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## **New café and wedding venue will fund community services in Barry**

**After providing a lifeline to the community in Barry during the pandemic, family support non-profit CUBE (Community United Barry 4 Everyone) is now opening the doors to 'The Gallery', a community café and event space on Barry's Broad Street.**

CUBE formed just as the first lockdown hit in Wales in 2020 and despite having never had a base of operations has been delivering vital services to the community throughout the coronavirus crisis.

The new venue will generate income for CUBE's charitable aims, allowing them to continue to make a difference for families and individuals living with or affected by mental health, suicide, grief and loss, domestic abuse and substances.

The Gallery will offer a modern location for events and weddings, and a separate café which aims to provide a community space to help tackle loneliness, an issue that has been intensified during COVID-19. Customers can pop in for a chat and a coffee, or pay for a 'suspended coffee' for someone in need.

The venue on Broad Street in Barry will also become the home and workspace for CUBE allowing them to better deliver their services for the community.

This comes after CUBE defied the odds to remain operating while Coronavirus restrictions were in place to help deliver much needed services to locals. Janet\* was struggling during lockdown with her child's behaviour, being screamed at and hit, whilst her child told her she hated her.

Janet said 'I am so thankful for the support I received from CUBE. Not only has my child had amazing support but my home is happier and calmer.'

Taking place on Monday 18 October 2021, from 2-4 pm, the launch of the Gallery will feature keynote speeches from Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP for the Vale of Glamorgan, Chief Executive of CUBE, Tammi Owen and supporters, funders, and guests.

\*Name changed to protect identity

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- CUBE (Community United Barry 4 Everyone) is a collective of 28 people, mostly Barry residents. CUBE is unique: all its services, activities, staff and volunteers have experience of either delivering services to the Barry community and/or lived experiences in accessing local support. CUBE is your community working together to help and support Barry
- The National Lottery Community Fund awarded £500,000 over three years to set up and run CUBE
- The project has also been supported by the Social Business Growth Fund, which is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund through the Welsh Government and is administered by Social Investment Cymru at WCVA (Wales Council for Voluntary Action). For more information visit <http://www.wcva.org.uk/funding/socialinvestmentcymru/social-business-growth-fund>
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