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PRESS RELEASE – Plymouth Dads Project Building Bridges, Literally

As the country begins to open up so too does the Plymouth Dads Project. Our events are hugely popular with dads from all walks of life attending to have a few hours of fun with their children and to make best use of the amazing green spaces on offer in Plymouth. As with all of our Plymouth Dads Project events, these sessions will all be free. There are events each week in April and throughout the rest of the year.

To kick things off we have an event on 17th April planned for under 5s and their dads. All father figures welcome to join us for an interactive storytelling session of The Gruffalo using salt dough and other natural materials. This will be taking place on Saturday 17th April, 1pm at Just Imagine, Christian Mill Business Park, Crownhill, Plymouth. PL6 5DS, and is open to all dads and male carers and their children aged under 5. You will need to book as numbers are limited.

Then for dads with children aged over 5, we will be heading to Ham Woods on the 24th April at 1pm for some forest fun. Dads and kids will work together to build a bridge over the stream and also get busy in the campfire kitchen to bake bread. Dads don't need to bring anything, other than their children of course. The event will be entirely free and run from 1-4pm at Ham Woods PL2 2HP. Again booking is essential as numbers are limited.

Also continuing are our Conversation Cafés for men once a month on Tuesday evenings. These are for dads to come and meet other dads, to talk about the challenges and rewards of being a father, and to get any support or guidance they might need from professional staff. Covid has amplified the stress on parents and we are here to provide a judgement free environment for them to connect and converse with other dads. Also, complimentary pizza will be provided. The Conversation Cafés are free to attend and child-care costs can be covered if needed, but again people will need to book in advance. The April Café event is Tuesday 27th April 7-8pm at @ the Cabin, Barne Barton, PL5 1EJ and also on-line.

We are excited to see all the dads again and want to remind everyone that all events listed are entirely free (although donations are always welcome) and are run by our experienced, qualified workshop leaders. We will have COVID safe measures in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

To book please contact:

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Notes to editors:

Dangerous Dads CIC is setting up the Plymouth Dads Project following a funding award from Big Lottery Community Fund. The Project is managed by Dangerous Dads CIC, a social enterprise based in South Devon. Dangerous Dads CIC (Reg: 12322946) has been running events for fathers/ male carers and their children in Devon (including Plymouth) since 2007 in partnership with a range of local organisations, including Children's Centres, pre-school settings, Housing Associations and community groups. www.dangerousdads.org.uk

Dangerous Dads CIC is managed by an independent Board of Directors. The Co-ordinator is Ian Blackwell and the Project Development Manager is Charlie Urry.