

Dear Sally,

I hope you and all at The Nineveh Trust are keeping safe and well. I wanted to get in touch and give you an update on the Henshaws Arts & Crafts Centre. Like it has been for many, the last few months have been full of ups and downs but our focus of supporting people with disabilities remains the same. Whilst we have been unable to open our physical doors we have been holding online workshops. These include print making sessions, drama, paperwork, drawing and are all finished off with guided meditation.

Amy, one of our Art Makers is missing her regular visits to the centre but her dad tells us how our adapted way of working is benefitting Amy:

"During this difficult time of lockdown Amy has struggled with the change in her routine. Not only has her daily routine changed beyond all recognition she has definitely missed her artmakers and friends! Fortunately a staff member took it upon herself to help Amy continue with her art work and other projects liberated from Arts and Crafts on the day it closed! Well done and thank you to everyone at Arts and Crafts for supporting Amy, her family and importantly their staff who are willing to go that extra mile to continue the essential arts and craft philosophy!".

The Arts and Crafts Centre is in the process of being deep cleaned and decluttered. This leaves more room for 2-meter distancing and also one way systems to ensure safety of people that visit the centre. We have just been given the go ahead that we are allowed to re-open this week. Albeit this will have to be with a reduced offer due to the maximum number of people we can safely accommodate in each room. We are pleased that we now have a date for re-opening however we are a long way from the capital development we had planned and spoke to you a year ago. As you know we had big dreams and plans for the Arts and Crafts Centre but just a few months after your donation the pandemic put all those on hold. With all the changes this year has brought our focus has been the supporting people with disabilities and their immediate needs. We cannot foresee the capital appeal going ahead in the way we had planned for some time at least, which is why I wanted to write to you and ask whether the trustees would consider your donation of £5,000 donation could be repurposed to support the Henshaw's Arts and Crafts Centre now.

We have been unable to run our usual fundraising events and activities and when we re-open we will have increased costs due to costs of PPE, lower numbers and the use of social bubbles. We would be really grateful if you and the Trustees would consider repurposing the donations towards the increased costs.

We can't thank you enough for all your support and of course I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Best wishes,

Hayley