

Welcome



Welcome to our quarterly newsletter, where we are bursting with exciting news to share!

Firstly, we are absolutely thrilled to announce that Jelly, our children's charity shop, has received an Exeter Impact Award. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, and we couldn't be prouder.

Thanks to a new National Lottery contract and further funding for the Wellbeing Exeter partnership, we are able to continue making a positive impact to the lives of those in need through our Community Builders and Transitions teams. and we are so grateful to our funders, and staff who do this excellent work.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us – here's to making an even bigger difference together!

Ellie Taylor

General Manager

Transitions is Re-Launching!



We are very happy to announce that we have secured 3 years of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund for our Transitions project.

Transitions supports people to make positive changes, create support networks, better manage change and feel more connected and resilient.

We will be having a re-launch event on Monday the 12th August, 6.30pm at The Isca Suite St James Park.

Come and find out about our wellbeing and life skills workshops, 1-1 coaching and meet-ups.

To book your free place click [here](#)

Magic Carpet Theatre Trip



Our Thurspians Drama group had a brilliant trip to the Theatre in May with one member getting up on stage to be part of the show! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and have some inspiration to take back to the drama group.

Thanks to The Exeter Northcott Theatre for making us feel very welcome and the Norman Family Charitable Trust for recent funding to support Thurspians and trips out such as this.

Sky High



Looking for some inspiration to support us? Look no further! Our trustee Caroline Lake recently jumped out of a plane to raise money for us, and we think you could do something just as amazing. Whether it's a daring challenge or a creative event, there are endless possibilities to make a difference. Thank you Caroline for all your continued support.

For more information get in touch! Info@eci.org.uk

If you'd rather support our cause with a donation, we would greatly appreciate it!

Scan below to get involved and make an impact today.

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Jelly News



Jelly has won The Exeter Impact Place Award 2024!

The Place Award is Awarded to individuals who have made a positive impact or difference to 'places' in Exeter or the Greater Exeter Area. Individuals may have had an impact on improving open spaces, or helping keep our streets clean or safe, or they could have opened their business as a warmth hub.

Jelly was chosen as the winner as it offers a vibrant, safe and inclusive space that is super-colourful, interactive and welcoming; the sort of shop that kids are excited to visit, and parents can shop with peace of mind that we have what they need, at a reasonable price, and that their children are engaged and enjoying the space while they browse.

Jelly is now open on Sundays 10am -4pm! We also have a pop up shop at Exeter Library the first Tuesday of each month.



Community Builders Spotlight

Do you know your Community Builder? Or what they do?

Our Community Builder's help grow your ideas and try new things that bring people together, improve wellbeing and make the community a better place to live!

Our Community Builders have directly supported hundreds of residents to turn their bright ideas into reality; from planting mini orchards and organising garden parties and fun days, to setting up new toddler groups and Little Libraries.

There's no app for that - The quiet value of Community Building.

Recent years have seen a proliferation of online platforms and apps dedicated to improving information flow and links between people and organisations at community level. A community builder is likewise a source of information, but, unlike a directory, this information is socially situated and filtered against experience. Applied in this way, information becomes knowledge, which is context- or even person-specific. More than that, A community builder is also a person – a giver of advice and sharer of experience; a linker and a challenger; a neutral sounding board; an encourager and enabler; and a demonstrator and a champion. There is no app for that.

Nicola Frost, Head of Insight, Impact and Learning To read more click [here](#)

For more information on your community builders click [here](#)

To find out more about becoming a builder click [here](#).



Family Resource



A huge thank you and congratulations to Charles Hampton and Ursula Parry who asked for donations instead of gifts at their recent wedding and have donated £300 to ECI.

All donations make a big difference to us and the work we do. You can make a donation now on our website or contact us directly to discuss other ways to support us!

For more info click [here](#)

Get Involved!



Volunteer

Join our team of volunteers.



One-Off Donation

By cheque to 'Exeter Community Initiatives' or online.



Regular Donor

Through our scheme you can make a regular longer term donation.



Leave a gift in your Will

Make a lasting impact or remember a loved one.



Newsletter

Sign up for newsletter updates.



Fundraise

From skydives to bake sales, have fun and raise money!



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Jelly Needs You!

Are you looking to make a difference in your community? Join us at Jelly Children's Charity shop and help us create fun & engaging posts & reels for our social media profiles.

Enhance your digital marketing skills & gain valuable volunteering experience.

Or does donation sorting sound more like your thing? We need people to help with donation organising too.

Interested then get in touch or scan below.

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volunteer



Thank you!



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