

LEADING LIGHTS

Name: Peter Hitchin

Job title: Administrator

Organisation:

Mediation & Community Support (MACS)



A brief outline of the organisation:

MACS through mediation offers a means of solving disputes that empowers those involved in conflict to reach their own workable solutions. MACS started off life as a voluntary organisation in 1999 by offering mediation to individuals and communities in Leamington. Lottery funding has enabled us to expand the service to a wider geographical area covering most of South Warwickshire. We have also been able to develop other aspects of mediation including working with children in schools, workplace mediation, parent/child mediation and using mediation to help prevent teenage homelessness. We have two full time staff and 2 part time staff and over 20 trained volunteer mediators.

Why do you do this work?

One of the main motivating factors has been my Christian faith. As a young Christian I was taught about serving those around me and I have tried to follow that teaching during my adult life.

If there was one thing you could change for the Sector, what would it be?

Try to find some way of stable long term funding!

What has been your proudest moment?

When I was head of a Leprosy Control Programme in Nepal being presented to King Birendra.

What was your greatest disappointment?

Being made redundant as a result of a poorly thought through reorganisation.

What was the most useful mistake you've ever made and how was it useful?

When I took up a new job as General Secretary I scheduled too many candidates for interview. We survived the day and it set a pattern of working that enabled us to double the number of volunteers working overseas.

What would your motto be?

"In Christ I trust"

What is your favourite colour?

Blue

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