

SUMMER 2020

MEETING POINT HOUSE

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WELCOME BACK!

First of all, we would like to start off by welcoming everyone back to Meeting Point House.

We hope that during the last four months that you and your family and friends have remained safe and well. Meeting Point House is slowly resuming activities and services and the following summarises the current position:

At Present

Meeting Point House is the use of office space by Licensees: Monday—Friday 9.00am—5.00pm
Meeting Point Café is open for Takeaway and limited table service: Wednesday —Saturday 9.00am—2.00pm

Meeting rooms are available subject to current government guidelines. Please email your specific request to reception@meetingpointnhouse.co.uk

From Tuesday 1st September

As above, with the addition of open Meeting rooms: Monday—Friday 9.00am—5.00pm and evenings by request.

In re-opening our building we can assure you that all relevant safety measures relating to Covid-19 are being implemented and these are under continual review. When visiting Meeting Point House we do request that you: Wear Face coverings in the public/communal areas of the building, use the hand sanitisers on the entrance/exits to the building, respect other visitors by maintaining safe social distancing, wash hands for up to 20 seconds and avoid touching hard surfaces where possible. Your safety and that of our team is our top priority.

Meeting Point Trust enjoyed a very busy and successful start to 2020. This has been achieved by the hard work and commitment from the team, in addition to the partnerships that have been further developed throughout last year.

We started the year off by running our Monthly Craft Fair and Holiday Scheme in February and both enjoyed the same levels of success as previous ones. The Holiday scheme, which is funded by Telford and Wrekin Council commenced in summer 2019 and following a successful funding application has been secured to run until Easter 2023. Children (supported by parents and carers), between the ages of 5 – 9 years that were in attendance for the February scheme took part in making their own bee finger puppets, flowers for them to land on and also planted their own Sunflower seed after decorating the pot for it to grow in. The scheme provides an ideal opportunity for children to learn new skills, meet new friends and have a healthy lunch whilst not at school. The scheme is aimed at filling 'Holiday Hunger', by providing children with a lunch on each visit. During the last academic year we had 247 attendances, excluding Easter which although fully booked with 120 sessions had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus lock down. For the Summer holidays we are offering 'take away activities'. Activity packs and lunches can be collected from Meeting Point House on each Tuesday and Thursday of the holiday.



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All spaces must be booked and an activity pack and packed lunch will be provided for all children and must be collected from the building each Tuesday and Thursday between 12noon and 1PM. .

As with every other club that has been run, there are 20 spaces available and is being run by Smallwoods.

To book a space, please email manager@meetingpointhouse.co.uk or call 01952 292268. We will soon be working on the October half term programme so visit our website for further details in due course.



Summer Holiday Fun

This Summer Meeting Point Trust in partnership with **Small Woods** will be providing holiday activities with a difference

We are providing activity packs and a pack lunch every **Tuesday and Thursday** of the summer holidays for 5 – 9 year olds to complete in their own home and garden or local outdoor space. Explore and enjoy your local natural environment* whilst learning new skills. Families completing most of the activities may also be eligible for a 'John Muir' Discovery Award!

All sessions are **FREE**

Week	Nature Activity - Tuesday	Craft Activity - Thursday
1 July 21 st , 23 rd	Scavenger Hunt	Make a Nature 'mobile'
2 July 28 th , 30 th	'Colour Card' activity	'Elder Bead' Jewellery making
3 August 4 th , 6 th	Make a 'Wild Picture'	Make a Raffia 'Bee'
4 August 11 th , 13 th	Leaf ID Hunt	Leaf String Art
5 August 18 th , 20 th	Tree Bark Rubbing	'Build-a-Bug'
6 August 25 th , 27 th	Make a Bird Feeder	'Rag Rug' Making

*Due to the use of natural materials, and their potentially limited availability, activities may occasionally need to be substituted

To participate simply book your activity pack and lunch in advance by emailing manager@meetingpointhouse.co.uk or calling 01952 292268

Packs are limited to 20 per day so please book in advance and **MUST** be collected between 12 noon and 1.00 p.m. from Meeting Point House on the day of each activity (as detailed above).

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A project to help fight 'Holiday Hunger'

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During the autumn we said goodbye to both Talent Match and Age UK, both of whom were well established at Meeting Point House. In their places, we extended a very warm welcome to 'Care Leavers Hub' and welcomed back 'Yellow Ribbon'.

Both projects have had a successful few months and have established and developed their own strong connections with the wider community. We continue to support them in any way we can as we do with the other charities and projects in the building and hope that as a whole, we can continue to grow and develop.

We will soon be welcoming the Telford Minster to the building as investment and the development of the first floor extension has been awarded planning permission.. The space will be developed to host a 350-seat auditorium for multi purpose use . The plans are being drawn up and commissioned by the Lichfield Diocese who, over time, hope to engage the local young people of the borough and hopefully, grow their congregation and change the way the traditional "Church" is viewed and used in the community.

Prime Resolution, who provide mediation services will be joining us at Meeting Point House from September 2020. Prime resolution specialise in Family, SEND and workplace mediation.

Our monthly Craft Fairs are back and take place on the second Saturday of each month from 9.30 a.m. Please come along and support your very own local talent bank of crafters, we would love to see you at Meeting Point House.

As we, along with other local charities start to re-build following the period of closure we really do both value and need your support.

Please visit us for coffee, lunch, to attend the Holiday Club or Craft Fair, or if you are or know of a community group looking for a new home please consider us.

Our mission today is as valid as it was 40 years ago when the Trust was born:

'To be the enduring Meeting Point in the heart of Telford that increasingly inspires, connects and enables Statutory, Faith and Voluntary organisations; and through this partnerships improves the lives of others'.

