

The Dean Digest

The Oscars Come to Town!

Dean and Cauvin Young People's Trust Host Award Night

Thursday, 5th April saw a touch of Hollywood glamour at White Stuff on George Street. The night included a showcase of three short films made by the Trust to promote their new fostering service, Room4U. Young people supported by the charity worked with film makers from **daysix creative agency** to create an advert to recruit foster carers, to be shown on STV. They also created two more films highlighting the need for foster carers and the difference the Trust makes in the lives of young people.

Over 70 people attended the evening, which included an Oscar style awards ceremony for those who took part in the filming, with Oscars for Best Actress/ Actor amongst others as well as music from The Rock Trust.

Craig, who took part in the project, said *"it was great to get an Oscar and to see how many people came on the night to support us. Dean and Cauvin is like a family and it was a great party"*.

Guests ranged from foster carers, care experienced young people, board members and members of the public. Feedback on the event has been really positive. One attendee, Barbara said *"It was a fantastic event. We were totally blown away by it"*.

The films are available to watch on our website:
www.deanandcauvin.org.uk/news/our-videos



Entertainment was provided by The Rock Trust



Trust CEO Pamela Kidd being escorted down the red carpet by Craig

Our thanks go to **White Stuff** for allowing us to host the event at their George Street store. Thanks also to **Cafe Vigo** and **Charles Wilson butchers**, both of St John's Road, for generously donating to the buffet.



"Oscar" winners : Craig, Nicole, Rachel, David & Matt



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Letter from the Chief Executive



Pamela Kidd
CEO

Dean and Cauvin Young People's Trust has had some exciting developments over the last few months. The Young People's Working Group were central in planning, organising and delivering a Film Premiere, hosted at White Stuff, George Street, which showed off all the young people's fantastic skills as actors/actresses. The event was a huge success which saw around 70 people in attendance. I would like to say a big thank you to all involved in the Working Group for making this happen.

Sadly, we saw our contract with City of Edinburgh Council to deliver housing support come to an end. All our young people we supported under this contract will move over and receive their support from the new provider. We wish all these young people well and hope they continue to reach positive destinations in their journey to become young adults. The loss of the contract saw some of our staff move on to pastures new and we wish them well in this new chapter in their lives.

We continue to have a committed staff team throughout the organisation who work tirelessly to support young people reach their full potential. A big thank you to all the staff for your dedication.

Pamela Kidd



From 4th-7th May, White Stuff Edinburgh will be hosting Marketplace May to raise money for Dean and Cauvin.

12 local businesses will be taking part in the activity with an exciting mix of individual pop-ups. From beautiful textiles, ceramics and handmade glass, to delicious jams and exotic airplants, there will be something for everyone.

Businesses taking part include Rachelle Wong, Ritzy Glass, TeenieTings Terrariums, Bakery Andante, Fermentarium, That's Jammy, Pekoe Tea and Sweet Unique.



Deputy CEO at Dean and Cauvin Trust, Naomi Selim, comments: "Marketplace May is a fabulous idea and we are so grateful to White Stuff, along with the local businesses involved, for their support. The money raised will make such a difference to the young people we work with".

Please pop into White Stuff at 89 George Street between 4th - 7th May to support local businesses and the Trust

Bake Sale



Our thanks to White Stuff for holding a bake sale on February 18th, which raised much needed funds for the Trust.

Left: Naomi Selim and Fiona Liddle, Trust staff, manning the stall at White Stuff.

Every Little Helps



On 18th April our Deputy CEO Naomi met with Sandra Brown, Community Champion at Tesco Extra in Corstorphine. Having been chosen to go forward to the Bags of Help public vote at local Tesco stores, the meeting was a chance to talk through the services the Trust provides and to look for opportunities for the store to support the Trust into the future. Bags of Help takes the money raised from the sale of carrier bags, giving local people the chance to nominate and then vote for charities to receive

the funds. Sandra is now hoping to come to meet our young people at the next YP Working Group, both to hear their perspectives on the organisation and to pass on a cheque following the outcome of the vote (keep your fingers crossed!)

Easter Eggs

Many thanks to Network Rail, who kindly donated a selection of Easter eggs for our Portland Street young people.



Staff member, Linda Westwater-Scott with the donated chocolate eggs.

Searching the Archives

The National Archives of Scotland (NAS) are based in Edinburgh and boast one of the most varied archives in Europe. The role of the NAS includes protecting and preserving many significant and historically important documents.

Within the archives is a collection owned by Dean and Cauvin – with documents relating to everything from Andrew Gairdner’s initial plea for donations to aid Edinburgh’s poor orphan children, to the building of the Dean Orphanage and beyond. Although the NAS is open to the public, not all documents are available to view. For example, more recent history (within the last 100 years or so) may include personal details that may be covered by the Data Protection Act (1998). Consequently, when we receive a request from members of the public for information on one of

their ancestor’s time spent at the orphanage, we are not always at liberty to allow them to view documents themselves. As owners of the Dean and Cauvin archives we are happy to gather any information and have certain procedures which must be followed.

Susan Whitelaw (Admin Team Leader) explains, “Occasionally we receive an email or letter from someone who is researching their family history; perhaps their grandmother was a resident in the orphanage in the 1940’s and they want more information on why she



came to be there, how long she stayed, etc. After they have supplied us with proof of identification and their connection to the person in question, we can begin the search. We start by looking through the NAS catalogue of records to identify which ones may contain relevant information. From there we make an appointment to attend the reading room at West Register House and book out the required records.

It usually takes one or two full days of searching through old documents, manuscripts and registers to discover all the information we’re seeking. The final step is writing a report for the person who requested the information. Although it can be a time-consuming process from start to finish, it’s fascinating work and one of the favourite parts of my job.”

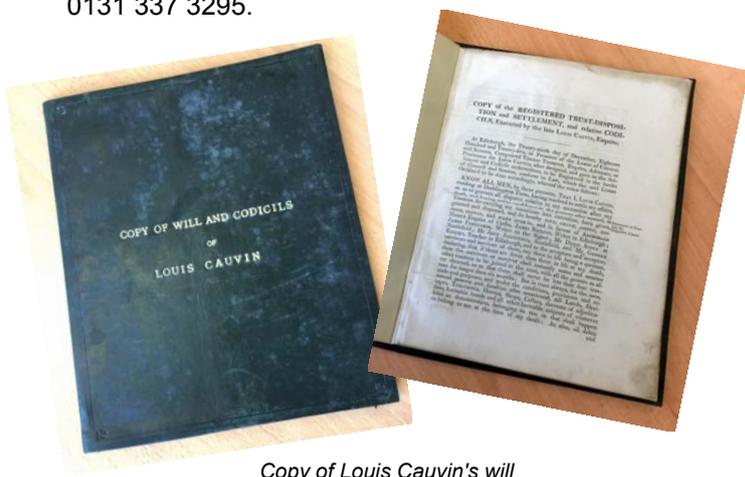
Archive search enquiries should be emailed to susans@deanandcauvin.org.uk

Legacies

Creating a Brighter Future

Over the years Dean and Cauvin Young People’s Trust has received funds from a wide variety of sources. Within our Head Office in Corstorphine we have a copy of Louis Cauvin’s will, which details the funds he left to the Trust at its inception, thereby creating a lasting legacy that still has an impact today.

By providing a gift in your will to the Trust after you have taken care of your loved ones, you will make a real difference to the lives of future generations of young people; even small gifts can have a big impact. For more information on how to donate through your will contact administration@deanandcauvin.org.uk or call 0131 337 3295.



Copy of Louis Cauvin’s will

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Please register to support us today – by signing up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/deanandcauvin. You can also download the Donation Reminder app, which will remind you to collect a donation whenever you shop online.

Young People's Participation

Craig is an active member of the Young People's Working Group, former resident of Portland Street, Aftercare service user and keen supporter of the Trust. We asked him if he would share his experience of being involved with Dean and Cauvin.



Craig - always keen to support the Trust

- **Craig, thanks for agreeing to be interviewed for the newsletter. How long have you been involved with Dean and Cauvin?**
I've been with Dean and Cauvin for 11 years now.
- **How did you first hear about Dean and Cauvin?**
I heard about the service from my key worker from my close support unit.
- **What was it like living in Portland Street? Any specific memories?**
It was nice to live there. It was a safe environment, especially for someone like me who has autism.
- **How are you involved in Dean and Cauvin now?**
I am a founding member of the Young People's Working Group and I am a keen volunteer and a peer mentor.
- **What difference do you think Dean and Cauvin has made to your life? Well without Dean and Cauvin I don't think I'd be here today, as the service picked me out of the gutter and turned me into the man I am today - and for that I'm truly grateful and forever in your debt.**

TedX Youth

On 31st May, the internationally renowned TEDx are running a TEDx Youth event at the SSC Hydro in Glasgow. This event will be young person led, with individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds giving short talks on a range of issues. As part of the group work program at the Trust we will be taking a number of young people along – who knows, maybe next year they will be speaking at it!



If you are a young person receiving support from Dean and Cauvin and you would like to come to TEDx Youth, please contact your worker.

New Monday Group and Drop In

Our Mondays at the office will now be a little bit busier, with our new activity group and drop in settling into place at the start of the week. The informal drop in will now be a formal space for our young people to come and get involved with a range of activities from crafts and cooking to fundraising to C.V building. One of our young people currently comes to the group to practice his guitar! Sweet music to our ears anyone up for joining a band?

The Activity Group meets Monday 2pm till 4pm

A Success Story!

Rowan Moss, our Pathways worker, reports on one of our more recent success stories.

"On April 10th Demi gave birth to a beautiful daughter, Kaisie. Mum and baby are doing well and Broghan is loving her new baby sister!"

Demi is a former resident at Cauvin House and was the first of our young people to complete the Transitional programme. She has, in the past, received both transitional and parenting support from the Trust.

Demi has now moved on to her own tenancy with her two girls. She receives limited Pathways support as she is coping so well on her own.



News From Around the Trust

Smarter Systems

There are some things that haven't changed much since Dean and Cauvin Young People's Trust was started 285 years ago; young people still need a home and we are still there to provide it. One thing that has certainly changed is technology and this winter we have taken advantage of the latest available systems and introduced a new Human Resources management system. Called 'Simplify', it enables us to hold information about employees safely and securely, staff can request annual leave easily and managers can keep track of any sickness. The system will save us time and enable us to be more efficient by holding everything in one place.

Cauvin House

Staff at Cauvin House, our mother and baby unit, are enjoying a much deserved settled period at the moment.

On May 3rd a team meeting will take place at St John's Road, where staff will be reflecting on past experiences at Cauvin and looking at how they can improve their skills and knowledge on supporting our young people and their babies.

Portland Street

Portland Street staff are exceptionally busy and the unit is currently at full capacity. Three of their young people will be starting training courses shortly.

Portland Street recently received a cheque for £200 from Asda, Leith. Our thanks to Asda, who donated the proceeds from sales of carrier bags.

St John's Road

After much change within both the **Aftercare and Transitions Teams** over the last month, we have merged the two teams together in order to maximise our service delivery to young people. Having said a fond farewell to Suzanne Thornton and Holly Forbes and with Richard Costigan moving on to pastures new, it has been important that we regrouped to evaluate our service shape moving forward.

Our new structure will see Rowan Moss co-ordinate the Pathways Plans of young people who have been resident within the Trust and Audrey Gibson co-ordinating the transitional phase of young people's placements with a real focus on working in partnership with residential staff in delivering the 'Movin On...In!' Programme to prepare young people for the next phase of their lives. Gill Douglas, as well as managing the supported tenancies of the Trust will be available for referred pieces of work to support Rowan in meeting the needs of our young people whose plans she is co-ordinating, and Fiona Liddle and Shona Johnson will be working across all aspects of group work and young people's participation!

Council Tax exemption for looked after young people!

From the first of April the City of Edinburgh Council have made a bold commitment to all young people they have corporate parenting responsibility for, through exempting them from Council Tax! All young people who were Looked After on, or after their 16th Birthday are now exempt from Council Tax until their 26th Birthday and this also includes the water and sewage element. Young people will be required to get a letter of confirmation of entitlement via Throughcare and Aftercare. Speak to your worker for more details!!

St John's Road

Staff at St John's Road have been donating books to our new fiction "library corner", which we hope will be used by both staff and young people. We also hope to set up a monthly book club in the near future.

While the adult fiction section is building up nicely, we are in need of more toddler/children's books. If you have any books that your children or grandchildren have outgrown we would gladly add them to the library. Also needed are non-fiction books - cookery, craft, travel, etc. We may be able to arrange collection locally.



If you can help with any of the above then please call Susan on 0131 337 3295 or email administration@deanandcauvin.org.uk

The Trust and GDPR

On May 25th stringent new rules for Data Protection come into force across the EU. This will have an impact on many companies and organisations, including Dean and Cauvin.

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Room4U Update

A successful Skills to Foster training course was held in March, with two households starting their home assessments in May. It is hoped they will be approved as foster carers by November/December.

The next Fostering Panel will take place in July and we hope to have our first mother and baby carers approved then.

Our first placement went ahead in March, with a young person joining foster carers Vicky and Gordon and settling in well. The placing local authority have given us very positive feedback on the working relationship with Room4U.

The Room4U team will be attending a "Meet the Buyers" event at Murrayfield in June. Meet the Buyer 2018 will see over 60 exhibitions from the public sector, private contractors and business support providers. Over 1200 delegates are expected on the day. The event affords suppliers unprecedented access to buyers and decision makers from across the public and private sectors. The event provides the opportunity to raise Room4U's profile and to prepare for upcoming contract opportunities. Also taking place will be a programme of workshops running throughout the day and delegates will hear from a range of expert speakers. A report from the event will be featured in the next issue of the newsletter.

We currently have a recruitment campaign running on STV and online. There have been a number of enquiries as a result of the campaign which we will be following up.



RED CARPET ROLL-OUT

PREMIERE: Dean and Cauvin Young People's Trust, a charity working to work to keep young people from living on the streets, hosted a red carpet event recently at ~~Wills~~ Stair on George Street. The night included a showcase of three short films made by the charity to promote its new fostering service. Among those presented with "Oscars" for their efforts were Craig Richardson, Nicole Mason, Rachael Howden, David Graham and Matt Conway.

Edinburgh Evening News article about our film premiere evening.

Aftercare



Colleagues gather to wish Suzanne a fond farewell.

We are sad to report that **Suzanne Thornton** left the Aftercare team on April 1st, after 19 years with the Trust. Everyone who knows Suzanne, knows how dedicated she was to our young people. All her support was completely young person centred and she was a fantastic Team leader.

Suzanne's departure will leave a huge gap in the team and her sunny personality will be sorely missed.

Everyone at the Trust wishes Suzanne well in her future.

Also leaving the Trust is **Holly Forbes**, Aftercare Support worker. Holly joined the Aftercare team in having previously been a member of Portland Street's residential staff.

We wish Holly the best of luck in her new job and congratulate her on her marriage to Gareth on April 28th.

Young People's Working Group

Could You Be a Volunteer?

Once a fortnight young people who have been supported by Dean and Cauvin get together to talk about the service at our Young People's Working Group. We look at funding applications, ideas for making things better and get involved in staff recruitment and do talks on behalf of the Trust.

To make sure as many young people as possible can be involved, a crèche is put on to look after our kids - this is where we need your help! We are desperate for volunteers to support the crèche, if you are enthusiastic, have some experience with children (preferred) and are available from 4:30 – 7pm every other Wednesday, we would love to hear from you! We are always on the look-out for fresh ideas, so if you want to get creative that's great!

The children are aged between 3 months and 10 years, we have a playroom on site so both the YP Working Group and the crèche are in the same building. We will provide an evening meal, as well as reimbursement of travel expenses. In addition, we can support you with gaining a Personal Development Award or Activity Agreement in recognition of the hours that you have donated.

For an informal discussion about the opportunity, please contact Naomi Selim on 0131 297 7318, or email naomis@deanandcauvin.org.uk If you are successful you will need to provide references and be willing to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Check.



Groups

We recently had a visitor from another organisation attend our Young People's Working Group. He commented on the willingness of the young people to give their views and discuss ideas and he noted that their views were taken seriously by staff. That commitment to listen is at the heart of what the group is about; we don't always agree, but debate, challenge and discuss in a respectful and often entertaining way.

If any current or previous service users wish to come to the group, or to give their views and ideas outside of the group setting, just speak to your worker or call 0131 337 3295.

Meadows Festival

The working group's next big event will be at the Meadows Festival on the 3rd of June. We have been busy away planning a tombola and a raffle, face painting and a lucky dip for the wee ones, cultivating plants and picking prints for the cultured as well as trying to figure out how to put up the Gazebo!!

The Meadows Festival is a weekend event run over two days with music stages, children's arena, sports activities, food stalls and community stalls. Further info can be found at www.meadowsfestival.co.uk. Please come along and find us to say hello and pick up your free balloon!



Meet the Staff

Rowan Moss



Hi my name is Rowan and I am the Aftercare Pathways Worker with the Aftercare team. I have been with the Trust for over 4 years and my previous role was Group worker. My background is in Community Education and I have worked in a variety of different roles and settings, but always focused on working with young people.

I am lucky enough to work with young parents that receive a service from Dean and Cauvin, either in one of our residential units or in the community. My role is very person centred and changes depending on the varying needs of each young parent. I love my job, and am privileged to work with such motivated and resilient young parents.

I have three little girls of my own and when I am not working they keep me well and truly on my toes! My hobbies include body combat, spending time with friends and I love FOOD! The question I am most likely to ask you is 'what are you having for your tea?'

Gemma Peacock

I have worked with my lovely colleagues at Cauvin House since October 2016 and have previous experience of working in a variety of different residential settings. What I particularly like about Cauvin House is the homely, relaxed atmosphere, getting to know the young people and supporting our residents through the journey into parenthood. The feedback I have had from previous residents is that they find there is a good level of independence given when living at Cauvin House and this time prepares you for independent living, which can be a daunting aspect for all new parents.



Staff Tidbits

Ann Corstorphine has now returned to her post as Senior Residential worker at Cauvin House after taking extended leave to visit her daughter in New Zealand.

Gemma Peacock, Residential Care worker at Cauvin House, sits her SVQ exams shortly. All her colleagues at the Trust wish Gemma the best of luck on exam day.

Staff from across the Trust gathered at St John's Road on April 27th to take part in First Aid training. Ruth and Ian from Good Skills Training Ltd delivered a very informative and enjoyable session.



Dean and Cauvin

This month saw our amazing young people take to the red carpet for our Film Premiere. This event not only highlighted the hard work and effort that our young people put into the films themselves, but also their passion to make life better for the young people who come after them. Their lived experience of what it is like to be in care and to access our services is invaluable in planning for the future.

Naomi Selim, Deputy CEO

Want to work with us?

Our website has up to date details on any job vacancies we may have. You can also email us at recruitment@deanandcauvin.org.uk

Want to support our work?

There are several ways you can help us to continue the work we do with some of Scotland's most disadvantaged young people. Please see our website at <http://www.deanandcauvin.org.uk/work-with-us/support-us/> or call us on 0131 337 3295.

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