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SAFE@LAST welcomes new Volunteering Development Co-ordinator

Children's charity SAFE@LAST has this week welcomed their new Volunteering Development Co-ordinator after the previous Volunteer Manager retired in the Spring.

Kathryn Axon has taken up the role of Volunteering Development Co-ordinator at the charity and will manage the 100+ volunteers that support SAFE@LAST to deliver services for young people at risk through running away in South Yorkshire.

SAFE@LAST provides services for the 1 in 9 children in South Yorkshire who run away from home or care. SAFE@LAST provides preventative work, a 24 hour helpline (0800 335 SAFE), a MISPER (Missing Persons) Scheme and an emergency refuge for young people who are 16 and under. SAFE@LAST receives very little statutory income and the majority of its services are reliant on the generosity of charitable trusts and individuals.

Head of Operations Mark Smith said "We are pleased to welcome Kathryn to our dedicated team at SAFE@LAST. We are excited about the new skills and experience she will bring to this post. We could not continue to deliver the quality of services we do without the support of our fantastic volunteers. Volunteering is a fantastic way to give something back as well as learning new skills and meeting new people. SAFE@LAST has a range of volunteering opportunities available to suit everyone so if you are interested I urge you to get in touch."

Newly appointed Volunteering Development Co-ordinator Kathryn Axon said "I am very excited about joining SAFE@LAST and working with such a dedicated group of volunteers as well as developing the volunteering opportunities available."

People interested in volunteering for SAFE@LAST should contact Kathryn on 01909 566977, email k.axon@safeatlast.org.uk or visit www.safeatlast.org.uk for more information.

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Note to editors

- SAFE@LAST is a registered charity working with young people who have run away from, or have been thrown out of, the place where they usually live.
- Young People that need help can contact SAFE@LAST on their 24hour helpline by calling 0800 335 SAFE.