

KEY MILESTONES AT WADDINGTON STREET CENTRE



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November 1981	Centre established by volunteers in the hall of the United Reformed Church, Waddington Street, Durham. Open one then two days per week
1987	First paid staff appointed and three-day opening achieved
1988	Initial basic skills course run through New College at the Centre
1988	3 Waddington Street purchased and renovated with the assistance of the Health Authority
21 st December 1988	Waddington Street Centre incorporated as a Limited Company
May 1989	3 Waddington Street officially opened by Dr. Eric Sutherland as a four-day/five evening session drop - in resource with office accommodation
16 th May 1989	Waddington Street Centre Limited granted charitable status by the Charity Commission
December 1991	Recognised by the HAS report (Department of Health Service Inspectorate) as 'Good practice in day services'
1993	Specially adapted art/craft room & pool room completed in No. 3 with the help of the Mayor of Durham's Annual Appeal
February 1994	2 Waddington Street purchased and to be connected to No. 3 to offer multi-purpose facilities
March 1994	Church Hall extensively refurbished from funds raised by the congregation of the United Reformed Church. Day centre opened five days per week
1994	Waddington Street Centre became a placement for New College Health and Social care students
November 1994	Official visit by John Bowis MP Parliamentary Under Secretary Department of Health
26 th April 1995	2 Waddington Street officially opened by Councillor David Bell, Mayor of Durham
May 1996	First holiday abroad for service users to northern France
March 1997	Bid to National Lotteries Charities Board (Big Lottery) for funding of major building development of 2-3 Waddington Street
May 1997	Second hand mini-bus purchased with proceeds of numerous fund raising events (including American Football game)

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September 1997	Notified of successful bid to National Lotteries Board and award of £417,090 to refurbish and equip 2-3 Waddington Street, employ a Development Worker for three years and staff training budget
November 1997	'Light from a Black Hole' – Anthology of poetry and prose published by Waddington Street Writers Group
2 nd February 1998	Moved into temporary premises at Redhill Villas, NUM Headquarters, Redhill Lane, Durham and continue a service to service users including the majority of New College courses
June 1998	Invited by NUM to take part in banner parade during Durham Miners Gala. Banner made for occasion by service users
June 1998	Mid Durham Adult Education Network Adult Learners Awards for Waddington Street Writers Group and Basic Skills Group
September 1998	Acquired rental of allotment garden at St Margaret's for Centre
21 st September 1998	Building work completed – returned to newly refurbished building
October 1998	Centre re-opened for service users
18 th March 1999	Official Opening of Centre by a founding trustee Judy Bannister together with naming ceremony of 'Tony's Place' café by Dr. Erica Jones
September 1999	Informal more substantive partnership created with New College Durham with more courses offered
December 1999	Centre awarded Architectural Commendation of the Year by the City of Durham Trust
21 st February 2000	Visit to Centre by Lady Calman – Lay member of the Durham & Chester-le-Street NHS Primary Care Group
2000	Exhibition of WSC artists work at New College, organised with Tutor Nick Leake and David Blazey.
May / June 2000	'Art Relay' held at the Centre covering a wide range of art forms for service users (runners)
July 2001	Recognised nationally as a Centre offering 'Positive Practice in mental health' 4 th edition. Foreword by Alan Milburn MP- Secretary of State for Health
July 2001	Featured prominently in the first issue of 'Reflections' magazine, an Art and Photography mental health service user publication. Contributors attended official launch in London
20 th November 2001	20 th Anniversary party at the Prison Officers Club, Durham

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15 th February 2002	Visit by Alan Milburn MP – Secretary of State for Health
March 2002	New mini bus purchased with award from the Health Trust
April 2002	Formal Partnership Agreement signed with New College Durham
September 2002	Staff, service users, Trustee Board and partners to London – Training with Institute of Health and Social Care, Kings College and visits to London Mental Health projects
September 2002	Centre holiday to Javea, Spain
November 2002	Awarded ‘Accredited Learning Centre’ status by Co Durham Learning (Learning Skills Council)
2002	David Blazey, Head of School for Community and Adult Education, New College became a trustee / director of WSC
2003	Music group produce a CD of recordings entitled ‘Astronauts Need Poetry’
2003	Angela Lee on behalf of New College commissioned the production of mental health awareness posters designed by tutor Mike Watts and service users and printed by the Campbell print shop
March 2003	One Stop Shop – Advice on Benefits, employment and further education starts in partnership with DHSS, Job Centre Plus, RBNIB and New College
April 2003	First year of Supporting People contract for the Centre’s supported housing at Atherton Street, St Margaret’s School House and floating support
December 2003	Publication of project report ‘Removing Mental Health Related Barriers to Institutional Learning’ by education partner New College, Durham
2004	Exhibition of artists work organised by tutor Hilary Hamilton at County Hall, Durham
May 2004	Awarded Investors In People status
2004 & 2005	Mike Watts and a service users organise a Tapas banquet for the Centre and guests as a celebration of Spanish culture
March 2005	Campbell Printshop opened as employment training project
January 2006	Campbell Print Shop Studio relocated to commercial premises in Durham City
April 2006	Opened satellite branch library at the Centre in partnership with Durham County Council staffed by service users

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2006	A series of lunch time events organised by tutors Mike Watts and Teresa Rea to celebrate Healthy Cuisine with a focus on Mediterranean diet
October 2006	Employers Mental Health Awareness forum held in the Centre
November 2006	25 th Anniversary celebrations held in the Centre
October 2007	Franchisee organisation Hands On Cookery 'take over' the Centre's café operation
October 2007	Waddington Street Writers group perform poetry readings in libraries across the county on National Poetry Day, broadcast on BBC Radio Newcastle's community slot and appear for the first time at the 'Northern Lines' speaking event at the Newcastle Literary & Philosophical Society
December 2007	Durham University Master of Social Work course placements at the Centre recommence
2007	Mike Watts, New college tutor became a trustee / director of WSC
2008	WSC holds a Celebration of Education Event in order to promote and share educational experiences
2008	WSC takes part in New College staff conference on Equality and Diversity
Summer/Autumn 2008	Arts Relay held leading up to the display of service user work in local community buildings around the City and an open performance event on World Mental Health Day on 10 th October
September 2008	Centre opens to the public on National Heritage Open Day for the first time
September 2008	Centre's website at www.waddingtoncentre.co.uk launched
Autumn 2008	The publication of the Waddington Street Writers anthology 'The Great Dinner Expedition'
October 2008	Centre starts to deliver accredited Mental Health First Aid training to external organisations
January 2009	Service user art work published in 'Reflections' magazine
February 2009	Centre signs up as a Mindful employer
2 nd April 2009	First Waddington Street Poetry Slam held in the Centre
6 th May 2009	20 th Anniversary of moving into 3 Waddington Street celebration event held
20 th May 2009	Investors In People statutes re-awarded for a further 3 year period
July 2009	Centre signs up to the Positive about disabled people symbol

January 2010	Article on the Centre arts activity and service user art work published in the national 'Reflections' magazine in January 2010
February 2010	'Durham Collaborate' established being a partnership with 3 similar, independent and local charities, DASH, Moving On and SHAID, all with a housing remit
April 2010	Printshop taken over through contract with Julie Shaw T/A Inkpot Design Solutions to run the Campbell Printshop independently of the Waddington Street Centre whilst providing training and support to mental health service users working within the print shop