



# The Slice

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## Welcome

Not bagged your place at Ignite 2016 yet? Putting off making the decision whether to come? Think it'll be hours of your life you'll never get back?! Think again.

If you want to be part of the conversation about where we're going, [that conversation starts at Ignite](#). If you want to know how our services are being developed to meet a changing world, we want you to be there. You're an important part of that conversation.

Ignite 2016 is different. For a start, it's a one-day pop-in, pop-out event designed to fit around all our busy lives. Doors open at 3pm with the main events taking place between 3.30pm and 5pm. Then you choose whether or not to stay for the later exhibitions, complimentary food, music and a bar - not to mention an exclusive UK premiere of the fascinating film *Hush*.

Amongst our speakers we have broadcaster and journalist Caroline Farrow, a prolife mother of five, Ed Smith from the Alliance of Prolife Students launching our new Life Youth Board and talented speaker & journalist Cora Sherlock alongside NI's Marion Woods. We also have a brand new film to show you about Life and Birmingham's Bishop Byrne will be endorsing our 're-birth'.

It's the best (and most enjoyable) way to find out about our exciting new plans to make sure that Life goes beyond survival, and thrives by adapting to a changing world. It will be fun, fast, exciting and informative and we think that you will [#leaveinspired](#).

Booking is quick and easy. Just visit [www.ignitelife.org.uk](http://www.ignitelife.org.uk) to bag your place.

**Stephen Sharpe, CEO**



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## Thank-a-Colleague!

Doncaster Shop Manager, Margaret Richards, spent all Easter painting the shop instead of putting her feet up and relaxing. She enlisted the help of her sons to help her decorate this rather massive shop! Thank you!

**Eireann Janssens, Retail**





## Housing

### Mayor's visit to Northampton Life house

On 26 April, the Northampton Life house was visited by the Mayor. "The day was a great success. With support from the Life group, volunteers came along and cooked some delicious Indian food, biscuits and cakes," explained Sue Beades, Regional Manager. "One of our tenants, Helena, presented the Mayor with a beautiful bunch of flowers."

The Mayor plans to continue her support of the house. "She was very impressed with the service we offer and has asked us to provide her with a wish list."

**“ Thanks to Support Worker Ellen Rufus and everyone involved in making the day such a success. ”**

## Hello & welcome to:

**Sarah Jane Wright – Chertsey**, Support Worker

**Niamh Stewart – Woking**, Support Worker

**Michelle Durand – Taunton**, Support Worker

## Your views matter



A few issues ago we asked for your views to inform Life's way forward by sending out a questionnaire. Many thanks to all of you who responded – here is a summary of what you said:

### How important do you think an online care offer is to our future?

Of total responses, 30% think it is 'Absolutely crucial', 56% think that it is 'Important' and 13% think that it 'Would be nice'.

And thank you for the many varied suggestions of what online services you want to see.

### How important is partnership working to our future?

Of total responses, 65% of you think that partnership working is 'Absolutely crucial' to our success and 34% think that it is 'Important'.

And thanks for the long lists of potential and existing network partners.

### Should we be targeting our services to women who have made an appointment to have an abortion?

**23%** - Definitely

**41%** - Yes

**23%** - Not sure

**9%** - I don't think we should

**4%** - Definitely not

**In response to this statement: "Working at a regional level is more effective than how we are working at the moment."**

**35%** - Strongly agree

**32%** - Agree

**25%** - Not really sure

**4%** - Disagree

**4%** - Strongly disagree

**Stuart Cowie, Communications**







## Fire in Littlehampton

On Friday 1 April, I'd arrived home after my day as a Support Worker at the Littlehampton Life house when I got a phone call from one of my tenants, 17-year-old Danielle Golding (pictured), saying a fire had broken out next door. She assured me that the Fire Service were on their way.

When I returned to the Life house I accounted for all tenants and children and nobody was allowed into the houses either side of the fire. There were four fire engines and police tackling the blaze. The flames were roaring towards the sky from the flat roof extension of the terraced house next door, very close to our kitchen roof.

When the fire was out the Fire Officers took the tiles off our kitchen roof to see if the fire had spread into our property. Two hours later, all was declared safe for entry. We were so thankful that nobody was hurt and everybody was safe. It's taken about a week, however, to get rid of the smoky smell in the house.

We were told the cause was an electrical fire from next door's flat roof extension and, although the incident shook us all, I believe the tenants have learned a very useful Life Skill. We have discussed the issue and all have taken on board the importance of fire safety.

Danielle has been commended on her quick actions which saved the Littlehampton Life House.

**Denise Cottingham, Senior Support Worker, Littlehampton House.**

## Thanks to the Hilton Hotel!

If you're one of those people who just has to take all the little bottles of shampoo, shower gel and body lotion home from a hotel stay, you'll appreciate this story! Life has received yet another donation of toiletries from the Hilton Hotel. "I was contacted through the Slough Business Community Partnership, with whom we work closely, asking if our clients could use these products," explains Karen Newman, Senior Support Worker.

"We decanted the toiletries into smaller bottles we bought from eBay and they now stand proudly in bathrooms at both Slough houses. All the products get used saving the tenants from buying shampoo, conditioner, shower gel and body lotion. We've also received Easter egg donations from Mars - again through SBCP"



## St George's Day Fun



Rugby Life Shop organised a tombola event in the town centre on St George's Day. "We sold one balloon sword and two tombola tickets every four minutes," says Brett Scott, Deputy Shop Manager (pictured above). "We were lucky to have the horse and knight outside the shop all day. We had lots of fun and the kids loved it. "Well done to the Rugby team.



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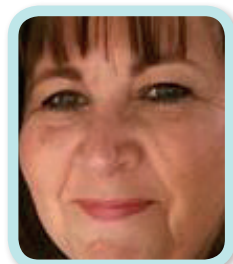
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