



# mediation Hertfordshire Volunteer News

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### Wellbeing

Mediation Hertfordshire is 21 this summer and in this “coming of age” year we have adopted the theme of Wellbeing to help spread our message about the benefits of conflict resolution for both individuals and communities. We have been delivering training to NHS Trusts and are looking to work more closely with health providers in Herts. Look out for events and developments by following us on Twitter @Mediation\_Herts.

### AGM : Save the Date - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - 6pm-8pm

Please join us at our AGM this year. We would love you to hear how your contribution is making such a difference in Hertfordshire through the broad span of our work. Your ideas and thoughts are vital to help inspire future developments plus it will be a great opportunity to spend time socially with fellow mediators. The event will begin with a drinks reception and a light buffet, we will also be joined by a guest speaker who will speak on our theme of Wellbeing. More details and your invitation to follow but please do save the date!

### Dacorum Contract Extension

We are delighted to share with you that our three-year Contract with DBC has been extended for a further two years from December 2019. This is largely thanks to the huge effort that mediators go to, both in conducting the ever-increasing number of mediations in all their complexities and when obtaining the evaluation information that is so important to those who fund us. Sincere thanks to you for making this possible.

### Peer Mediation

Between January and March 2019, 12 schools and almost 200 children benefited from our Peer Mediation Programme. Teaching children the life skills of conflict resolution is as intensive as it is rewarding, and our sincere gratitude goes to all those volunteers who trained for this project and have since been involved with its delivery.

### New Contract – Welwyn and Hatfield

We are pleased to be able to report to you that we have just signed a one-year Contract with new partners Welwyn and Hatfield Borough Council to carry out mediation and conflict coaching cases for residents of the Borough from April 2019.

### Survey Results & Training

Thanks to all of you who completed the Volunteer Survey circulated in January. We are busy devising new training events and are planning an in depth look at family mediation in recognition of the often complex nature of these cases.

### Summer Social Event : Save the Date 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Following on from the success of last year’s afternoon tea and in response to your requests for more social gatherings, we are planning a Summer get together on the afternoon of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, from 5pm. More details to follow but once again, please save the date!

*Best wishes, Victoria,* CEO, Mediation Hertfordshire.