

Charity No. 1155945

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Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO

We are delighted to announce that our application for Charitable Incorporated Organisation status was accepted by the Charity Commissioners on 26 February 2014.

Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO has been entered onto the Register of Charities with the Registered Charity Number 1155945.

This move began back in 2010 when it was discussed at that year's AGM on 5 July. The members present unanimously agreed a motion to give a mandate to the Trustees and committee members to change the status of Routes to Roots as was deemed most appropriate and to adopt a new constitution, which continues the work of the original charity.

CIO status will give greater stability to Routes to Roots. It provides a legal identity for the charity and is of particular importance as Routes to Roots now employs a number of staff, has contractual obligations with other organisations and may want to purchase or lease property in the future.

As a CIO, Routes to Roots will be able to own property, employ staff and enter into other contracts in its own name rather than in the names of the Trustees. As a CIO, unlike a company, Routes to Roots will not have to register with Companies House but will still be required to produce accounts, as we do now.

The assets and employees of Routes to Roots are being transferred to Routes to Roots (Poole) CIO. The first Trustees have all signed a declaration of eligibility of being a fit and proper person. Members are invited to continue their support by joining the new organisation.

The final AGM of the 'old' charity will be on Thursday 12 June 2014. The first AGM of the new organisation will be during the summer of 2015.

What Changes

- * New formal name
- * New charity number
- * New bank account
- * All the powers of the CIO are exercised by the Trustees instead of Trustees and Executive Committee
- * One-third of Trustees must retire at every AGM but are eligible for re-election, for a maximum of three consecutive terms
- * Establishment of appointed (rather than elected) Stakeholder Committee to ensure we continue to include salaried staff and representatives of our volunteers, the soup runs and clients in our discussions

What Doesn't Change

- * Our purpose as a charity based on Christian principles which seeks to serve the needs of rough sleepers, newly homed and vulnerably housed of all faiths and none in the Borough of Poole
- * Holding of AGMs for members
- * Election of Trustees at AGMs
- * Submission of Financial Report at AGMs
- * Our logo and informal names, Routes to Roots or R2R

What Should You Do Now?

- * Become a member of the new R2R
- * If you have set up a standing order, please do a new one with our new details
- * If you have set up a legacy to benefit us, please notify your executors of our new name and charity number
- * Continue to support us

To donate online, or by text or to download an R2R donation form, please visit:

<http://www.routestoroots.org/updates/donations>

Like Routes to Roots on FaceBook at: <http://www.facebook.com/RoutestoRootsHomeless>

FIRST TRUSTEES

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| CHAIR & TRUSTEE | Revd Pat Southgate |
| TREASURER & TRUSTEE | Sarah Percy |
| TRUSTEE | Gabi Sanger-Stevens |
| TRUSTEE | Susan Gittins |
| TRUSTEE | Kate Mellor |



Lynn Foster is Hon Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Full details of our new constitution can be found on the R2R website under Governance.

We have taken the opportunity of this change to make a fixed date for our membership year from 1 April to 31 March. People joining mid year may pay a pro rata amount to the year-end. Membership fees remain the same at £10 per individual and £25 for a church or organisation.

Membership forms/Standing orders with our new bank details and will be sent to you shortly.

Our Activities in 2014 and Beyond

Now that early morning outreach services to rough sleepers in Poole will be carried out by another organisation, CRI, R2R has thoroughly reviewed our core activities, resulting in a greater emphasis on the new projects and programmes that we have introduced in recent years.

This is a great opportunity for us to concentrate on actions that will promote the reintegration of rough sleepers, vulnerably housed people and the newly homed into society. This is something we have wanted to do for some time but been unable to fully develop because of our outreach commitments.

Specifically, R2R will continue with our twice weekly Evening and Afternoon Drop-Ins at Skinner Street URC, our thriving Holton Lee Outdoor Project and Winter Hot Breakfast provision for rough sleepers.

In addition, we will recruit a Projects Co-Ordinator to plan and implement further projects and activities aimed at helping our clients move back into 'normal' society by providing support, guidance and skills training.

We hope that this work will contribute to the long-term ending of the recycling of homelessness.

OUR SUPPORTERS



...and many Churches, Christian groups and Businesses in Poole and the surrounding area.

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