



Newsflash

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Celebration at ESRA



Anton Gayton, Chairman of the ESRA Board of Trustees, celebrates with clients, staff, volunteers and guests.

ESRA is celebrating today after being awarded £289.200 in funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, the largest funder of community activity in the UK. WE will use this funding to support people who are in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction in the Hastings and surrounding areas.

This will enable the Recovery hub in Hastings to continue offering services to over 100 clients each year for the next 3 years. We offer a range of groups and activities including SMART Recovery groups, one to one support and peer support. We also offer therapeutic activities including art, yoga, access to the gym, which help with general health and well-being.

Jacqui Skilton ESRACEO said: "A looming funding crisis at ESRA's Hastings Hub has been avoided, thanks to this £280 200 award over three years from the National Lottery.



The funding will cover all staffing and some running costs, including a new support worker. This will enable us to have increased capacity to meet the recovery support needs in some of the outlying areas of East Sussex.

Our immediate plans are to provide more support groups, including one in Bexhill. This generous award allows us to continue to support vulnerable and often marginalised people on a bumpy recovery journey, sometimes with relapses along the way. This requires support that is tailored to each individual.

ESRA has an excellent track record of providing compassionate and non-judgemental tailored support that is rooted in lived experience.

The ESRA staff and volunteer team is excited about continuing to help the people of East Sussex to establish and maintain a robust recovery.

Our sincere thanks go to the National Lottery for making this possible. "This will make a big difference to people's lives." During the pandemic, in 2020 alone, The National Lottery Community Fund distributed almost £1 billion to charities and community organisations across the UK.