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Providing support for people with brain injuries

Medusa

by Helen, volunteer

One of my hobbies is silk screen printing onto fabrics. So I've decided to have a morning session with Headway members, printing my 'Medusa' design onto tea-towels and fabric shopping bags.



great fun and we all ended up with the face of Medusa - the

Six members joined me in the session and we all got very inky and messy!! However, it was



lady with snakes instead of hair!!

**ACTION FOR
BRAIN INJURY WEEK 2013
13-19 MAY**

Action for Brain Injury Week this year is from 13th to 19th May. Headway UK's aim is to create an online resource pack to assist GPs in diagnosing and referring patients affected by acquired brain injuries, while encouraging closer working relationships with Headway Groups and Branches.



JustTextGiving™
by  **vodafone**

Red and Yellow for a Young Fellow

by Dahiben, member

The silk painting came about as it was my son's birthday and I couldn't go out to buy a card for him. I thought I'd give him a picture for a present as well as giving him my best wishes, which is a clever idea because now he can keep it for a while.

The red and yellow colours in the painting



remind me of when my sons were young and flying red and yellow kites. Alison helped me out by putting the outline in and

then I filled in the colours. My son was very happy and



he's going to have the picture as a wall hanging.

Heading Out

Headway's social group hosted an "Animals for Parties" event which prompted Warren to write down his thoughts:



The Animal Man

The animal man was a brilliant chap and his animals were fab. He himself was a really nice guy, he was very friendly. He was quite explanatory, and very informative of his animals. His animals were very well behaved and also friendly too.

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Royal Visit by Prince Harry

Headway UK, the national charity to which we are affiliated, welcomed HRH Prince Henry of Wales last month on a royal visit to Nottingham. He officially opened the charity's headquarters in Old Basford. He was following in his mother's footsteps as Diana, Princess of Wales was its royal patron between 1991 and 1996. "It's really exciting," said Headway UK Fundraiser Anna Finnegan. "The main thing is the awareness this will build. Most people don't hear of Headway until they need it so it's a great

opportunity for us." While he was there Prince Harry met double Olympic gold medallist James Cracknell, who is living with the long-term effects of a brain injury acquired on a cycle ride in America. James attempted to persuade the Prince to join him in one of two treks in aid of the charity next year.

During the visit, the Prince took part in an interactive workshop, which demonstrated the effects that brain injuries can have on performing everyday

activities. One of the tasks involved the Prince changing a nappy, with one hand, on a doll. Struggling to fasten the sides of the nappy, he said: "This is exactly how my brother is going to be."

Andrew Green, Chairman of Headway UK, said: "Princess Diana's support of the charity greatly enhanced its profile ... we hope



Prince Harry's visit will help us achieve similar results and we offer our sincere thanks to His Royal Highness..."

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