

Norwood celebrates 60 years of the NCVCCO

Norwood attends reception hosted by Downing Street celebrating 60 years of the National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations

Norwood Director Ruth Fasht represented Anglo-Jewry's leading children and family services care organisation on Monday 7th April, by attending a reception hosted by the Prime Minister's wife Cherie Booth QC, and the Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of the National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations (NCVCCO).

The NCVCCO was set up as an unincorporated trust, by trust deed dated 1942, as The Constituent Societies of the National Council of Associated Children Homes, and first registered as a charity in 1943. It became known as the NCVCCO from 1965.

Norwood is one of six of the seven original founding members that still exist and remain members. It joined under the name of The Jewish Board of Guardians (the precursor to Norwood) and is the longest established of all founding members, with a history dating back to 1795. Other founding members include Dr Barnardos Homes (founded 1866), now known as Barnardos; The Catholic Child Welfare Council (founded 1929), recently absorbed into Caritas; The Church of England Children's Society (founded 1881), now known as The Children's Society; The Shaftesbury Homes and Arethusa Training Ship (founded 1843), now known as Shaftesbury Homes and Arethusa. The seventh founding member was The Children's Aid Society (founded 1851), which ceased to exist in 1968.

Erica De'Ath OBE, Chief Executive of the NCVCCO explained: "In our sixtieth year, we see our role as ensuring the well-being and safeguarding of children and families through maximising the voluntary sector's contribution to the provision of services. Throughout many changes over the 60 years, we have continued the traditional role of the voluntary sector, to identify and lead the way in meeting the needs of children and families by creating and providing innovative support services. These services range from post adoption support and open contact arrangements, to working with child prostitutes, child victims of domestic violence and children with increasingly complex disabilities living in their own families and communities. The NCVCCO also works to support children and young people who are socially excluded, addressing the impact on children of their parents divorce or separation, or dealing with the impact of their own, or their parents' substance misuse."

Ruth Fasht, Director of Norwood said: "NCVCCO as an umbrella body of the major children's, parent and family voluntary organisations is well placed to represent a formidable alliance of experience, innovation and commitment of its member organisation's. At Norwood we are proud of our long history of association with the NCVCCO and our role as a founding member of the organisation, dating back to when the NCVCCO was first founded in 1942 and Norwood was still known as the Jewish Board of Guardians. Over the past 60 years Norwood has been at the forefront of development within the NCVCCO, we share its commitment to safeguard the future for vulnerable children and young people and look forward to continuing to work together to realise this aim, for many years to come."

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