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1 JUNE

Steve and Paula Smart are Care for the Family's *Widowed Young Support* Co-ordinators. They will be holding a *Widowed Young Support Day* in Belfast to support men and women living with loss, after the death of a partner whilst still young.

Please pray for Steve and Paula and the volunteer befrienders as they support the bereaved. Please pray for those attending that they will find comfort, hope, and a way forward.

Traci Lowden-Stoole is our National Representative on the Isle of Man and will be running a monthly *Let's Stick Together* session. This session is held for parents around 30 weeks pregnant with their first child as part of their antenatal support. Traci speaks to 80 – 100 couples each year through the session.

Please pray for the couples, that they will come along and for the volunteers delivering the session as well as for the midwives – that they will continue to be supportive and our relationship with them would continue to be co-operative and helpful.

3-9 JUNE

In the Arena is an event for Christian men taking place in Newton Mearns (4 June) Newcastle (5 June) and Hull (6 June). Rob Parsons and Gerrit Bantjes talk about the lessons they have learned that have helped them withstand the challenges of life.

Pray that the men who attend will deepen relationships because of the event and be encouraged to keep going in their faith.

This week we will be training new facilitators to work with parents, using our range of *Time Out for Parents* materials, in Birmingham (4 June). These aim to help parents develop firm foundations and have the confidence in themselves and their parenting skills to build strong, healthy family relationships.

Please pray for those on the training that they will feel confident to deliver parenting courses in their community and have timely opportunities to do so.

Who Let The Dads Out? is a movement that inspires and resources churches to support fathers, father-figures and their children. Many churches have set up a *Who Let the Dads Out?* group for their communities to take part in. A typical group meets once a month on a Saturday, offering a relaxed welcome and a place for conversations or friendships to develop. There will be training in Bracknell (4 June) and Derby (6 June) on starting a group, and to encourage and support those already running groups.

Please pray that people will attend and be inspired and encouraged to run a group of their own.

Kate Duroux is our London Co-ordinator and will be meeting with a group of active licensed facilitators in our Woodford hub in North East London (7 June). This is an opportunity to share and hear how the group is doing. Kate hopes this will encourage the growing group to run new courses and come away inspired with new ideas.

Please pray for increasing bonds of unity and continued envisioning for the group as they support families in their community.

Rob Parsons will be speaking at *Alive Worcestershire* (9 June). It is an all-day worship event for parents and their children.

Please pray for Rob as he prepares to speak and for those who will be attending will be encouraged and inspired.

10-16 JUNE

In the Arena continues in Portsmouth (11 June), Bath (12 June), and Cambridge (13 June).

TotSlot is a series of ten-minute talks looking at the key principles of attachment, helping parents explore how to develop a close bond with their babies

and toddlers. *TotSlot* training will be in London (11 June).

Please pray for those attending the training that they will have opportunities to bring *TotSlot* to their communities to really make a difference to the relationship a new parent has with their child.

Who Let The Dads Out? training continues in London in Woodford Wells (12 June) and Teddington (13 June).

17-23 JUNE

The CFF Trustee board will meet (18 June).

Please pray for wisdom and insight from the Trustees as we discuss our plans with them.

Our staff development days will be taking place this week (19 – 20 June).

Please pray for our staff that they feel valued and invested in. Also that they feel even more equipped to undertake their roles as they support families across the UK and IOM.

Kath and Mike Coulson are Care for the Family's *Bereaved Parent Support* Co-ordinators. They will be leading a *Bereaved Parent Support Day* in Sheffield (22 June) to offer support to any parent who has suffered the death of a son or daughter.

Please pray for Kath, Mike and their team of volunteer befrienders as they support the bereaved. Please pray for those attending that they will find comfort, hope and a way forward.

24-30 JUNE

Time Out for Parents training continues this week in Newport (27 – 28 June). This training also includes those who want to be trained in helping parents who have children with additional needs.

Please pray for those on the training that they will feel confident to deliver parenting courses in their community and have timely opportunities to do so.