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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2011

A NEW SEASON ...

A whole new season for Rahab has begun! This October we welcomed an intern to the team, Talitha Rutgrink. She will be working 30 hrs a week with us for the coming 9 months. It's been exciting to have someone new on board, and she's already become a valuable asset to the Project.

"Hi, I'm Talitha, and I started at Rahab two weeks ago. In August I moved to Reading from Amsterdam, Holland. After hearing about the work Rahab does, I met Lorraine in town and she mentioned the possibility of an internship, as Rahab hadn't been able to take on a P/T keyworker. I have an educational background in Clinical Psychology and am looking forward adding practical skills to what I know. These first weeks have encouraged me to be involved in this support work and given me a true passion and love for the women I've already met. I'm grateful for these opportunities, and really looking forward to the coming 9 months, a real privilege!"



RAHAB GOES ALL 'SWISH' ...

LADIES! Our **FUNDRAISER** is coming up ... & it's all **SWISH**! Preparations are well under way: already some beautiful items have come in to be sorted. Thanks to all who've already begun donating!

When: 26th of November 2011 7.30-9.30pm

Where: St Laurence Church
Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1DA

What: Bring **5* items** of clothes/accessories (* the limit is 15 items p/person)
Pay **£4 entry** (free drinks & nibbles & live music)

Browse stalls (fairtrade food & jewellery), grab nibbles, hear about Rahab's work then 'swish'! Donate 50p-£5 per item & take home beautiful new items to spice up your wardrobe! **DON'T MISS IT!** Feel free to invite friends.

RSVP to intern@rahab.co.uk



WHO WE KNOW AND WHAT WE SEE ...

Rahab currently **offers support to more than 40 women**; encountering **another 30 additional people on Outreach** & receiving 5-10 **referrals** monthly **from local agencies**. We've seen an increase in numbers met on Outreach: pray for the local community, as well as those we meet. Recently, we've been supporting a lady from Spain with excruciating health problems. Her situation has led her to consider ending her life on a number of occasions. Thankfully, we've been able to help her fill in forms, apply for housing and move to new accommodation. We're hoping she can now get the operation she really needs, at last able to start a new life and reunite with her family in the future. Please pray for her.



VOLUNTEERS

Our **volunteers** are **amazing**: their commitment & enthusiasm each week is so encouraging. Volunteer numbers have grown to **almost 20** these last months! This has made it possible to run **two nights every week**, and many weeks we also cover a third. We're so **grateful** for their **efforts** and **time**! The hope of doing Outreach every Friday remains, so if you (or someone you know) can commit to at least **1 OUTREACH A MONTH**, please consider applying. **Email** admin@rahab.co.uk & ask for a Volunteer Application Form, or **text** 07825 331 262 with your details so we can post one. **Why volunteer?** Because it's a **privilege & a blessing** to continue **servicing** in this area, **humbly meeting people where they're at** & providing **practical support**.

JOIN THE JOURNEY ...

Thank you for being part of our journey so far through your **prayer, time & money**. As our work increases, so do our outgoings, and the need to resource volunteers. If you'd like to be part of the things we do, please **do consider** becoming a **Regular Donor**.

£5 p/wk = 20 prison visits. **£10 p/month** = 1 yr hot drinks for Night Outreach. **£20 a fortnight** enables over 100 Outreach Support Sessions. For a Giving Form, **email** admin@rahab.co.uk or

visit www.rahab.co.uk/resources or you can **text** 07825 331 262



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