



Project to establish a Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre in Henley and surrounding areas

Vacancy for a Debt Centre Manager

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) provides free debt help in local community groups across the UK. They offer individuals-in-need free services, run in partnership with local churches, to provide practical and emotional support and show people that there is always hope.

A typical CAP client is a person facing severe debt, often with the threat of bailiffs, eviction and looming bankruptcy. A CAP intervention can help the person restructure all their debts, obtain a repayment schedule at beneficial interest rates over a far longer period than ordinarily available and so help restore financial stability to their household.

CAP is a National Charity with a strong regional base in most areas of the UK, including nearby Reading, Marlow and Wallingford, but does not yet operate in Henley and surrounding areas, including Harpsden and Shiplake. Henley's community & food bank charity NOMAD and Citizen's Advice Bureau have both endorsed the urgent need for a local Henley based CAP Debt Centre to be established to help support those in need.

There is support in principle from a number of the local Churches in Henley, who are carefully working through the local procedures within their churches to commit spiritually & financially to the project. Anglicans, Baptists and United Reform Church are all co-operating to make this project a reality. Generous support has also been given in the form of a Trust Fund grant and other fundraising efforts to pay the initial salary costs.

We are now actively seeking a candidate to fill the paid part-time role (2 to 2.5 days a week) of Debt Centre Manager. This vacancy is being circulated within all the local Churches and charities. Parishioners are asked to help spread the word. Candidates are welcome from any area, but they must be practicing Christians. There is no requirement for the client receiving this debt support to be or to become a Christian

Potential applicants are encouraged to register their initial interest by the end of March 2022. Meeting this deadline will enable the chosen candidate to receive the essential training (Free of Charge) from CAP to become operational. Otherwise, a delay will be incurred until the Autumn, when CAP are running the next set of training courses

For more information or to register initial interest as a candidate, please contact in the first instance Terry Grouk, of St Mary's Church, Henley: terrygrouk@icloud.com or mobile: 07768610213