

# THE DOOR NEWSLETTER



## DIANE'S STORY

When my daughter Leanne was 14, I became really concerned about her behaviour. She had started going out late at night without telling me where she was going, and then I discovered that she was missing loads of school. I confronted her but it didn't help as she just became aggressive with me and then she would go out even more.

**It felt like I was losing her, I needed to find a way to bring her back but I didn't know what to do.**

One of my friends suggested I talk to The Door. I wasn't sure at first - I'm a working parent and I've never needed help before. I didn't know whether I'd 'fit in'.

From the moment I met Sandra I knew I was in the right place. Nothing about my story seemed to shock her; she was really empathetic and knew just the right things to say.

I started out on the 'Triple P' Programme, which gave me some strong foundations to build on. Using the techniques I learnt there, I was able to convince Leanne to come to The Door and meet Sandra together. Then we started Family Face Time.

Two years on I have got my daughter back as a result of the support from The Door. Through all the troubles I've managed to maintain a stable home environment - my son hadn't even noticed what has been happening!

## CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE RETURNS FOR 2017

We're very excited to announce that The Door has been selected to participate in this year's Big Give Christmas Challenge - the UK's largest match funding campaign.

We are aiming to raise **£5,000** for our **Family Face Time** project, which supports families as a whole. Each session is tailored to meet the needs presented by each family, facilitating real conversations that address the issues preventing the functioning of the family. Working in this way offers a semi-structured, flexible service for parents and adolescents together.

Donations made to Family Face Time during The Christmas Challenge will be doubled thanks to pledges from local businesses and a trust fund. During the campaign, which runs until midday on 5<sup>th</sup> December, with your help we can reach our target of £5,000!

**Donating is easy - simply head to [thedor.org.uk/christmas](http://thedor.org.uk/christmas) and have your credit card handy!**



# NEW LOOK FOR THE DOOR

You will have noticed that this newsletter looks a bit different. The Door has adopted a fresh new look, which was launched at our AGM in October, thanks to the amazing support from RedLemon Creative who have been working with us on a new logo and brand design.

We think the new look is great for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, designed to work well on social media as well as on the printed page.

Over the coming weeks look out for the new image as it pops up all across Stroud – from The Door Shop to our staff uniform. We’re even getting some cool new merchandise which people will be able to buy!

# QUEEN’S AWARD PRESENTATION



Our Celebration and Awards Night at the end of October culminated with the official presentation of The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service by Dame Janet Trotter, Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire. The QAVS is given to charities which show a commitment to their volunteers, and through volunteering make a clear and significant difference in their community.

Dame Janet commended the work of The Door, especially its team of volunteer mentors and family support workers, for the way in which young people’s lives are transformed for the better.

Receiving the award, long-serving volunteer Shona Ross, said “It is such a privilege for The Door to receive this award, but the real privilege is being able to help young people turn their lives around.”



# TEAMING UP WITH THE POLICE FOR PUDSEY



For Children in Need, officers from Stroud Police, young people and The Door staff were busy baking cakes, which we sold at the Police Station and in Stroud town, raising over £500 and building relationships along the way.



# THE DOOR SUPPORTING LOCAL SCHOOLS

As part of our commitment to ‘Community Youthwork’ we are always keen to work with local secondary schools, providing support to students and teachers right at the heart of school life.

**ARCHWAY:** Mentor in school each week, youthworkers regularly go in at lunchtime, and weekly Christian Worship assemblies.

**REDNOCK:** Youthworkers regularly go in at lunchtime, and The Door team are supporting staff with creating a restorative approach to bullying.

**STROUD HIGH SCHOOL:** Mentor in school each week and self-esteem workshops for students led by The Door’s Youth Mentoring Team Leader.

**KLB:** Youthworkers regularly in at lunchtime

# WE ARE RECRUITING

The Door is recruiting a part-time Family Support Team Leader to take responsibility for our innovative and unique Family Support Service. This includes making initial assessments of families referred to us, recruiting, training and managing a team of paid and volunteer family support workers and delivering excellent support directly to parents and whole families. Call Victoria Robson on 01453 756745 for more details.

