

News from Essex Community Foundation

Spring Reception at Layer Marney Tower

Around 130 invited guests joined us at Layer Marney Tower for our annual Spring Reception.

Guests heard from two organisations that are tackling hidden and often misunderstood issues.

The MAZE Group explained how they work with parents who have children with additional needs and **Your Living Room** gave an insight into what it is like to live with Hoarding Disorder.



For more information about our speakers, click [here](#).

ECF featured on BBC 1

ECF's proceeds of crime match funding scheme was featured on the BBC 1 programme 'Ill Gotten Gains' this month.

Working with Essex Police, the scheme is turning proceeds of crime into a positive benefit for the community.

The programme highlighted Essex Youthbuild, a local charity that has benefited from grant funding through ECF and provides construction and employability training to disadvantaged teenagers.



To **watch the episode** on BBC iPlayer, click [here](#).

Ryan's fund helps others

Ryan Tolley was 22 when he died of leukaemia in 2011.

Before he lost his two year battle, Ryan, who lived in Great Wakering, asked his mum, Amanda Short, if a charity could be **set up as his legacy**, to help others like him and their families.

To read the full story, click [here](#).



East of England Co-op tackles loneliness
