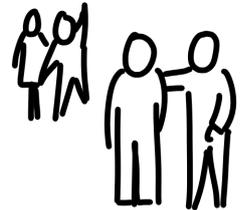




Check out our new friendship blog !



Visit <https://www.edg-sco.org/blog>



In lockdown the **Belonging Network** is producing a blog where we share people's ideas and opinions about friendship. So far we have had a Story from Steve about friendship, a video from Alexander about his 'friendship to do list' and a short interview with Frances about what friendship means to her.

We would love to hear from you if you would like to share a picture, a poem, a story, video or if you would like us to interview you about friendship. Get in touch with Gillian gillian@edg-sco.org or leave a message on 0131 476 0522.



**Our First online Belonging Network meetings!
28th May and 4th June @2pm**

In this newsletter you will find an invitation to our Belonging Network meetings on Zoom. Please get in touch with Gillian if you'd like to join in: gillian@edg-sco.org. It would be great to see you there!

Lockdown Stories

Thank you to all the people who sent us photos and told us what they have been doing while at home or on their permitted 'exercise' walks. We have loved hearing your stories.



I have been out walking near my house along the Union Canal. One sunny day recently i saw these lovely swans and their new baby cygnets. I managed to take this photo before they swam off.

I have also been reading books and keeping in touch with friends and family by phone and video calls.

Fee Henderson

I have been out in the garden exercising. I have also been having a good time doing Zoom video calls with my friends. I'm ready for this all to end now though and get back to normal!

Joe Pomphrey





Jane Wicksted told us she has been doing lots of arts and crafts while being at home. She has also been designing t shirts in lovely bright colours. Great job Jane! We love these. When are you taking orders?!



I spent the first few weeks doing a jigsaw of Waterloo Station. It is finished at last!
I have also been going out for a walk most days and sitting in the garden when it is sunny reading my book - Paul O'Grady's autobiography - it's very good.
I also really enjoy colouring in and have been doing that in the evenings.
Unfortunately my visit to see my sister in Chicago had to be postponed at Easter. I am looking forward to visiting her again when things are better. In the meantime we have phone calls every week.

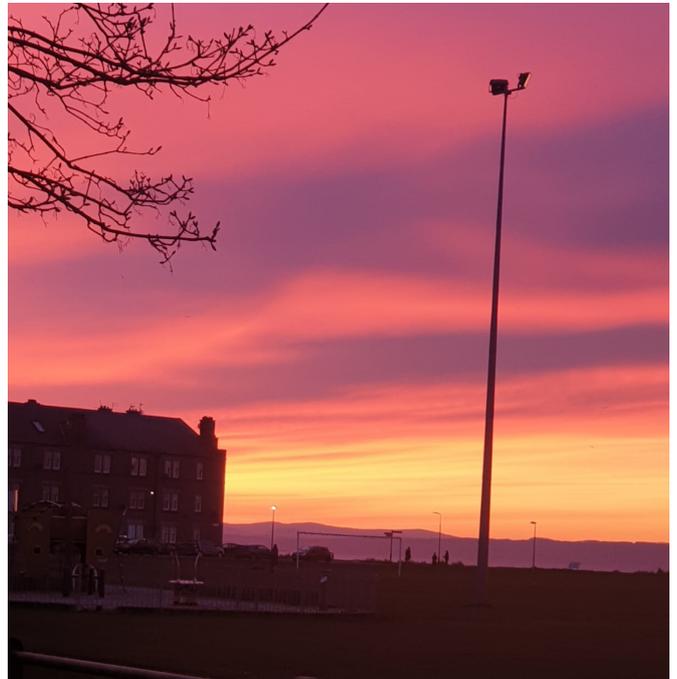
Frances MacDonald

Lockdown Stories continued....



Our friend **Stella Reid** has taken up knitting again after many years and has been enjoying it. She has also had some lovely days sitting in the garden in the sunshine. Stella said she has been doing manicures trying some new colours. A new career beckons after lockdown Stella!

Maureen Martin gave us this lovely photo. She said 'It is lovely that the nights are getting longer during this lockdown period. In late April we were blessed with warm days and sunny evenings. As my treat each day and as my once a day exercise time I enjoyed an evening walk with my dog and catching the moment the sun set across Musselburgh's coastline. Just then, dreaming of the day when lockdown is a vague memory remembered with friends sharing a meal and their company.



Are you even in lockdown if you haven't baked a banana bread? The EDG team have been busy baking theirs! Here are two efforts from **Hels** and **Magdalen**.

Keep sending us your lockdown stories to hels@edg-sco.org

Planning for the future



At EDG we have been trying to support people to think about the future even during this difficult time of Coronavirus.

Some families have been able to access funding through the Independent Living Fund (Scotland) to help their young people plan for life after school.

We recently carried out our first planning session by Zoom video calling. We shared the questions in advance and this worked well as the young man and his family came prepared with thoughts and ideas. It is a different way of planning than we usually do and might not work for everyone but for some people this may still be an exciting way to think about the future and will keep things moving for people even during this uncertain time.

Are you looking for support to plan for your future after school?

Would you like support to plan for your young person's next steps?

Contact Claire 07713355460 she will support you to get funding from the ILF and then EDG can help you with the plan - even in Lockdown!



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Dates for your diary...

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**Belonging Network Zoom
Friendship get together**

