

Community Fridge and Cupboard Board Report August 2022:

Since Taking over from Katie the Fridge continues to develop well, we (including Katie) launched a FREE Membership scheme throughout June 22 and successfully registered over 100 people in the 1st few weeks. We are close to 160 registered members now, who all make use of the Fridge and cupboard weekly, since memberships were launched we have asked the customers to only visit once a week, this has helped with stock rotation and Queuing times.

Having the membership scheme has been better for us to evaluate statistics, see how many different households visit on average each week, how local they live to the community centre, if they are on benefits or if it's just the rising costs that mean they are seeking help.

We continue to run over 3 sessions, and it is working well, we changed the opening times over the summer holidays to be the same on every session, 12:00-13:30, and the feedback has been great (only 1 time to remember and not mixed times on different days).

We have been using the training room this has been very beneficial to have the extra space, and run out of 2 rooms as its helps speed up the queuing times. On Wednesdays we run out of the main hall to its linked in with the Drop In, and that's also working well. Our volunteers all did extra hours for this to be possible and were all very happy to accommodate.

The outside cupboards continues to be accessible at all times and continues to be well stocked, throughout the week. We have taken on a couple of new Supermarket collections, therefore have had to take on new Volunteers to help with the demand.

We have a regular amount in Ukraine visitors to the centre for the fridge and Hygiene bank. One of which has been helping out on occasions, Natalia has been a great asset to us with helping with translations and helping out on Wednesday sessions