



## Key milestones at Waddington Street Centre - 1981 to date



DATE	MILESTONE
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 <sup>st</sup> December 1988	Waddington Street Centre incorporated as a Limited Company
6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May 1989	Waddington Street Centre Limited granted charitable status by the Charity Commission
April 1990	First housing tenancy agreement with St Margaret's Parochial Church Council for School House.
December 1991	Recognised by the HAS report (Department of Health Service Inspectorate) as 'Good practice in day services'
April 1992	First housing licence agreement with House of God at Greatham for East Atherton Street
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 including support from the Baring Foundation. 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

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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)
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 <sup>nd</sup> February 1998	Moved into temporary premises at Redhill Villas, NUM Headquarters, Redhills Lane, Durham; continue to provide 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 (since discontinued)
September 1998	Building work completed – returned to newly refurbished building
October 1998	Re-developed Centre premises re-opened for service users
18 <sup>th</sup> March 1999	Official Opening of re-developed Centre premises 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 <sup>st</sup> 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)
August 2000	Centre participation in government's 'New Deal' programme

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July 2001	Recognised nationally as a Centre offering 'Positive Practice in mental health' 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November 2001	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary party at the Prison Officers Club, Durham
15 <sup>th</sup> February 2002	Visit by Alan Milburn MP – Secretary of State for Health
2002	SURF (Service Users Reaching Forward) established
March 2002	New mini bus purchased with award from the Northern & Yorkshire NHS Regional Executive
April 2002	Formal Partnership Agreement signed with New College Durham
July 2002	Centre's front garden 'Highly Commended' in the City Council's 'Beautiful Durham' Competition
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)
November 2002	David Blazey, Head of School for Community and Adult Education, New College became a trustee / director of WSC
November 2002	Founders Judy and Arthur Banister retire from the Board of Trustees
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 DSS, Job Centre Plus, RBNIB and New College
March 2003	New caravan purchased with support from Durham & Darlington Mental Health Trust
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
May 2004	Awarded Investors In People status

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December 2003	Publication of project report 'Removing Mental Health Related Barriers to Institutional Learning' by education partner New College, Durham
2004	Consultation begins on replacement of the County Hospital
2004	Exhibition of artists work organised by tutor Hilary Hamilton at County Hall, Durham
May 2004	Board members, staff and service users visit Forth Sector in Edinburgh to look at the concept and development of 'Social Firms'
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
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 <sup>th</sup> 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
October 2007	Mike Watts, New college tutor becomes a trustee / director of WSC
December 2007	Durham University Master of Social Work course placements at the Centre recommence
May 2008	WSC holds a Celebration of Education Event in order to promote and share educational experiences
June 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 <sup>th</sup> October

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September 2008	Centre opens to the public as part of National Heritage Open Day scheme for the first time
September 2008	Centre's website at <a href="http://www.waddingtoncentre.co.uk">www.waddingtoncentre.co.uk</a> 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 <sup>nd</sup> April 2009	First Waddington Street Poetry Slam held in the Centre
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2009	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of moving into 3 Waddington Street celebration event held
20 <sup>th</sup> 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
April 2010	New to Centre post of 'Health Trainer' established through funding from Co Durham Primary Care Trust to improve the physical health of people using the Centre through a variety of interventions including physical activity
May 2010	Competition held to design a new logo for the Centre. Winning entry designed by a service user
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2010	Celebration of Education event held showcasing the achievement of people at WSC and promoting education provision to external mental health partners
June 2010	Review commences by Trustees to update the Centre's Memorandum and Articles of Association
21 <sup>st</sup> June 2010	Centre holiday takes place to the Lake District

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August 2010	Waddington Street Centre 'Facebook' set up
September 2010	Post of 'Personalisation Officer' introduced into the Centre to look at all aspects of the emerging Personalisation Agenda and providing advice and support to those who will be effected (people and organisations)
September 2010	Centre mini bus replaced through funding from Durham County Council and usage opened up to other voluntary sector organisations
October/November 2010	Article on two service users experience of creativity within the Centre published in the national art journal 'Mail Out'
December 2010	Animation course run in the Centre for the first time in partnership with the Sunderland Arts Centre
December 2010	County Hospital closes with all services transferred to Lanchester Road Hospital
March/April 2011	Waddington Street photographers exhibit their work in the cafe at the Durham Botanical Gardens
April 2011	'Opening Doors, Opening Minds' chosen through an internal Centre competition as a strap line for Waddington Street
May 2011	WSC one of three organisations shortlisted for the North East Voluntary and Community Sector Awards 2011 as 'Outstanding Organisation'
8 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	Visit from a delegation from Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan to the Centre through Teesside University studying social enterprises and the voluntary sector
November 2011	16 solar photovoltaic panels installed on the roof of the Centre
30 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	Updated Waddington Street Centre Memorandum and Articles of Association approved by the Annual General Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration event held
December 2011	A second caravan purchased on the Sandhaven site at South Shields for low cost holidays for people using or working in mental health services
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Investor in People re-awarded for a further 3 years
June 2012	Partnership created with credit union Prince Bishops Community Bank with the Centre being used as a collection point
August 2012	Waddington Street Centre Customer Care Charter introduced
20 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	Visit to the Centre by Martin Barkley, Chief Executive of the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust to discuss the potential of a local Recovery College

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October 2012	Men's Sheds or CREE project established at Waddington Street Centre
January 2013	External Centre signage agreed for the building by Trustees following service user consultation
May 2013	Waddington Street Centre starts to provides a service to patients being discharged from Lanchester Road Hospital through their housing remit with Durham County Council
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2013	Visit to the Centre by Jon Rouse, Director General for Social care, Local Government and Care Partnerships and Nick Whitton, Durham County Council Head of Commissioning
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	First meeting at Waddington Street Centre in respect of the development of Recovery College in County Durham
July 2013	Waddington Street Centre recognised by the Living Wage Foundation as a living wage employer
July 2013	Visit to WSC of 3 student from the Duke University, Durham, North Carolina as part of the DukeEngage Durham 2013: the Sister Cities Program - arranged through Durham University
October 2013	Fundraising events around World Mental Health day to support financially the work of Marie Curie Cancer Care
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2013	The first Arts Auction event run in partnership with RT Projects in Gilesgate
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2013	Guest Speaker at the Centre's Annual General meeting Kevan Jones, Member of Parliament for North Durham
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	Visit to the Centre by Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive of Public Health England and Anna Lynch Durham County Director of Public Health
July 2014	Centre artist's art work on display at Claypath Surgery, Durham
August 2014	Saturday social prescribing courses commence at Waddington Street Centre start under 'Colour your Life'
October 2014	Relate North East Limited take up licence to rent the former print shop to delivery their counselling service
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2014	Guest Speaker at the Centre's Annual General meeting Rev Colin Jay , Chaplain to the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust
May 2015	Centre awarded Investors in People Bronze Standard for 3 years
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2015	Visit by the Bishop of Durham the Right Revd Paul Butler to the Centre as part of his Durham Deanery Bishop's Prayer Walk

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September 2015	A monthly Borderline Personality Disorder Group established hosted at Waddington Street Centre
September 2015	A monthly stigma and discrimination group established through campaigning organisation Time to Change hosted at Waddington Street Centre
9th October 2015	World Mental Health Day event and art exhibition held at Jesmond United Reformed Church, Newcastle
February 2016	Support Worker employed for Saturday opening
4th February 2016	Centre takes an active part in 'Time to Talk' day with a staffed stand in the Milburngate centre alongside Time to Change stigma and discrimination group
24th February 2016	The work of the Waddington Street Centre mentioned in the Houses of Parliament by North Durham MP Kevan Jones – Hansard 24 Feb 2015 : Column 266
March 2016	Centre nominated as partner with Marks and Spencer Durham in their food redistribution scheme
26th May 2016	Waddy men's CREE group involved in the development of a dance performance 'Macho' based around men's mental health which had its premier at Dance City, Newcastle
June 2016	A Tuesday evening young adult support cafe and open art studio established at Waddington Street Centre in partnership with Investing in Children
12th October 2016	Visit to the centre by writer George Monbiot and musician Ewan McLennan prior to their Durham Book Festival performance at the Miner's Hall of their 'Breaking the spell of loneliness' tour and album collaboration
4th November 2016	35th Anniversary celebration event at Waddington Street Centre
February 2017	Opening of a new supported living scheme in Sherburn Hill - 4 self contained flats - in partnership with Davison Holdings Limited and Durham County Council
October 2017	Art studio refurbishment by the county hospital site contractors Bowmer and Kirkland
December 2017	Centre website and marketing re-launch
1st February 2018	Participation in the anti mental health stigma campaign Time to Talk on 1st February with the centre being used as a base for a Time To Walk event
Spring 2018	Introduction of a legacy giving scheme and will writing service in partnership with local solicitors Swinburne Maddison



Spring 2018	Collaborated with Durham University research project, Hearing the Voice, on a series of 4 public lectures aimed at raising awareness of voice hearing experiences
October 2018	Young Adult Support Café (YASC) exhibition at the Old Cinema Launderette in Gilesgate
July 2018	Introduction of the Waddy Feelgood Service (WFGS) which replaced our former Health Trainer service provision
August 2018	Adopted some rescue chickens which members are actively engaged in caring for
October 2018	The centre started to open on one Sunday afternoon per month
November 2018	Exhibition of member art work displayed at the offices of the South Durham Community Mental Health Team, the Goodall Centre
December 2018	Essential tanking and renovation building work carried out on the Centre's ground floor
February 2019	Launch of new 3-year Business Development Plan, 2019/2022
February 2019	Centre's code of conduct, re-written in co-production with Waddy Members.
April 2019	Attendees at WSC voted to be called 'Waddy Members' and not 'Service Users.'