

## **Support from other organisations for Community Asset Transfer**

### **Save the Children UK**

I am writing to confirm the support of Save the Children UK for Bairnecessities' Community Asset Transfer application. Save the Children works in Scotland to help make sure that children have the best start in life and to reduce child poverty, and so we are strong supporters of the work that you do. Over the past few months, we have been working together to share advice from our property and facilities team, and to explore ways in which we can work together. We support your application for the community asset transfer, and will continue to provide help with fundraising and with property management, if useful during the process of transferring the asset and when you are managing it.

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UK Impact Director  
Save the Children UK

### **Maud Village Trust**

I am writing in support of the Bairnecessities Baby Bank request to purchase the old Aberdeenshire Council building on the Nethermuir Road in Maud. The services that the Baby Bank provide to families in our area struggling financially is so important and having a more fixed and secure property is important for its ability to grow as a service.

With the increase in cost of living the need to have services and buildings available that can support families struggling is so important and if in having this building it enables Bairnecessities to grow on this to be able to help more families in different ways then that is a great thing.

██████████ General Manager

### **Maud and Savoch Parish Church**

I write to confirm that Maud and Savoch Parish Church is extremely supportive of the work of Bairnecessities. We consider that a community resource within the village of Maud would be of significant benefit both to Bairnecessities and to wider community groups in being able to support a range of people with various needs in the local area. From the church's point of view we could utilise the space to offer support to people via Christians Against Poverty to help people get out of debt, find work, gain vital life skills or get to grips with their finances. This would support people of all ages, from all backgrounds, regardless of faith within our local community. We would be looking to run a drop in clinic monthly.

We very much hope that you are successful in securing the premises.

██████████ Session Clerk, Maud and Savoch Parish Church

## **Autism and Neurodiversity North Scotland**

All of us here at Autism and Neurodiversity North Scotland would like to offer our support to Bairnessities in relation to the asset transfer of their building.

This is something that would be of extreme benefit to us also at A-ND as we would be able to utilise the space also and reach more people in the Aberdeenshire community. We very much look forward to working with them.

██████████ Children's Service Manager

## **Home-Start NEA**

Home-Start NEA is a local charity supporting families with young children under the age of five. We engage a wide community of families from both one-to-one home visiting and through access to smaller family groups. This allows a flexible approach to family support in a way in which the family are comfortable. Due to us being a smaller, more local charity, our resources are limited at times. This requires us to partnership with other local organisations in order to deliver the services we need for families within the wider community.

If the community asset transfer was to go ahead, it would allow us greater access to a community base where there is currently limited visibility. We would be able to access the space for groups, community drop ins as well as being able to offer a wider wrap around support service for families. As a small charity, this is absolutely crucial for us, like so many other organisations.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office on the above details.

██████████ | Coordinator

## **ARCHIE Child Bereavement Services**

I am writing in support of the application of Bairnessities to use the vacant council building in Maud as a base for their charity and for development as a community-based hub for delivering support to local vulnerable individuals and families.

As a Committee member and volunteer for Archie Child Bereavement Service in Central Buchan we find it difficult to identify local safe and private spaces locally for meeting and working with referred children, young people and their families. Having an appropriate warm and welcoming space in the community that we could access would be a great advantage for our service and those who require it. Volunteers would be able to use the Bairnessities hub for meeting and supporting bereaved children and young people requiring our service. We would also be able to offer more local group support.

The base Bairnessities hope to create for their charity and other groups will provide for the delivery and development of community-based support to vulnerable individuals, families and groups which will help reduce need within local and rural communities. Being able to use this accommodation would enhance the service and support that ACBS are able to offer in the Banff and Buchan area.

██████████ ACBS Committee Member and Volunteer

## **SensationALL**

In light of your email and subsequent in-person discussions, we would be interested in being able to access your facilities.

We receive some funding from the Lottery to provide Outreach Services.

This includes service like; parent support groups, parent/carer &/or professional training, sensory play group or our self-regulation group chill-OOT!

We have previously delivered one or more of these services in Peterhead, Inverurie, Huntly, Maud, Ellon, Alford, Banchory, Stonehaven.

We now have a van that we use to transport our resources and are also involved in a new venture involving a double-decker sensory bus.

We will be initially visiting other North East towns, but we hope to branch out in our coverage of rural towns that can support our electricity, disabled toilet access and car park space requirements – which it sounds like your venue would be ideal for.

As we are a needs-led organisation and also have to work within our resource capacity, it is difficult to specifically outline what our commitment would be and when, but we would very much be supportive of your CA application and would be very interested in future planning discussions.

██████████ Co-founder

## **Rainbow Rogues**

Rainbow Rogues would be very interested in participating in the use of the building you are looking to gain a CAT for. We are requiring more space to access families in the Central Buchan area. Our waiting list has many families from the area that we could support.

Rainbow Rogues aims to be a positive force for change for families affected by additional needs and/or disability in the following ways:

- Life chances and choices for young children with additional support need to be improved by effective intervention at the soonest opportunity.
- Families develop robust and resilient relationships with peer support networks, with a measurable reduction in reported mental health-related incidences, such as depression, anxiety, intrusive thoughts, PTSD, isolation and exclusion.
- Our FSW support families to have positive relationships with professionals, illuminating the value of professional and personal theories working as a team.
- Parents feel empowered, supported and able to fully participate constructively in decisions and future planning for their children. They are forming positive connections with local services and agencies.
- Families have improved access to information and support for their children, siblings and themselves, enabling them to be influential members of their community.
- Opportunities are identified for progression in employability skills and learning for those parents who wish it.
- To highlight that difference and diversity within families does not need to result in exclusion and isolation. Recognising that equality is a right and achievable with the correct mindset on building connections with professionals and services.

Our service allows those of marginalised groups to be treated equally and access the support needed to live life more easily. Rainbow Rogues ensures no one is excluded

from this service by offering the service completely free of charge; families with financial limitations do not have to worry about how they can afford to access our support. Whilst parents/carers are in the family room, the children are in the playroom exploring and building independence. Our playworkers get to know each child individually, and with some initial help from parents regarding likes and dislikes, they help promote independence with the child. Activities range from role play, messy play, story time and everything in between; snacks are also offered to the children. At the end of every session, our play workers record notes on the child's play providing valuable information to families and professionals on the child's progression and areas for development. The playworkers help children to gain confidence in their individuality and to have fun whilst attending our setting. Our sessions are kept to small numbers so that children can gain the confidence to socialise and learn vital social skills required for later in life.

Kind Regards

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