

The Partnerships Team

Lisa Waring (She/Her), Head of Partnerships



Lisa has worked for Centrepoint for over 20 years. Based in Birmingham, the Partnerships team works with like-minded organisations, across the country. Lisa manages the work Centrepoint does with external partners.

She started as a youth worker and spent many years involved in Nightstop, (manager, Director of NNN, Board of trustees and Independent Monitor Nightstop UK).

She enjoys pulling people together, finding the right organisation that can help to answer a query that someone else might be having.

Lisa lives in the Midlands with her family, a nutty Vizsla and three cheeky chucks!

Mandy Collymore (She/Her), National Programme Co-ordinator



Mandy joined Centrepoint in 2014 and oversees the Centrepoint Partnering scheme. She really enjoys bringing organisations together and creating spaces for organisations to share their experiences and learning. Mandy is the first port of call for any Partnering queries.

Prior to this, Mandy worked for Catch22 for 9 years co-ordinating the Home Office funded Positive Futures programme, delivering engagement programmes for young people.

She is a Committee Member at her local primary school and provides admin support to her local grassroots football club.

Mandy lives in Birmingham and will be found every weekend with muddy shoes after watching her kids play football or changing her Fantasy Football team last minute.

Francesca Forestieri (She/Her), Partnerships and Volunteering Officer



Francesca has recently celebrated her first anniversary at Centrepoint. Based in London she is working as Partnerships and Volunteering officer. Fransy is keen to help you with all the queries about the Partnering scheme.

She is the editor of the monthly newsletter Partner Post and the AQA co-ordinator for the independent living programme Lifewise.

After working in different sectors in the past she has been excited to join Centrepoint and being part of a change for a better future.

When not in the office you might find her around the globe trying to get a new stamp on her passport.

Although Mandy, Lisa and Fransy form the Centrepoint Partnerships Team, the Centrepoint Partnering scheme is supported by a range of Centrepoint staff from across the whole organisation recruited for their relevant expertise.