

Your local care charity and community hub during 2021. Please donate to our Covcare Appeal.



Dear Neighbour

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect individuals and families in every part of society, across the globe, including those in our own Edinburgh community.

Sadly, it looks as though it will be with us for some time yet.

Like many charities and community organisations, the Eric Liddell Centre has had a difficult and challenging year. With our Community Hub and Day Care Centre still closed due to COVID restrictions, we are currently losing around £15,000 each month in income. This means we are struggling to maintain the level of funds we need to remain active.

In response to this, and to avoid risk of closure, we have made the decision to continue with our emergency CoVcare Funding Appeal. Your help will enable the Eric Liddell Centre to continue to support those vulnerable and isolated people throughout Edinburgh, who rely on our elderly care services.

"The Eric Liddell Centre helps so many people in so many ways, from dementia care, befriending and supporting carers, to creating a friendly space where you will find a wide range of activities for all age groups. It is a well-loved community hub and you are always welcomed with a smile."

(Voice from our local community)

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has already supported our work this past year and please be assured, our dedicated staff team continue to work hard supporting those who need us most.

Here are examples of some of the excellent work we've been providing throughout the pandemic:

- Successful operation of a Lunch Delivery Programme for Edinburgh's most vulnerable. 5,458 lunches have been distributed, in partnership with the private sector and supported by our committed volunteers.
- Ongoing practical support, help and advice for those living with dementia; shopping, collecting prescriptions, wellbeing phone calls to clients, families, and carers. As well as other fun and engaging activities.
- Online, digital, health and wellbeing activities to keep mind, body, and soul active.
- Phone support to individuals, carers, families and groups, who need extra support, advice, and contact.
- A wide range of innovative support programmes for those in the most vulnerable group due to advanced age, health condition or disability, or in a caring role. These people are socially disconnected from friends, family and loved ones and as a result need emotional support to respond to loneliness and isolation, financial worry, anxiety and depression, health concerns and sadly, bereavement.

"...really grateful for the wellbeing calls made to mum and for mum's laundry being done. Mum speaks a lot about the phone calls from Day Care staff and she's grateful for the activities and books being delivered - she has been really enjoying the newsletter too."

(Quote from a service user)

Please be assured that I, along with our staff and volunteers, will do everything in our power to ensure the Eric Liddell Centre continues to make a difference to the lives of others throughout 2021.

Yours sincerely

John Macmillan

CEO – Eric Liddell Centre macmillanj@ericliddell.org

PS – If you feel that you are not able to make a donation, you could sign up to support the Eric Liddell Centre at <u>Scotland's Virtual Kiltwalk Event</u> 23 – 25 April. For further information please see the event link: - https://thekiltwalk.co.uk/scotlandsvirtual and remember to choose the Eric Liddell Centre when registering!



Email the team: support@ericliddell.org

DONATE platform on our website: https://platform.nationalfundingscheme.org/eric-liddell-centre/ELCO1 Donate by cheque / postal order, please make payable to:

Eric Liddell Centre, FREEPOST RSEH-ESBT-HAHL, 15 Morningside Road, Edinburgh EH10 4DP

To make a bank transfer to our account, please use the following details:

Account name: Eric Liddell Centre
Account number: 00419108 Sort Code: 80-02-85

The Eric Liddell Centre works hard to change perceptions of living with dementia, disabilities and mental health issues – we aim to show that living a full life can be achieved with the correct support. Over the last 40 years we have established a specialist Dementia Day Care Service, Carers Programme, Befriending Service and Caring Soles (footcare) Service. Our staff care for people as we would do one of our own.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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