



# THE BOX

## WINTER NEWSLETTER 2010

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“SERVING  
YOUNG  
PEOPLE IN  
EPPING”

- **Social Space**
- **Information Point**
- **Education Centre**
- **Counselling**

**What the  
young people  
say:**

“If only The  
Box was  
bigger”

“Can we have  
a recording  
studio?”

## Breaking New Ground

### ONE SMALL STEP NEXT DOOR, ONE GIANT LEAP FOR THE BOX!

As announced at our recent supporters' evening in December, The Box will be moving to bigger and better High Street premises in April 2010.

The Box will move to the premises directly next door, currently the Portrait Studio. These premises are almost twice the size of our existing space and will allow additional smaller rooms and areas alongside a large open social space.

For some time now, Trustees have been considering the need for a larger space to allow the growing work to continue to develop.



Our existing services, established over the last 5 years, are naturally growing as more young people and partner agencies make use of them. Staff, Trustees and young people have had many other new and exciting ideas for how our service could grow. It has become increasingly obvious that for this to happen, our current venue, opened in May

2005, will not be big enough. When larger, suitable High Street premises became available, Trustees, staff and volunteers were asked to pray for direction and wisdom concerning a possible move. As a result, we believe God is moving us forward in faith to allow the services we provide to grow and develop further.

Although there is obviously an increase in rent, the cost per square foot will be considerably less than we are currently paying. The additional space will also enable us to attract more funding as we increase our range of services.

A more suitable counselling room with better confidential access and waiting area

A separate meeting space for workshops and educational activities

A larger office to accommodate a new admin worker and second staff desk

A second small area for confidential consultation and interviews

Here are some of the ways we believe new premises will make growth possible:

A front social area open for drop-in without disturbing other structured activities.

A soundproof area for music tuition, Creativity and experimenting with digital music technology

A kitchen to aid the teaching of independent living and catering skills

A toilet suitable for young people with a disability

# 'Fivers' Going Forward

Our regular financial support remains our most valuable source of income. It helps us to budget better, to ensure salaries are paid on time and rent payments are met in full.

Thank you to all our supporters who have committed to giving a monthly amount. Our target of 500 givers of £5 was designed to help us to pay our rent on High Street premises—our biggest expenditure but one of our biggest assets: a prime position ensuring an accessible, attractive and safe venue at the heart of our community. We still aim to meet our

target of 500 givers of £5 a month, and if all those fivers were gift aided, along with our regular fundraising events, our new rent would also be covered



by this target. We currently receive 290 £5 pledges each month from members of the local churches, schools and the community and we would love to see this reach 500 by September 2010.

## Handy with a paintbrush or a hammer?

Can you give some time or skills to help The Box move?

We are looking for a team of volunteers who would be willing to help us move furniture and equipment across to the new premises and help to paint and decorate.

Help will be needed from 1st—16th April, both weekends and weekdays. If you are available during this time and would like to be part of the team, please contact The Box on 01992 577 300 or email [info@theboxeppling.org.uk](mailto:info@theboxeppling.org.uk) as soon as possible.

Good coffee and company guaranteed!

## A New Home Gift?

We would like to offer a big THANK YOU to all our supporters who bought from the gift catalogue over Christmas, raising almost £1,000 and boosting many of the different areas of our work. Your support is vital and ensures that the services we provide for young people continue and grow. Many of our supporters have said that they like being able to give in this way to specific areas of the work. So, we have enclosed an updated catalogue with this news letter. Please pass it on

to anyone you know who might be interested in supporting our work.



Or maybe you would like to give us a 'new home gift' for our new premises? You might choose to forego a chocolate egg or a few packets of hot cross buns this Easter for a tin of paint, a bunch of leaflets or a few new songs for our juke box?



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