

Independent academic evaluation of PeerTalk's work becomes more significant as we approach funding bodies for ongoing support. We are currently in conversation with **Sheffield Hallam University** who are inviting MA students to engage with a project to evaluate the benefit to PeerTalk group participants that focuses on their well-being, prevention into relapse and reduction of reliance on clinical services. We hope this will start in the coming months.

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Hallam
University**

Coffee Mornings, Easter Crafts, a Comedy Club and a Horse Show!

We are so grateful to all those who raise money for PeerTalk. In recent weeks we have benefitted from Skipton Building Society HQ having a 'dress down day'; coffee mornings in Settle and Bingley; donations from Settle and Skipton Rotary clubs; a Comedy Club event in Batley and in June PeerTalk will benefit from being a nominated charity at the Wheatley Horse Show, Thame in Oxfordshire.



Thanks to all those who organise these events and to those individuals who give generously to PeerTalk. We value every contribution. Our work budget currently runs at about £1 000 per week! Some of this is currently funded by The Tudor Trust and The Allen Lane Foundation and we work hard seeking ongoing funding. We remain grateful to The Methodist Church who additionally currently fund the post of CEO. The smaller donations are as vital as bigger ones.

Gateshead

A new PeerTalk group launches at Bensham Grove Community Centre on 13 May, with eight new facilitators joining three from the former Whickham group.

Bordon and Guildford

The Southern training event was postponed until 6th July and the new Bordon support group will now start later that month. We are working on recruiting a few more volunteers for both Guildford and Bordon groups.

NHS NHS Lancashire Care Foundation Trust have included PeerTalk in their Recovery College prospectus and have recently agreed to pay the venue costs for our Preston groups. We are working with LCFT in planning for further PeerTalk groups in Lancashire

Trustee Profile



Jeremy Foster has been a trustee since October 2017. Prior to his retirement Jeremy was an Area Corporate Director with HSBC.

Jeremy oversees PeerTalk's financial policies and management. Jeremy enjoys walking and has completed both the South West Coastal Path and most recently The Pennine Way.

For further information about groups, volunteering and donating go to www.peertalk.org.uk

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