed up and moved over the road to The Cross. Our new space above the launderette is light and bright with some great views, and we already feel right at home in the new offices. You can now find the team at:

Unit 3, The Cross, Parliament Street,
Stroud, GL51DP

Stay tuned for details of our official open days - we'd love to show you around.

Victoria



Willow, **Holly**, Victoria
“Gloucestershire’s Rising Star”



Ollie
“Young Person of the Year”



Unit 3: New Offices

January was an exciting month for the illuminate team as after many months of planning & patient waiting for funds Isak was able to start his new role as chaplain in Archway School.

In June the team were pleased to host a visit from Bishop Rachel of Gloucester to their after-school youth club in Stroud hosted at the Tin Church.



February marked the start of a new era in management - Chris Scolah stepped into his new role as Director of Service Delivery.

With COO Graham Gill retiring in September, Mary Boitz was recruited to replace him, and joined the team as Director of Operations in June.



March was a time for young people in youth clubs to focus on 'thriving' with many taking part in The Door's "40 Days To Thrive" challenge. During the 40 days of lent, young people spent time reflecting on and picking up good habits and positive coping strategies, earning points along the way to win prizes including gifts, food and even the opportunity to pie their youth workers!

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DAYS TO THRIVE



Like many charities, The Door relies on the renewal of contracts or the securing of grant funding to enable many of our services to continue. Following a shake up in NHS resources at the start of the year, our contracts to deliver remote support to young people signposted directly by GPs are being drawn to a close.





In **April** we were delighted to work with one of our incredible volunteer mentors, Miriam, to curate an Art Exhibition in Stroud town centre, bringing together works by our service users, staff, volunteers & others. Many were sold during the week, raising £1484 for The Door!



May was not only a month for walking 100km in our annual challenge but it also included a joy-filled afternoon at The Pod in Stonehouse, as alongside others in the community we celebrated the renewal of our youthwork contract in the town for another 3 years.



Walking challenges continued into **June** as Isak took on his Door2Door challenge, walking over 60 miles in two days to visit as many youth clubs as possible and raising £1370!



LOOKING AHEAD

There's always something happening at The Door, and over the next few months here is a just a little of what we have in store.



JAM-PACKED SUMMER PROGRAMME

Many of The Door's youth clubs are able to stay open throughout the six weeks of summer, providing young people with that vital safe space to meet friends and have fun.

The school holidays also give us the opportunity to go 'off timetable' with double sessions, day trips and residentials. Full details at thedor.org.uk/summer

NEW 5-YEAR STRATEGY

As we come to the end of our current 5-year strategy for life at The Door our newly formed Senior Leadership Team will be meeting together to begin setting out the next 5.

This is an important time of reflection and evaluation of The Door's services, structures and systems as well as a time for dreaming big and catching hold of new vision for the charity.



NEW CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

After 8 years as Chair of The Door's Trustees, Karen Morgan has stepped down and passed on the baton to Tom Bradshaw.

Tom has been a trustee of The Door since 2020 and brings his years of experience as an academic, journalist and musician to the role. We look forward to hearing more from Tom as he steps up into his new role.

LEAVE A LEGACY OF HOPE

Legacy giving is the meaningful act of leaving a gift in your will to a cause that's close to your heart. What you leave and how much is entirely up to you.

Leaving a legacy to The Door will ensure that young people and their families can access safe spaces, positive role models, dedicated support and above all hope for years to come.

A legacy is simple. It costs nothing now and has the power to change lives in the future.

At The Door we are currently exploring how we can inform our supporters better about the opportunities that Legacy Giving can provide.

We have been working hard behind the scenes to put together a new information leaflet which can be accessed either electronically or by post.

If you would like to learn more about leaving a legacy to The Door in your will, please scan the adjacent QR code and complete the form, or give our friendly team a call on 01453 756745.

Thank you.



"I feel such a weight off my shoulders from talking to someone who actually listens and takes the time to see things from my point of view."

Young person supported by The Door

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