

SeniorNet Mac Guest Speaker



29 August



Elsie Walkinshaw, QSM

Ms Elsie Walkinshaw will continue with:

“Growing up in an Orphanage in Manchester”, Part 2.

Ms Walkinshaw has supported disadvantaged people in Christchurch through a variety of roles since 1990. She delivered food parcels for Methodist Mission in the 1990s and was later employed as a budget advisor until 2006. She volunteered at Christchurch Women’s Refuge from 1991 to 1993 before working full-time in a Safe House with women who had escaped domestic violence until 1998. In 2006 she collaborated on the establishment of Turning Points Trust to provide budget advice and advocacy services for people in financial difficulty in Christchurch East.

For the first year while the Trust was being established she worked 35 hours a week on a voluntary basis. She helped administer the Trust until 2009. She was employed as a budget advisor and advocate with Super Grans. In the aftermath of the 2010 and 2011 Christchurch earthquakes she provided assistance to quake-affected families by coordinating access to food and other necessities through Grace Vineyard Church. From 2012 until her retirement in 2016 she was employed in advocacy and community assistance with Compassion Trust, where she created and delivered a number of extended courses on finance management. Since 2016 Ms Walkinshaw has been a volunteer telephone counsellor with Lifeline and a volunteer advocate and debt management advisor with Freedom Trust.

Elsie was awarded a QSM in 2019. 🍏

