

Create-Editorial

The newsletter of the charity Create (charity no. 1078672)

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MEET THE PEOPLE AT THE FINANCE REDIRECT OFFICE

We thought you might like to see some of the faces of the people you speak to if you phone the Finance ReDirect office for a quote or an enquiry.

So in this issue we're going to introduce our illustrious leader/director/etc., Tanya Richardson.



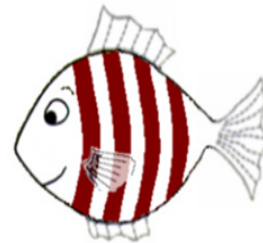
It was Tanya's idea in 1998 to set up the project. Tanya came from a financial background before moving

into community development in the early 1990's, which subsequently led to the concept 'redirect to create'.

Tanya now brings a wealth of experience of both the financial world and community needs which makes her the ideal person to head up Finance ReDirect. It is her experience which has initiated the charity CREATE which is now giving an increasing number of grants to community and church projects.

Tanya is based at the offices in Bedford but spends an increasing amount of time traveling the country promoting the project.

Everybody needs insurance these days for a variety of reasons. Tanya is keen that nationally people know that what has become a necessary but unpalatable payment (i.e. the insurance premium) can actually generate funds to help your local community.



BEDFORDSHIRE HOUSING AID CENTRE

Create has recently been able to help the Centre, which is also known as 'BHAC', with a grant of £250 in support of the Centre's Client Support Fund.

The Centre, which has worked as a Registered Charity since January 1983, has the role of helping the local community deal with its housing based problems. The role includes advocacy in the local County Courts on behalf of clients threatened with eviction, advocacy towards local providers of housing and helping with the completion of forms relating to securing housing and securing housed related welfare benefits. The Client Support Fund is unique to the Centre and acts as the friend of last resort for our clients. Welfare benefits are now always paid in arrears and without the Fund, many of our clients would go short, go hungry, be without heat or light or be without a roof over their heads. The Fund can pay deposits to local landlords to secure a roof. The Fund is not financed via core funding and every penny has to be fund-raised. This is why Create's help is so valuable. The Centre's Chief Officer – Patrick Horn – will be delighted to supply further information on the work of the Fund – tel. 01234 327720