

# Annual Report 2018



*Doing Craft work  
with Little Monkeys*



*Dancing at the Christmas  
Lunch 2017*



*Halloween Party  
Fun*



*Aloha  
Hawaii*



*Project clients celebrating the Royal Wedding in  
May 2018*



*The Management, staff and  
clients would like to say a  
big thank you to the  
following organisations and  
individuals who support the  
Project in many ways  
including financially*



## Chairpersons Report

*Hello everyone and welcome once again to the Annual Report. My first task is to thank the staff, the volunteers, the Management Group Members and all those people who give to the Project in different ways, financial donations, advice, donations of time and expertise. We are indebted to you all for your ongoing support.*

*This past year the Project has continued to provide a wide range of services including day care, social events, carers services, changing batteries and doing small repairs to NHS hearing aids, and our very popular 'Happy Feet' personal footwear service. Despite reduced referrals for service we have provided up to 98 day places each week during the year.*

*Lastly it is with great sadness I have to report the unexpected death of Sadie Rooney our vice Chairperson, our colleague and friend from the day we formed a Steering Committee to start this Project some 29 years ago. Sadie will be a great miss to the Project and there is an obituary about her in the November Edition of our Newsletter on our website - : [www.southedinburgh.net/pnp/](http://www.southedinburgh.net/pnp/).*

*Once again I finish on an appeal to you if you wish to be more involved in the Management of the Project please contact the Project office on 0131 620 7222. Motira O'Neill*

Family of the late James Andean, Aviva Charity, Big Lottery, Bright Care, Cameron House Community Education Centre, CEC Health & Social Care, Councillors Burgess, Dickie, Perry and Rose, Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council, friends of Prestonfield Project, family of the late Margaret Fulton, Tom Gilzean BEM, H C Wright Garden & Landscaping, Little Monkeys Nursery, Live Music Now, Lorraine Graham Flowers, Pat Lovelock, family of the late Tom McDonald, Miss Marjory McCombe, Mrs Helen Pollock, family of the late Jimmy Lindsay, NHS Audiology, NHS Dementia Skilled Training Team, NHS Podiatry, family of the late Lorna Robson, family of the late Peter Rogan, family of the late David Watt.

## Co-ordinators Report 2018

Another busy year and another year of change at Prestonfield Neighbourhood Project. In this past year we have seen the end of the Big Lottery funding and so the quest for new ongoing funding for preventative work started again. Over the years, despite changing and adapting the type of services or how we provide them as the needs and the age range of our clients increase and change, at the moment the Council only commission services for people with high level needs which of course we do provide. We however believe and have always believed Prestonfield has been a one stop shop to provide a service for older people whatever their age or situation. As a one stop shop - we see ourselves as a Hub in South Edinburgh for information, advice and services to support our older people to live independently for as long as possible, in their own homes and with a quality of life of their choosing. The politicians will tell us this can be expensive but I have learned over the years it does not have to be. So much can be shared for an older person in a Centre such as ours, meeting new friends, companionship, real support and care when it is needed, and it is shared care - we cannot provide everything - if only - but we can support people and their families to build a real care structure for our older people in a partnership with us. That partnership includes independent funders, the Council, the Health Services, and the Colleges and Universities whose students we have on placements, local schools from where young people come on work experience seeing the real care we provide giving them an insight into a career in our sector and not forgetting the families of and the individual themselves. Without everyone in that Partnership Prestonfield could not provide the breadth of skill and experience which I know we have. In this difficult funding environment the evidence we have of the impact that work and partnership has, allows us to show funders and potential funders our services are much needed and our work must continue.

*The late Mother Teresa said "You can do what I cannot do, I can do what you cannot do, Together we can do great things"*

I believe that here at Prestonfield, by working in partnership with and the support of the local authority, with NHS, with the private and the rest of the voluntary sector we can do great things, we can conquer adversity, we can continue to build and evolve, we can design and run services to meet the needs of our older people and we can do it together. The City of Edinburgh Council is already working with our sector to re-design how they commission services for older people however we have already started that journey and are in discussion with or already working with NHS and other Universities and with funding and by working together, we will continue to **Make a Difference to Life** for our older people.

*Linda M Wright*

