



# The Scurrah Wainwright Charity

**Review of grants 2017**

## Introduction

We continued as busily as ever this year and have no optimistic illusions about the need for our grants getting any less. Quite the reverse, when you reflect that £12,988 of our £178,791 grants this year went to food poverty alone. The level of need is only matched by the fall in resources available to the statutory agencies which used to lead the challenge of fighting poverty and social exclusion. The old test used by independent charities to avoid substituting for public funds – could this application be met by local or national government – becomes inexorably harder to apply. Yes, we can say that such-and-such **should** be met by public sector agencies. But we have to recognise so frequently that it will not be.

Having made that point, it emerges strongly from these pages that the real muscle in the struggle against deprivation is provided by the time, imagination and energy of the huge cast of staff and volunteers who work for our grantees. The funding to which we contribute is necessary, of course; but providing it is easy work compared to the demands which are made on and met by those in the lunch clubs, children's groups, prison rehabilitation, training and care of every sort.

It is interesting to find this point made in the section below about the work of Scurrah Wainwright during the 1930s Depression when he chaired the Employment Assistance Committee for Leeds and District. The article cited from the *Manchester Guardian* went to the heart of things when it said that the committees were not intended simply to supervise the paying of weekly benefit, or its refusal. Certainly not. A properly-run committee considered every single case of unemployment in the broadest possible way and then did its best to make sure that the full range of statutory and voluntary help was enlisted to help sort things out.

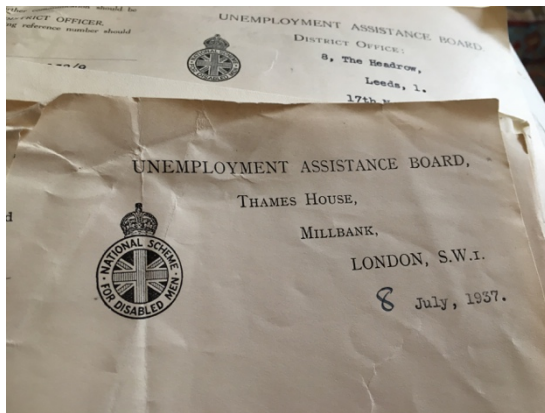
As the piece concluded: "The problems of a household are not simple. Often they cannot be fully met by a grant of money." Just so. We are privileged to be able to provide some of the money which is needed, but the heroes and heroines in our field are the recipients. That is why we have used the card on our cover, which was kindly sent to us enclosing one report, as a Thank You to all those whose work this report describes.



## The charity's history and administration

The Scurrah Wainwright Charity takes its name from Henry Scurrah Wainwright OBE (1877-1968) who was a Leeds chartered accountant and social reformer. He was also instrumental in founding and building up the Leeds medical company, Chas F Thackray Ltd, whose sale in 1990 led to the founding of the charity. Scurrah (a name taken from a family from Well, near Ripon, which married into the Leeds Wainwrights) was also a keen Methodist and a nationally known grower of prize delphinium plants. He served as president of the Leeds Society of Chartered Accountants and was honorary secretary of the Leeds Tradesmen's Benevolent Association for 33 years. During the Depression of the 1930s, he was appointed the first chairman of the Unemployment Assistance Board's Leeds and district advisory committee. In this capacity, which he held until retiring in the

late 1940s, he organised personal interviews for every unemployed man in the city under 30 to help them find work. His gardening passion played a part too; in tandem with Leeds' great reforming Labour administration in the 1930s, he tirelessly encouraged the use of allotments and garden space on the big new housing estates.



The charity has a large stash of papers on the work of the unemployment advisory committee which go into great detail and have echoes today. One case involved a young woman claiming money for a pram for her second child, whose father was apparently unwilling to take any responsibility and consequently had a summons claiming maintenance taken out against him. Another reported on “a young woman who had been kept at home for twelve years to look after her invalid mother. Full-time attention was not essential and the committee felt that it would benefit the applicant to go out to

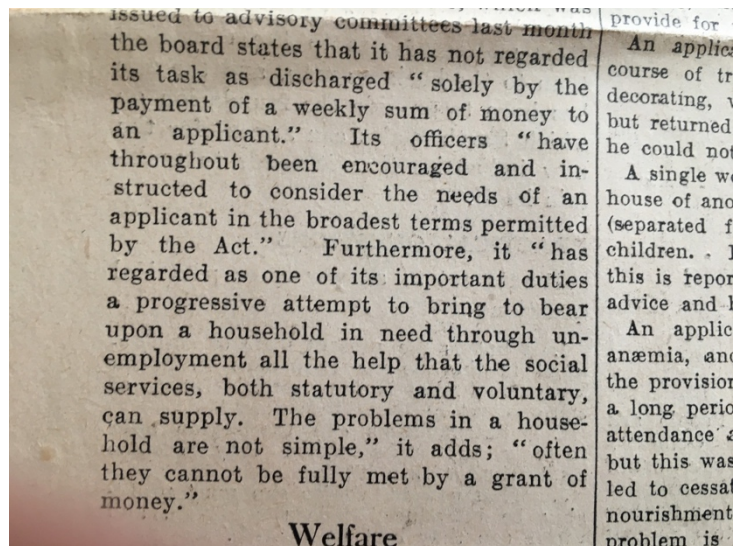
work and mix with people and that in any event, the responsibility for the meeting the cost of the attention which the mother needed should rest with the girl's father, who was in well-paid employment. It was therefore recommended that the payment of assistance should be terminated and this was done.”

Another exercise involved interviews with 681 unemployed men aged under 30 of whom 272 “appeared to have little prospect of being re-absorbed into industry” (compared with 108 who were described as energetic and with good prospects of finding work on their own initiative and 258 who were recommended for training courses to improve their chances. The committee drew up the following interesting list of causes for the problems of the 272:

1. Blind alley employment in youth with “considerable employment available for persons aged under 21 but no adequate opportunities for carrying on after that age”
2. Early marriage without being self-supporting previously
3. Spoiling by indulgent parents
4. Criminal records
5. Physical disability
6. Earning capacity less or only a little more than benefit allowance
7. Jobs displaced by new machinery
8. Disinclination to work, often through the effects of long period of idleness
9. Being registered only for work in a field in which there was little opportunity.

On the last point, the committee noted that a large number of men ‘of good type’ who had lost their jobs in textiles coincided with unfilled posts in catering in institutions, traditionally women's work. Members sensibly recommended that the Ministry of Labour should “explore the desirability of training young men to take employment as cooks and in related work.”

An article on the district advisory committees in the *Manchester Guardian* in May 1937 précised their pro-active potential very well in the paragraph shown here – again in terms which have a relevance today. The charity’s trustees are exploring the possibility of research and publications drawing on this and other material from Scurrah’s life and work and we would be pleased to hear from anyone interested.



The charity was set up and registered, number 1002755, with the Charity Commission in Spring 1991 when the inaugural meeting was held at Cragg Mount, Woodlands Drive, Rawdon, Leeds LS19 6JZ. It originally took the holding title of the Wainwright Family General Charitable Trust but trustees felt that a more direct tribute to Scurrah Wainwright was appropriate. Following a long and memorable meeting at Rudding House, near Harrogate, the parallel Andrew Wainwright Reform Trust Ltd was also established to promote radical aims outside the limits allowed by the charity laws. Both trusts were endowed through funds from the sale of Chas F Thackray Ltd.

The Scurrah Wainwright Charity also has strong roots in the H S Wainwright General Charitable Trust, set up by Scurrah Wainwright, but for some years after Andrew Wainwright’s death in 1974 known among trustees as ‘Andy’s Trust’. During the late Seventies and the Eighties, this established a strong tradition of causes associated with Zimbabwe - especially helping Zimbabwean students - in memory of Andrew’s affection for the country and its people. A small book of his diaries and letters from Hlekweni rural training centre was published by the Trust, which has some copies still available. There are also copies in the Trust library. The Zimbabwean connection has been nurtured and maintained by the charity and widened to include Southern Africa.

In 2017, the charity continued to be run by six trustees, all members of the Wainwright family. The chairman was Martin Wainwright, former Northern Editor of *The Guardian*. Other trustees were Hilary Wainwright, co-editor of *Red Pepper*; Tessa Wainwright, teacher of English as a foreign language; Penny Wainwright, author; and Hugh Scott, solicitor and former trustee of Manningham Housing Association. Kerry McQuade is administrator for the Charity and the Andrew Wainwright Reform Trust. She may be contacted at 19 Wadsworth Lane, Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire HX7 8DL e-mail: [admin@wainwrighttrusts.org.uk](mailto:admin@wainwrighttrusts.org.uk). The registered office is at The Barn, Thrupp, Kidlington, Oxon OX5 1JY. Peter Dyson, of Bairstow & Atkinson, Halifax, is the charity’s financial adviser and accountant. Investment is managed by Close Brothers Asset Management.

No grants were returned or withdrawn in 2017

## Review of grants in 2017

It is a condition of grants that recipients must report on their use and the following summaries are based on those reports. The trust has found over the years that these are accurate and honest and that when an organisation has offered to update us later about developments or unresolved issues, it has done so. That said, it is largely impracticable for the trust to check all outcomes in detail, especially of work further afield. Large numbers of superlatives induce caution and jargon can be off-putting, but the level of clarity about problems has been notable and the sheer quantity of good work speaks for itself.

**+me**

*£3,000 November*

*Counselling for people with blood-borne viruses including HIV*

+me is a pioneering, user-led organisation for people living with HIV in South Yorkshire. Established back in 2008, we run a range of health being services for people living with or affected by HIV.

With the funding we received from yourselves we established a counselling services for people with HIV and (slightly expanding our remit) other blood borne viruses (BBVs), such as Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C. Prior to your donation we were piloting this work for around 12 months (but had not previously delivered counselling). The positive feedback gleaned from the pilot encouraged us to widen the counselling offer to more people and expand the number of sessions provided.

The project involved a combination of counselling techniques, suitable to the needs of clients, including Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and Person Centred Therapy (PCT). We didn't adopt a 'one size fits all' approach but instead tailored counselling techniques to the needs of each individual. Counselling sessions were face-to-face. Most of the provision took place at the centrally-located +me offices in Sheffield, Barnsley and Rotherham. Counselling was free at the point of delivery as purchasing power was and remains a chronic issue.

The project benefited over 30 people affected by HIV and other BBV's (blood borne viruses), with each receiving between six and 24 hours of support. Beneficiaries, many of who had negative feelings about themselves, made significant progress.

Depression was seen as an unavoidable reaction to being diagnosed with a BBV. Depression, anxiety and other mental health issues affect the person's ability to follow treatment for HIV/BBV's, as well as affecting their quality of life and lifespan. Counselling helped clients deal with the trauma of diagnosis.

We set ourselves the target that at least 80% of project beneficiaries will report an improvement in their mental health and emotional wellbeing by the end of the project. As it concludes, we have achieved an overall figure of 85%. This was measured using the Generalised Anxiety Disorder (GAD) questionnaire, completed on entry, mid-term and on exit, to gauge 'distance travelled'.

Your funding helped increase the services available to people living with or affected by HIV and other BBV's and led to a Lottery application of 10k to support our counselling services in 2018. Sadly, due to funding cuts, services were restructured towards the end of 2019.

## **611 Asylum Work**

*£5,000 March*

*Core costs for a centre giving practical and emotional support to asylum-seekers and refugees*



Your money enabled us to continue delivering our advice and support drop-ins to 562 individuals over the course of the year. Without the grant from the Scurrah Wainwright Charity, we would not have been able to continue providing practical and emotional support to this community in the same capacity.

As a result of the grant, we delivered 2,046 advice and support appointments, averaging at approximately 44 appointments per week. Our Open Door sessions also served 2,429 meals to asylum seekers and refugees over

the year. 71% of our beneficiaries continued to engage with 611 with 94% agreeing that they had made friends at 611 and 85% stating that they felt more confident as a result of attending.

The asylum seekers and refugees who directly benefitted as a result of the grant mainly originated from Iran (31%), Sudan (26%), Eritrea (24%) and Syria (7%). Our picture shows hot meals being served at Open Door.

## **All Saints Landmark Centre**

*£3,000 November*

*Paying for a worker to teach job-hunting and IT skills*

We promised to run four two hour sessions a week of drop-in IT training, open to anyone, at any level, so people with little education have used the IT Suite regularly, in some cases people who are unable to read and write. Simply having access to the tools to prepare a CV, conduct job searches and make applications has removed one barrier to employment or accessing benefits for the most deprived people.

In any given drop-in we have the capacity to help a dozen or fourteen people and as many as 40 'sessions' can be delivered over the course of a week. In 2017 we helped 51 individuals at the drop-in, at an average of five per session, totaling nearly 1,000 visits from our community.

Four people have moved on to get jobs or become successfully self-employed. Given the level of need and barriers to employment our beneficiaries face, this is an outcome to celebrate. The support is generally long-term.

In a sample of 10 beneficiaries in March 2018, users reported that thanks to the project they had significantly better access to job search tools, better practical job search support, more encouragement with job search, felt more hopeful about job search and more supported by the community. On average the beneficiaries reported a 50% improvement in their mood. Over the

coming year we expect to see a dozen marginalised people each year come all the way through from very challenging circumstances to being in paid work and more still engaged in confidence-building and important volunteering roles.

## **Asperger's Children and Carers Together (ACCT)**

*£1,000 July*

*Core costs for weekly and Summer events*

Your money paid for weekly sessions and a series of Summer trips for children with Asperger's Syndrome and Autistic Spectrum Disorder, as well as their families. Over the past year, we ran 100 Acctivate and Teenage Club sessions (weekly over 50 weeks of the year). We had 1,895 attendances at our Acctivate children's sessions and 1,410 attendances at our Youth Club. We also ran 12 day trips and other events with over 890 children and adults enjoying new experiences.

Acctivate is a club on Saturdays for children with Asperger's syndrome or High Functioning Autism and their siblings. Current activities include computers, board games, Lego, art, outdoor fun, a sensory room, and more. We also welcome younger children, siblings and parents if they wish to stay. We have a parent/carer room with hot drinks where adults can meet to chat and support each other. Parents and Carers are welcome to meet there even if their child does not attend Acctivate.

The Teenage Youth Club for teenagers with Asperger's syndrome and High Functioning Autism takes place weekly on Wednesday evenings. Activities include arts and crafts, sports and games, and a computer suite. Social skills training sessions will also be offered when available. Our aim is for the teenagers to have fun, 'chill out and make new friends'.

Our programme of Summer trips out and visits to the Pantomime in the winter provided a good opportunity for families to socialise and spend time together in a lower pressure environment, with other people who understand the needs and behaviours of autistic young people. We visited Cleethorpes, York, Chatsworth and a Tropical Butterfly House, amongst other places.

We also ran monthly swimming sessions for families. This involves hiring a local Leisure Centre swimming pool and making the facilities more suitable for autistic people, for example, lowering the ambient noise, lowering the light levels, and restricting the number of people using the pool. Each session is attended by up to 40 children and young people with Asperger's and Autistic Spectrum Disorder, along with their families.

We began delivering a new project – the ACCT Owls project works with Sheffield Wednesday FC to provide weekly football coaching sessions to a children's group and a teenagers' group. These sessions have been popular and we plan to develop and extend the project into next year and beyond. Thank you for your support over the year, which has enabled us to deliver on our mission to improve the well-being and life chances of children and young people with Asperger's and Autism.

## Aspiring2

£1,000 November

### *Socialising day care for adults with a learning disability*

Your funding helped us to pilot an alternative day care provision for adults with a Learning Disability. Thank you most sincerely for believing in us.

We piloted our project in January 2018 and have since successfully established *Fun Filled Fridays*, which offers weekly activities for our client group. We have been 'loaned' a redundant space by the



local council for a peppercorn rent and have totally refurbished that area to provide a welcoming, homely, safe space from where we deliver our sessions. Ikea have also supported us by providing and installing a kitchen free of charge.

Our activities include arts and crafts, cooking and life skills, interactive games, outings and much more. We strive to offer a holistic approach which includes social skills, life skills, exercise, healthy eating, personal development and confidence building. We have a monthly outing, which is always a favourite and provided at no additional cost to our clients. Our overall aim is to combat isolation within this client group and

provide everyone with a fun and enjoyable experience. We have enjoyed visits to the theatre, cabaret, Wildlife Park, Nature Reserve, Military Museum, specialist craft sessions and an afternoon cream tea. We have also hosted two parties for our family, friends and peers.

As a not for profit organisation we ensure any surplus funds are used to further develop the group and its activities. We are a user led service and feel we offer something quite unique to our client group. The group is facilitated by one paid worker who is highly experienced in working with LD clients and suitably trained and qualified; she is supported by two volunteers. All hold full DBS checks

We want the group to be fully sustainable going forward and currently charge £30 per session, which we feel constitutes excellent value for money. The average charge for one to one support locally is £15 - £17 per hour and the few remaining statutory day care centres charge significantly more than this. We are now at maximum capacity on a Friday with six people engaging with the service; we are indeed building a waiting list. Our referrals are coming from Doncaster Council Adult Learning Disability Team, Mental Health Nurses, Social Workers and word of mouth self-referrals. The increased demand for our service is largely due to the closure and planned further closures of many



Adult Education Centres within the Borough and, we like to think, the unique, innovative, caring and bespoke service we provide.

We plan to introduce a second day from February 2019. Currently five of our six clients are paid for via direct payments through the Local Authority (the 6<sup>th</sup> has no recourse to public funds as she has been identified as having a learning difficulty not disability – we do however welcome her to the group free of charge and she enjoys the same benefits as everyone else. Whilst we must be business like to ensure sustainability, we are not prepared to discriminate against any of our client group!)

Direct payments are very slow in being processed and approved which creates cash flow problems. We are therefore extremely grateful for the funding provided by Scurrah Wainwright to help pilot the group and support it through these challenging times. The funding has been used towards refreshments, food supplies, staffing, volunteer travel expenses, activity costs, craft materials and rent. Our total outgoings for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 are c £8,000. With a group size of 6 people that equates to just £5.12 per hour. Within this budget we provide a light breakfast and healthy two course lunch.

Fun Filled Days is committed to high levels of customer care. We continuously monitor the work we do and the impact we make with a view to making constant improvements. Our clients choose the activities in which we all participate.

Here are some of the things they have said about us:

*'Friday is my favourite day of the week – it makes me feel good for the weekend'*

*'I don't know where I would be without Fun Filled Fridays, we are like a little family'*

And from a sibling following an outing to the cabaret show –

*'Hi Nicky, I've got the biggest smile on my face right now!! Fabulous video & picture. Julie looks so happy and confident!! Thank you!!'*

Whilst very happily trading under the umbrella of Aspiring2, as our service grows, we have decided to branch out into a new venture and established for 2019 is *Fun Filled Days CIC*. This new company will give the group more autonomy and its own identity and we are really excited for the next stage in our growth and development.

## **BEN – Bicycling Empowerment Network, Namibia**

£5,000 November

Providing solar electric pedal-assisted school buses to rural villages

**Background:** BEN Namibia is a Namibian registered non-profit organisation that aims to empower disadvantaged Namibians through provision of sustainable transport and bicycle-related income generation opportunities. Our main work is bicycle distribution in order to strengthen local economies among disadvantaged populations. We import donated new and second-hand bicycles, parts and accessories from overseas partner organisations and refurbish them by training and employing local people in bicycle mechanics, establishing them in income generation centres called "Enterprise Boxes" (eBoxes), which encompass sales of other beneficial products such as solar

lighting. We began operations in May 2005, and as of September 2017, we have arranged the distribution of over 50,000 bicycles and established 34 Enterprise Box projects, partnering with community-based organisations mainly focused on home-based services for people living with HIV/AIDS and orphans and vulnerable children, which distribute bicycles to volunteers and staff who use them to greatly improve the efficiency of their work, to children living long distances from school and to low-income earners generally. We have undertaken many other mobility-related projects such as manufacture of bicycle ambulances, research into healthcare access, and advocacy for improved cycling infrastructure. We have also supported similar projects in a number of other African countries.

The Scurrah Wainwright Charity was our largest supporter in the first year of operations, and it is doubtful that the organisation would have achieved any of this without the Charity's early faith in our vision.

**The school buses:** Independent Namibia only relatively recently recognised the importance of pre-primary education, and began a rollout of government pre-schools in 2008. While urban centres are now fairly well serviced, rural areas still lack ready access for many children. Distances present a major barrier to children in accessing existing services. The proposed project will build electrically-assisted bicycle school buses for the safe delivery of pre- and early-primary aged children to and from kindergartens/schools and their homes in rural communities where existing transport facilities are limited and long distances present a significant limitation to accessing education. Children in this demographic are not old enough to use bicycles to travel long distances to pre-school and school, so are disadvantaged when starting primary school.

The designs for our 'bicycle school bus' will draw on an existing open source design for a three-wheeled bicycle trailer that has been tested extensively for cargo transport in Europe, as well as our experiences with bicycle ambulance trailers. Based on load capacity we expect each school bus to carry up to 10 children. The total cost of each unit is about a tenth that of a vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine with the same capacity, and the maintenance, running and fuel costs are expected to be a fraction of those of a petrol or diesel alternative. Electric school buses also have the advantage of never needing to leave a deep rural area, as they can be recharged on site.

The project will be implemented in and around Outapi, a town where BEN Namibia has a long-established partner bicycle shop, and is currently testing solar powered electric bicycles for pre-primary teachers to access remote kindergartens, and for agricultural trainers to visit subsistence farmers. We also have electrically assisted bicycle ambulances under test in the same region, and together with our technical partners, a local social enterprise called Sun-Cycles, are developing Outapi as a testing centre for emerging electrically-assisted bicycle technology, which we can use to disseminate results and increase awareness of the technology. The applications for this technology are enormous in Africa, as it is low-maintenance and can be charged with solar energy. Electric-assist bicycle sales reached 35.75 million globally in 2016, and this demand is driving technological development and lower prices, yet only a tiny fraction of global sales were in Africa, and we know of no other project to explore the applications of the technology in a developing context in sub-Saharan Africa.

We currently have interns with technical skills placed in Outapi with support from German development agency GIZ to help monitor and support these projects. Another key partner in the project is Development AID from People to People (DAPP), which is working on the development of pre-primary education in the region by providing government-accredited teacher training for remote kindergartens, and conventional school buses for transport to urban pre-schools. DAPP has a good understanding of the limitations of distance and the logistics of transporting children in rural areas. We aim to manufacture two electrically-assisted pedal powered school buses, and expect that each will make five trips in the morning and five in the evening, carrying up to 50 children in each

direction every day. The running costs for these buses will be very low. Electric bicycles have very few maintenance issues apart from those of a regular bicycle, with the motors requiring no periodic maintenance as per a petrol-powered motor. We will closely monitor use and address technical issues dynamically. We have an existing manufacturing partner based in Walvis Bay which has recently constructed high quality bicycle trailers for a recyclable waste collection project, so expect the project to begin quickly if awarded funding.

**Objectives:** To improve access to pre-primary and early primary education for around 100 learners living in the Ombalantu region of Namibia. To test solar-rechargeable electrically assisted bicycle-pulled school buses as a transport option for rural applications in southern Africa. To disseminate the results of the project so that other development organisations can evaluate the appropriateness of the solution for their own development contexts.

**Addendum:** Michael Linke, our long-standing contact and the creator of BEN Namibia, has moved to Rio de Janeiro and adds in a covering email: There is a solid local team established and we distribute around 2,000 second hand bicycles per year for these projects, mainly from Australia but also from the US. This system runs well without a great deal of special input. What has been much more challenging to help deliver from the distance are special programmes such as the school bus and bicycle ambulances. We are very late with delivery of projects in both of these programmes, and once the current batches are delivered I will be looking to hand the project models to other local partners. It has been about 16 years now since the Scurrah Wainwright trust first supported BEN Namibia, and the impact has been profound for the tens of thousands of people we have reached. Our project model has spread to other African countries, and I have lost count of the number of bicycles that have been delivered in other countries using our project model--in Namibia alone we've reached more than 60,000, but have helped establish projects in Madagascar, Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya and Botswana.

Namibian school bus project budget											
<i>Proposed funding source: Scurrah Wainwright Charity</i>											
Expense Item	Qty	Unit cost N\$	Units	Total N\$	Total GBP						
<b>Materials</b>											
Frame	2	2775.5	units	5551	327						
Seating structure	2	1950	units	3900	229						
Wheelsets (3 per frame)	2	1800	wheelsets	3600	212						
Motor conversion kit	2	10000	units	20000	1176						
Bike	2	2400	units	4800	282						
Contingency and design modifications	2	2838.825		5677.65	334						
<b>Implementation</b>											
Field trips	3	3850	trips	11550	679						
Communications	18	150	Monthly cost	2700	159						
Staff time	1	28000	Monthly cost	28000	1647						
<b>Total</b>				<b>85,779</b>	<b>5,046</b>						
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## **Boys and Girls Clubs of South Yorkshire**

*£2,500 March*

*Helping a varied activity programme for 31 associated youth clubs*

Your grant paid for the following activities during the year:

On Board BMX day	Outdoor Climbing
Presentation Award Ceremony Night	Social Action/Project Days
Girls Day	Kayaking/Water Park
Bike Ride Derwent Valley	Residential – High Row Cumbria
Inter-Club Challenge	Trampolining
Outdoor Lazer Tag	Go-Karting
Boys Day	Adventure Golf
Lightwater Valley	Indoor Sports Tournament
	Doncaster Dome (skating & swimming)

The grant made a huge difference to our charity as without it the barrier of cost would mean that the young people could not have taken part in the activities. In total over 900 young people attended activities, all from a deprived and neglected background, which gave them an opportunity to take part in activities that they normally would have been prevented from doing. They were able to make new friends, expand horizons, increase confidence and self-esteem.

Through the activities trained youth workers are able to use the environment to deal with many issues that are facing young people in today's society. These issues are varying but cover a number of areas such as mental health, self-harm, knife crime, ambition, employability and dealing with anger management.

## **Bierley Community Association**

*£5,000 July*

*Seniors' Inclusion Worker salary for an Older People's Project*

### **What we aimed to achieve**

The purpose of the grant was to support the continuation of our project for older people and to develop, deliver and coordinate additional services. The project aimed to significantly improve the health and wellbeing of local older people, to encourage them to contribute to community life and decrease isolation and increase the centre's footfall.

### **What we achieved**

We have been able to continue to deliver more services and activities for the older population and build relationships within the community. Regular contact is kept with our seniors either by telephone or Home visits. We delivered home visits to encourage older people to get involved with the community and offered our services; this was valuable to some clients who are housebound either permanently or temporarily.

We have also provided a number of trips to encourage older people to be more active and sociable. These trips have been a great success and popular with our clients as many would not have the means to travel. Many other activities have been introduced over the funding period. With the help and guidance of our seniors, activities have been altered, extended and exchanged for new ideas. Senior leadership has made our project very successful; we have directly improved social wellbeing within our community and continue to do so.

Over the funding period we have held:

46 Exercise Classes	48 Reminiscence
48 Community Lunches	12 Senior council meetings
48 Friday Friends - Crafts / games / trips	46 Grocery Shopping Bus
48 Men's Group	17 Home Visits
42 Bingo sessions	46 Life Café
19 Movie Club	1 Christmas Meals
19 Cover to Cover Book club	6 Cinema trips
18 Afternoon Tea / Coffee Club	1 Seaside Trip
6 Craft Group	

We have increased our number of service users and foot flow to the project and centre. We currently have 120 seniors registered. We collect registers for every activity group and enter the data on to a monthly spreadsheet. We know from this data that at least 60 of these seniors attend our activities on a weekly basis and half of those attend more than once per week. For some, the project activities have been said to be the highlight of their week and without these activities they would have no reason to leave their home. Some of our beneficiaries have health issues including mobility, being able to offer them transport to get them to our centre and other venues has proved invaluable.



We conduct Impact Evaluation Questionnaires approximately every 6 months which allow us to identify the needs of our community and the progression of our objectives. Our recent impact evaluation (March 2018) told us that:-

- 88 % of beneficiaries felt that they were more part of community life.
- 88 % of beneficiaries felt less lonely because of our work.
- 73 % of beneficiaries felt that their voice was heard.
- 81 % of beneficiaries felt involved within the centre's activities.
- 85 % of beneficiaries felt that they had a say in what they wanted to do.

We continue to hold senior council meetings to reflect on our OPAL project delivery This enables our beneficiaries to have a say in the activities that are available to them and make decisions with regards to likes and dislikes, ensuring the project continues to be successful.

We are extremely pleased have been able to secure funding to employ a full time OPAL project leader as of September, who will work alongside our senior inclusion worker to further develop and expand this valued project. We have plans to open a five-days-a-week drop-in coffee and cake café for our older people to be able to meet together and come in for a chit chat, bringing the community together.

#### **Quotes taken from our feedback**

"I only go to the life centre on Fridays for lunch. My diet is a big problem for me, but they go out of their way to cater for me, which I very much appreciate".

"Just enjoy the company"

"Pleased to see how the centre has improved over recent years"

"Keep up the good work"

"It's a lifeline for people that live on their own, it's a very happy sociable place."

### **Bradford City of Sanctuary**

*£2,000 July*

*Establishment of a Co-ordinator's post*

In October 2018, BCoS celebrated the tenth anniversary of its founding in 201 when it became Bradford became the third city in the UK to be formally recognized as a 'City of Sanctuary'. We were externally reviewed in January 2014 and re-affirmed as carrying out the role. We celebrate the huge contribution that asylum seekers and refugees bring to the city and want to see this more broadly recognized. We aim to challenge some of the misinformation and negative stereotypes on sanctuary seekers already in the public domain. We also aim to stimulate opportunities for those seeking sanctuary to participate fully in the life of this city.

As of January 2018, there were 907 asylum seekers dispersed by the Home Office in Bradford. In addition there are many destitute, 'refused' asylum seekers as well as significant numbers of refugees who have remained in the city, having successfully navigated the asylum process. Our work in creating a hospitable and welcoming environment benefits all new and even settled migrants. More than 175 local organisations have signed up to our Resolution of, committing them to welcome and include asylum seekers and refugees in their activities. Our mailing list reaches over 400 contacts. Our website had 6,090 views in the past 12 months of which 69% were new visitors. 1,313 people follow us on our Facebook and Twitter handles. The University of Barcelona contacted us to deliver a webinar to students and staff on our work after visiting our website. We also produce a Newsletter and attend many events to interact with communities in general. For example, we take a display to Bradford's annual Peace & Crafts Fair which is attended by well over a thousand visitors.

We have employed a part time Coordinator (15 hours/week from 01/11/2017) with the help of this grant. Our capacity has expanded as a result of this post: we now respond to more enquiries, participate in more activities and have increased our partnership working with other stakeholders. The capacity of our Schools Worker and the Chair have also been freed up because of this grant,

thus increasing our performance overall. We were involved in the coordination of Refugee Week 2018 and we are participating in the planning of 2019's programme. We commissioned a study for Bradford Council's Integration Strategy on issues faced by refugees and asylum seekers. We organised two themed open meetings: Political Engagement and Advocacy and the launch of our Help into Volunteering Project. In all these activities we involved refugees and asylum seekers actively in planning and delivering the activities.

The Coordinator has initiated and is leading on our Help into Volunteering preparation sessions in partnership with Bradford Volunteer Centre. The aim is to provide asylum seekers and refugees an induction on volunteering, link them up with host organisations and register them with the Volunteer Centre. We launched the project at a very well attended event on 13th March and the first session will take place on 16th April. The Coordinator has also started an e-Newsletter. One of our recent volunteers read about our monthly meeting on our Facebook Page; as a result, she helped during Refugee Week and has continued this involvement since. We initiated the development of a Crisis Fund, which helps refugees and asylum seekers in need. In the past year 31 people benefitted from it with a total amount of £2,441 being distributed.

The Coordinator completed a funding search and shortlisted funders for submission of applications. We are pleased that we were able to re-apply to Allen Lane in October and were successful in achieving the outstanding amount required for the second year's salary of the Coordinator. The remainder of the salary has been raised from grants from yourselves and the Brelms Trust. During this period, we received two heart-touching donations. One of £60 from a 10 year old boy who set a stall on the canal side on New Year's Day to raise funds for us and one donation for the Crisis Fund from the estate of a former trustee who died last year from cancer. We are in the process of setting up Gift Aid to widen our fundraising base.

We feel that we have achieved and exceeded the outcomes for this grant. We have increased involvement and engagement, promoting volunteering and employment opportunities and secured more money for the Crisis Fund. The Coordinator post partly paid for by this grant has increased our capacity to work with partners and stakeholders. It is now imperative to widen and sustain these achievements.

## **Cascade Foundation**

*£5,000 November*

*Basic education for offenders and ex-offenders with learning difficulties*

Our three research projects within the Doncaster community, prison and special unit for children, showed us that ex-prisoners and disadvantaged young people at risk of criminal involvement who had learning difficulties were not getting the help they needed within the community to keep them out of prison. The report of the House of Commons Work and Pensions in 2016-2017 suggested that failure to rehabilitate offenders costs the taxpayer £15 billion per year approximately. HM Inspectorate of Prisons also did not encounter a single prisoner who had been helped into employment by the official Through the Gate provision. So this is why over the last four years we have helped over a thousand ex-offenders as well as interviewing over 2000 people within the prison system - research which confirmed that the level of support was very poor. The challenge of moving from prison back into society can be very difficult for ex-offenders; our research showed us

that 53% had learning difficulties, 72% had left school with no qualification, 62% had been expelled or excluded from school and 71% had not held a job, at all. This part of the project was so important, getting the ex-offenders into a routine of getting up every day and being part of a team.

Our hub's mission is to provide training facilities for ex-offenders who may have underachieved throughout their school life, or wish to develop their job opportunities by developing their basic functional skills, or those skills that will prepare them for employment. They will have the opportunity to gain qualifications such as mathematics and English from entry levels to level 3, in sectors as varied as construction and nutrition. This will be achieved in a comfortable working environment where all learners can feel relaxed and gain confidence and encouragement with experienced staff.

At the moment we are working with Hatfield prison's ROTLs (Release on Temporary Licence) - a critical bridge between prison and the community which helps to prepare prisoners for formal employment and can help to bring stable ability to their lives on release. Our course 'Exploring entrepreneurship with a dyslexic brain' is to help ex-offenders develop into small business owners using Cascade DIY, room hire, a crèche, entrepreneur support and a cafe. All these businesses are to sustain the projects and to help learners into employment. Efficiency North (EN) are interested in our work, and have funded our first DIY course for 10 ex-offenders. Our cooking classes 'Eat well Spend Less' will help ex-offenders to use their money wisely and learn how to cook nutritional meals, and learning to understand how food can have an effect on their learning disabilities.

One example of how we record and follow the progress of our learners is the story of one student who, when she joined at the start of our project, was so shy and reticent she blushed when spoken to and would mumble when she had to reply. Through gentle teaching and using multi-sensory techniques, within 6 weeks, this ex-offender had progressed through life skills and has stood in front of the class and given a short presentation of her work, talking and answering questions about it. We can evaluate such learners' progress with our Certificate in Progression as this helps to highlight hidden disabilities, which we then help the learner to understand how to manage and what tools we can give them to help them overcome their issues and continue their learning journey.

At the end of our project we conduct our own survey to assess the impact and success of the delivery, teaching personnel, content and quality of each course. We will also keep in touch with learners within 6 months of completing our courses to establish how they have proceeded with work, further studies or voluntary work. We also provide the job-centre, CRC and NCRO with a report of the progress of the ex-offenders they have referred to us over the duration of the course, this feedback will help the relationship we have developed with them and role on into our next project.

In our application we said we had six aims:

1. Reduce isolation by giving ex-offenders an opportunity to spend time within the hub.
2. Increase ex-offenders participation to engage with TCF before leaving prison.
3. Improve disadvantaged young people at risk of criminal involvement to understand their learning disabilities.
4. Involve ex-offenders to volunteer and become ambassadors and thereby help improve their chances of getting a job.
5. Over six months of learning and support with the multi-sensory approach to learning and functional skills, using: selling clothes on a market stall and talking to funders, helping with soft skills, communication and receiving and giving change.
6. Teaching and supporting 24 ex-prisoners, through this project.





Here is some evidence that show how we achieved these aims:

We conducted a survey of everyone who took part in our project. 75% of ex-offenders said that they had make friends by coming to our events and that they now saw those friends outside of the hub. 96% of ex-offenders said they looked forward to the group activities as a time when they would get to chat to other ex-offenders about their learning disabilities.

There were nine ex-offender volunteers involved in running this project, decorating and doing DIY in the hub. Five took part in a Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid course, four have taken the Petals courses in teaching. By taking part they developed many skills including organising our launch, designing publicity and leading a group activity, also working with the Health and Safety officer to design our kitchen and

they also meet our local Fire brigade officer. All these experiences will make our ex-offenders more self-confident.

We have helped:

Four ex-prisoners into jobs;

Nine ex-offenders volunteers involved in running this project:

Eleven learners who have taken our dyslexia courses and are ready to take more courses with us to help them gain qualifications, to get the job they require.

The social value of getting these 24 people into learning, using the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale, is **£310,186** minus the bursary of Efficiency North £35,000, Awards for All £10,000 and your grant of £5,000. This has shown that our project has a net social impact of **£260,186** and this is just one of our many projects.

## Conclusion

As you can see, the funding you have provided has been very important for our charity. We have run a successful project and this has really improved the lives of 24 people in the Doncaster community. Our plan for the future is to increase the number of ex-prisoners having a helping hand to claim their Universal Credit's and to use a food bank, to support them while their claim is being processed, which can take up to five weeks. Taking over the lease of the hub in June 2017 has meant that we can deliver more course, in teaching, training and employment skills and increasing links with the four prisons in our area.

## Centre for Women's Justice

£5,000 November

### *Setting up a legal aid contract for strategic litigation about male violence against women and girls*

Since receiving your funding we have employed a full-time solicitor and full-time paralegal, have successfully been awarded a legal aid contract and have commenced litigation. Our first client was in April and was the mother of Jourdain John-Baptiste, a 22-year old woman who died after falling from the flat of her balcony. On 30<sup>th</sup> October, we gained permission from the court to proceed with a legal challenge of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) for their failure to prosecute the prime suspect in this case, despite strong evidence to suggest this was a domestic homicide case<sup>1</sup>. Other cases we are working on include exploring litigation against the Greater Manchester Police alongside submissions to the child abuse inquiry on behalf of victims of 'grooming gangs' in Rochdale and preparing a challenge of the CPS policy to not prosecute certain rape cases<sup>2</sup>.

Below you will see our expenditure for this grant. Once we investigated SRA membership fees it transpired that as a charity, rather than a legal firm, we did not have to pay the £400 fee we had budgeted for. However, to get a legal case work system that was flexible enough for what we do we have, we needed to pay £5,400 per year. As we were able to start litigation without the system in place and we wanted to investigate the various options open to us, we postponed the purchase of a system until October this year. The system is paid on a month by month basis at £450 per month resulting in an underspend of £128 by the end of November which we propose to use towards the costs of the system for January.

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual Spend May-Oct</b>	<b>Projected spend Nov/Dec</b>	<b>Total Actual</b>
Legal case work system	£ 854	-	£ 1,028	£ 1,028
Professional indemnity insurance	£ 2,000	£ 2,013	-	£ 2,013
Practicing certificates	£ 490	£ 378	-	£ 378
SRA	£ 400	-	-	-
Law society quality mark	£ 1,256	£ 1,581	-	£ 1,581
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 5,000</b>	<b>£ 3,972</b>	<b>£ 1,028</b>	<b>£ 5,000</b>

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your grant. The purchases that your contribution has paid for were integral to enabling us to achieve our charity's core objective of beginning litigation which in turn has improved access to justice for women and helped us secure further funding.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/justice-for-jourdain/>

## **Aspire Christ Church Woodhouse, Huddersfield**

**£5,621 July**

### *Core costs for provision for older people*

Your grant contributed substantially to our provision of creative community groups for older people in the Ashbrow, Deighton, Sheepridge, Woodhouse and Fartown areas of Huddersfield. It covered just over half of our planned budget for 2017-18, enabling us to pay our sessional worker Stella to co-ordinate and deliver 45 creative community sessions in the Chestnut Centre to between nine and 14 people each week. We were able to pay for professional tutors to lead 30 of the sessions with art, story-telling, music and gentle exercise and we had one inter-generational session with 20 schoolchildren.

Aspire started as one community group in Huddersfield in 2015 and is now a thriving network of groups at four different venues with two more due to start next year. Beneficiaries give feedback on their experience and the difference it has made to their lives. One woman in her eighties said that she had got down because she never saw anyone or went anywhere, so coming to sessions had really helped. Others have been inspired creatively, made new friends and spread the word which has contributed to the growth of the network and the reduction of social isolation in the area. Staff at the Chestnut Centre have also been referring people to the groups as they have been so impressed by the warm atmosphere, the range of activities and the commitment of staff and volunteers to get to know each guest individually.

We have forged strong community partnerships and helped to improve community cohesion, working with local schools, the council, police and small businesses. We are excited at the prospect of further growth and the aim of making Aspire an independent small charity by 2020.

## **Ciaran Bingham Foundation Trust, Leeds**

**£4,884 July**

### *Expanding breakfast and lunch clubs for older people*

Your Charity's grant help us establish a new project at the beginning of 2018 after the management of Housing and Care 21 approached us in late 2017 to provide afternoon teas for their tenants at Acre Court in Middleton, Leeds, which provides sheltered housing for 40 people aged over sixty.

The first afternoon tea was well received so we were asked to provide this service once per month. About 50 to 60 people normally attend, some of them friends of tenants. We now also provide Sunday lunch on the first Sunday of each month and also the Charity has started this year providing a breakfast (full English) once per month.

This new project has reach out to about 150 people per month. The Charity target this year is on course to reach out to about 2,000 older people. The service delivery which the Charity provides helps combat the negative impact of social isolation on the wellbeing of older people.

## **CLASSSS – City of Leeds After-school Support**

*£1,950 November*

*Professional tutor for GCSE after-school classes and supporting volunteers*

### **How the money was spent**

CLASSSS has provided evening supplementary education classes, based on small-group tuition, to secondary school age children in need of extra help with their schoolwork. We started in response to a survey of headteachers that uncovered a need for our service. We run 5.45-7.30pm every Thursday in term-time at Technorth, in Chapeltown, which is in the north of Leeds, West Yorkshire.

As a result of the grant, we have been able to continue with our secondary provision over the past year, including supporting GCSE students, led by a qualified tutor. Our two secondary school-age classes are supported by three professional/paid tutors, due to the complexities of the curriculum, with the support of volunteers. Your grant funded one of our professional tutors for 39 sessions supporting pupils towards their GCSEs, as well as volunteers supporting tuition.

Our professional tutors are paid £25 per hour (this is perhaps below the market rate, but our tutors subscribe to CLASSSS' ethos to support the disadvantaged within the Leeds community). Tutors are paid £50 per lesson (2 hours per week including 15 minutes preparation time).

### **Did the grant make a difference?**

The funding has made such a difference to the pupils, and also to the volunteers that support the lessons. The grant has made a big difference to the education and life chances of the children we support. Feedback from parents and pupils suggests we have raised children's aspirations, their skill levels and inspire engagement in learning both in and out of school. In addition to learning and building the confidence of pupils, our work also creates more socially-inclusive and cohesive communities by bringing children who, without CLASSSS, may not usually mix with someone who is not from their religious or ethnic background.

We know the difference we have made because we gather feedback from pupils, parents and teachers throughout the school year to track pupil progress. We are responsive to and listen to our pupils and parents, and hosted regular parent meetings and tailored activities around pupils' own views and needs (for example, encouraging them to bring their homework and ideas of subject areas of difficulty to shape their tuition). Weekly feedback is provided through comments into a pupil's Work Record (which their parents then read and discuss with them at home). We also provided a short form for a pupil's teacher to complete and return (via the parent/pupil) on key development areas, and we also request that parents provide us with pupils' school reports.

The grant provided real added value because we receive no statutory funding (as a supplementary school, we are not eligible for government funding) and rely on grants and lesson fees to cover all costs, including room rental, books and materials, the professional tutors for secondary pupils, volunteers' travel expenses and other costs.

### **Who benefited? How many? How?**

22 secondary school age pupils from socially-deprived communities who cannot afford this opportunity from providers without heavily-subsidised fees like ourselves. This is so important due to the rise of private tuition but, as highlighted recently by the Sutton Trust, pupils from lower socio-

economic are less likely to receive such support. This has implications on achievement and social mobility for this group. Our work aimed to bridge this gap, as well as providing the students (and volunteers!) with confidence and social opportunities - for example we have arranged a trip to the theatre for secondary pupils.

English and Maths have been the focus of tuition, but lessons also included Science (this is an important subject for prospective doctors and engineers, for example) and Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education, in response to pupils' needs.

Almost all the children supported had below average attainment (according to their school reports), placing them at higher risk of disadvantage and becoming Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). Pupils are largely from the Chapeltown and Harehills areas of Leeds, which we predominantly serve. These are in the bottom 6% and 1% of neighbourhoods ranked by social deprivation respectively (Source: ONS).

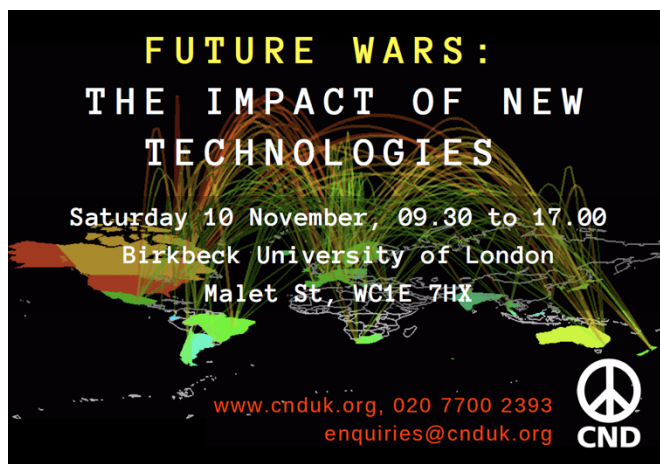
Thank you for the heads-up regarding future applications, which we will consider. Based on your past grantees' information, there are a number of organisations that have been funded more than once, so there is hope!

## Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

£3,000 November

*Conference on emerging weapons technology in London, July 2018*

CND has long argued that spending money on arms and war does not benefit society, and indeed diverts funds from projects which will truly improve people's lives. Indeed, the money that Britain is due to spend on developing new nuclear weapons would build 120 state of the art hospitals and employ 150,000 new nurses at the same time, just to give one example.



Now it is becoming apparent that technology will change the very way in which war will be fought in the future. *The Independent* recently reported that the Ministry of Defence predicts that robot soldiers and 'enhanced' humans will fight future wars, and technological advances will see new frontiers for warfare opening up in space and cyberspace. Interest in the topic is rapidly increasing and so this was a timely and important conference which allowed civil society to be at the forefront of debate on the topic.

The conference was organised jointly by Yorkshire CND and London Region CND, with support from the national CND office. The aim was to bring together technical experts, commentators and campaigners to examine the kinds of technologies that are being considered, investigated, and developed by the military and to consider and discuss alternatives.

### Set-up

The conference was free to attend as the intention was to attract a wide-ranging audience, including those with little or no previous knowledge. A registration system was set up via Eventbrite to monitor attendance, and we soon reached capacity and had to advertise the event as sold-out.

Approximately 150 people attended on the day. The grant obtained from the Scurrah Wainwright Charity enabled us to book suitable event space at Birkbeck University and to invite a range of speakers from the UK and overseas. With the help of pre-recorded interviews and live video conferencing, we were able to include presentations from politicians, scientists, engineers, investigative reporters, activists and analysts from the UK, the US, Switzerland, France, Spain, and Germany, speaking in plenary and workshop sessions. The conference sought to inform and mobilise people to discuss the real alternatives to a new arms race, with a focus on people's needs and how we work towards a culture of peace. Judging by the responses of people who attended, it successfully achieved this. Some of the papers presented are due to appear in a future edition of *The Spokesman*, the journal produced by the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation.

The agenda included the following speakers:

- **Duncan Campbell** (investigative journalist)
- **Arielle Denis** (consultant for the International Peace Bureau and former ICAN campaign director)
- **Stuart Parkinson** (executive director of Scientists for Global Responsibility)
- **Ted Seay** (tactical nuclear weapons expert and transatlantic security specialist)
- **Elke Schwartz** (Lecturer in Political Theory at Queen Mary University)
- **Carol Turner** (CND's Vice Chair)
- **Dave Webb** (chair of CND UK and Yorkshire CND)
- **Lucas Wirl** (Co-director of the International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility)
- **Cath Bann** (from Yorkshire CND)
- **Pere Brunet** (from Delàs Peace Studies Centre, Barcelona)
- **Peter Burt** (author of 'Off the Leash')
- **Chris Cole** (founder of Drone Wars UK)
- **Steven Rose** (Emeritus Professor at the Open University in Life Sciences)
- **Bruce Gagnon** (co-founder of Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in space)
- **Jean Lambert** (Green MEP for London)
- **Sara Medi Jones** (acting General Secretary for CND)
- **Tom Unterrainer** (from the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation and member of CND National Council)
- **Patrice Salzenstein** (blogger and peace activist with Mouvement de la Paix).

The event was publicised both online and with a printed flyer (see left) that was distributed via our networks and at universities. A press release outlining the event was distributed to journalists. London Region CND Chair Carol Turner's article promoting the conference was published in the *Morning Star*. The conference was heavily featured on CND's social media accounts before, during and after the conference. The conference was filmed, with highlights available on CND's website and on CND's Facebook page. The Twitter feed from the conference is also available to view. The conference has received fantastic feedback from participants. As well as educating participants on this new field, it allowed plenty of time for debate so that alternative solutions to the problems of the future can be discussed. Following on from the conference, a network is being established to



build on what was a highly successful day. In this way, the effect of the grant will last far into the future.

#### **Breakdown of grant spending**

Venue hire	£933
Travel and accommodation for participants	£991
Staff time	£886*
Promotional material	£122
Courier to and from venue	£53
Technical equipment	£15

TOTAL: £3000

*(\*note: staff time calculated at £18.76p/h for 7 members of staff for 7 hours, at a total cost of £919.24, £886 of which was paid for by the grant)*

### **Exodus Project**

*£3,600 July*

*Three activity camps for young people at the centre's premises*

Your kind support is sustaining our activity clubs and camps with no breaks in our services and the camps as popular as ever. We continue to see up to 400 children and young people every week but our work is making a difference in individual lives. We love to tell stories about the people who have grown up with us and made positive lifestyle choices as a result of the relationships we have built with them. We have shared many stories with our supporters in the past.

In recent months we have been introduced to a boy called Ryan. His mother is coping alone with him after his dad recently left and a grandparent he was close to died. This has resulted in some disturbed behaviour at home and at school and Ryan's mum was desperate for some support. Since he has been coming to our activity club in his area, Ryan has found some new friends and a support network through our leaders. He recently came on a weekend activity camp at Jenny's Field and received an award for his contribution and behaviour. Exodus has made early impacts on young lives like this for many years and we can point to so many older teenagers, who are still with us, having had a similar start to Ryan. Hayley for example is now a staff member, who has progressed from club member age 9, to junior volunteer, to adult volunteer to apprentice. Having had the most challenging of starts in life, she is now supporting a member of one of our youth groups – Naomi, who has recently been excluded from school. Recognising that Naomi is facing the same pressures at home as *she* did (drugs and parental instability) Hayley is using her own experience to come alongside Naomi in an attempt to get her back on a more positive path.

These impacts are only possible because of our unique model. We are getting kids off the streets and into meaningful activities **but our work is so much more than that.** Because we have been in these hard-hit areas for so long, we are known by everyone on the estates and we are trusted and respected. From these foundations we build relationships that endure and make a difference to the choices the young people make as they get older. Our impacts go beyond the young people themselves. We get to know parents and carers through our weekly visiting teams and we serve the wider community through our contribution to galas, clean up campaigns and other community improvement initiatives. Our contribution to these community events is the biggest area of growth this past year. We take our equipment and resources into the areas of need and provide entertainments and other acts of service for the improvement of the communities. The pictures below are illustrative of the provisions we can make with your kind support.



We aim to build partnerships with Trusts and Foundations like the Scurrah Wainwright Charity, because frankly without them, we would not have been having these impacts for the last 18 years. You and the trustees have recognised the difference you can make. One young person on camp was heard to say..."who pays for all of this?" The short answer is: The Scurrah Wainwright Charity and other kind supporters. Sincere thanks.

## **The Feast Youth Project**

*£4850 March*

*Work with two groups of young people in Bradford from different ethnic, faith and socio-economic backgrounds*

Your grant supported work in Bradford to 'Build Better Bridges' between young people of different faiths and cultures. There were two strands: first was our capacity building and community cohesion through sport with young boys aged 11- 18. In this work we used sports to bring young people of different faiths and cultures together, in particular football and cricket as the two sports are very popular with inner city young people of South Asian backgrounds. These activities were used as a tool to engage with young people from different backgrounds to talk about themselves and about life in multi-cultural communities and neighbourhoods.

This helped in building young people's capacity to engage, become more confident, improve communication skills and develop self-reflection skills. While skills in football and cricket were taught, the young people were able to play the sports with people different from themselves and at the same time engage in discussions and reflections with each other.



The other main strand was a weekly Girl's Club organised by a Feast Youth Worker at the Millan Community Centre in Manningham. The group met for two hours every Saturday and was open to young women aged 11 - 18. The sessions were very well attended, with 27 on the register, predominantly 11 – 14 year olds, with an average of 8 – 10 participants every week. A lot of outreach work had been done in March and April, with parents and young people to build the trust needed for allowing the young girls to attend the club. The Saturday Girls' space has become a social gathering for local girls to hang out, take part in positive activities, build team building skills, and have discussions about their interests and about their identity at large. A grassroots approach was taken which gave the girls a sense of ownership of this group by consulting with them about their interests and starting with where they are at, in life, school, home. Using The Feast's Guidelines for Dialogue, the girls were able to explore many different topics, particularly around faith/religious identity – as an important aspect of their identity. The girls have explored faith and cultural aspects of their lives through arts & crafts, cooking and food, play, drama and dance and by asking sometimes themed or open and explorative questions. The girls found the sessions a safe space to ask questions which they may otherwise be unable to explore in other spaces with their peers.

As well as the regular sessions of the two groups, different Youth Encounter events were held that allowed the young people from the different groups to encounter peers from other faiths and cultures in other locations in Bradford. These included youth discussions of stereotypes, the Manchester bombing, identity and faith and other topics, an interfaith walk, Eid celebrations, trampolining, art and poetry. These involved 112 young people. Scurrah Wainwright Charity Funds paid £3,250 out of £6,500 staffing costs and £1,600 out of £4,139.28 operational costs.

In terms of outcomes, for a number of the young people this was the first time they had engaged with someone from another ethnicity and religion and this in itself was a process in improving self-confidence and build capacity to communicate with other young people. The young people through the combination of sport and regular Feast discussion topics were helped to become more articulate about their own beliefs and identity and more confident to discuss challenging topics honestly and respectfully with others.

The young people learned to listen to one another using The Feast Guidelines for Dialogue and helped decrease the fears and prejudices they may have held of people from a different faith or culture. They understood that they had a lot more in common than they thought by listening to each other. Just one example of this was when they were asked to respond to what their faith means to them, two Muslim young people said, "*it helps me be calmer*", "*it helps me to be positive*" and one of the Christian young people said, "*it helps me to know more about God and how to be good*". Hearing these points made, made them all realise that their different faiths did mean similar things to them. It also encouraged them to ask questions of one another that they may well otherwise have not felt comfortable to ask and several of them realised that their prejudices had been based on media portrayals of people of the 'other' religion.

The Millan girls' group was life-changing for many of the girls involved, many from a South Asian background who live in Manningham, a conservative, deprived and isolated community. Our Youth Worker, Uzma, had to initially cap the group at 21 girls, after walking the streets, knocking on doors and establishing the trust of local parents led to such a positive response. Since then, Uzma has had parents ask if we could run a club for older girls, and there is also an impetus to explore a similar arrangement for boys.

The most inspiring part of this group, is that through the solid foundation that was laid over several months of building the girl's confidence and them gaining a greater understanding of identity, faith and how to conduct respectful dialogue across differences, many of the girls went on to participate in several Youth Encounters with young people of other faiths and start to build friendships across faith and cultural divides that are life changing. This is how society grows to be more peaceful, loving and inclusive and young people of faith are leading the way.



'At Millan Centre, I get to meet new girls - whenever a new person comes, we sit in a circle and welcome them – this is what we always do. I learned that we all have a lot more in common than I thought.' - Girls group member.

## Feeding Barnsley

£2,600 July

*Holiday clubs in deprived areas of Barnsley offering food and fun*

### About Feeding Britain

Feeding Britain is an independent charity established by members of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Hunger to undertake practical action to alleviate hunger in the UK. Our vision is a UK where no one has to go hungry. We want to demonstrate how hunger and its underlying causes can be addressed, and to use this learning to advocate for system level change to eliminate hunger in the UK. Feeding Britain works with local partners to establish anti-hunger programmes across the UK. These are collaborative initiatives which bring together a range of local organisations working, in different ways, to relieve immediate hunger and to reduce people's vulnerability to hunger in the local community. Over the Summer of 2018 we were able to considerably scale up the work that Scurrah Wainwright funded in Barnsley in 2017 and across 8 other pilot areas.

### Impact of the Scurrah Wainwright funding in Barnsley

With funding from the Scurrah Wainwright charity the Feeding Britain pilot in Barnsley coordinated Holiday food and fun activities from Summer 2017- Easter 2018. The funding directly supported 93 holiday club events which provided approximately 1,190 meals and/or healthy snacks and a wide range of fun and educational activities.

	Events/ Days	Meals served	Children attending (*not unique individuals, rather visits recorded)
Summer 2017	53	530	530
October half term and Christmas 2017	18	373	373
February half term and Easter 2018	22	287	417
<b>Total:</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>1,320</b>

The holiday activities with food provision took place in libraries, churches, a community association childcare centre, and other community centres. The venues offered a wide range of activities including picnics, storytelling, science workshops, crafting, cooking and nutrition courses, community lunches, and tea parties.

By placing the food provision in community centres and public spaces that were already serving children and families in lower socioeconomic groups, the Barnsley Food Access network were able to reach more children in need at a lower cost and in a more efficient manner. Furthermore, they were adding value and support to small organisations with a proven track record in the community, deep ties to the families and individuals using their services, and a mission to make a difference in their community. The scheme was also supported by in kind donations from the wider community, including donations of food and services from churches, community organisations, supermarkets, family centres, and local volunteers.

Because of funding from the Scurrah Wainwright charity, Feeding Britain was able to support one of our first pilot areas to co-ordinate holiday food and fun activities across a large region, and provide meals and activities in a stigma free way to over 1,000 children. From this project we have been able to share learning throughout our Feeding Britain network, and have begun to scale up provision in each of our pilot areas to ensure that no child has to go hungry over the school holidays.

## **Feeding Bradford (1)**

*£2,720 July*

*Holiday clubs in deprived areas of Bradford offering food and fun*

Feeding Bradford is a passionate and dedicated network of more than 40 organisations committed to ending hunger in the local community. The pilot aims to improve food crisis support, ensure that no child goes hungry over the school holidays, and raise awareness about the root causes of hunger amongst decision-makers.

### **Impact of the Scurrah Wainwright funding in Bradford**

With funding from the Scurrah Wainwright charity Feeding Barnsley coordinated Holiday food and fun activities from October 2017- February 2018. The funding directly supported 37 holiday club events which provided approximately 3,387 meals and/or healthy snacks and a wide range of fun and educational activities.

	<b>Events/ Days</b>	<b>Meals &amp; snacks served</b>	<b>Children &amp; youth attending</b>
October half term	21	1,995	95
February half term 2018	16	1,392	87
<b>Total:</b>	37	3,387	182

The types of activities included cook and eat sessions, arts & crafts, a Halloween party, sports days, a roller disco, access to play equipment (such as small and large construction, board games, library, dolls), musical games, team games, discussions (teenage group). A trip to the local cinema and trips to the activity centre for laser games and trampolining were also offered.

### **Comments about key benefits from participating clubs**

**Gateway:** Reduction in holiday hunger, reduced stress on parents to find affordable activities to entertain their children and weekly budget saved (improved financial stability)

**James centre:** Raised confidence amongst parents and care takers, as well as young people, young people were able to meet new people and make friends, young people were fed and life skills topics were covered and young people were more active and engaged

**Communityworks:** Children were able to try new and healthy foods, reduction in holiday hunger and opportunity to socialise and have something productive to do

**Springfield:** Children were engaged in positive play and physical activities in a warm safe appropriate space; contact was made with positive adults for support and guidance to engage and play with other children. And children were given a warm cooked meal each day as well as a chance to take food home each session.

## **Feeding Bradford (2)**

*£3,975 November*

*A worker supporting the provision of crisis food to the South Asian community*

£5,000 of the grant was to be distributed for Christmas Food Provision and Holiday Hunger with a split of £3,200 for Food and £1,800 to top up existing funding for Holiday Hunger. In the event only £1,625.20 went to Christmas food due to short turnaround meaning we had fewer orders requested. So we agreed that the balance would be spend on Holiday Hunger work.

### **Christmas Food Provision**

The ability to order food from Storehouse up to approximately £150, and a bit extra for the larger providers was offered to all the food providers we knew where offering crisis food (food banks and meal providers) over the Christmas period 2017. This covered Bradford and Keighley. We restricted it to food banks catering for 20 plus bags a week. Some opted for fresh food – turkey, mince pies, veg etc, others for long life produce. Due to short turnaround the uptake was lower than we had expected with only 9 organisations taking advantage of it. A delivery of food was made to Keighley organisations to aid that part of the district taking part. Organisations who took part were:

Metropolitan Food Bank, Keighley Food Bank – Salvation Army

Community Action Bradford District (meal in Keighley), Italian Mission, Salvation Army Day Shelter, Westgate Baptists, Curry Circle, Living Lights (Keighley) and Homes 4 Living

### **Holiday Hunger**

We had an exisiting grant from the Scurrah Wainwright Trust to support and encourage holiday activities with food and to use this to find out more about the need for provision in the district. Some of this money had been spent during the October half term holiday, After this there was a balance unspent of £935.00. An £3,374.80 additional funding from this grant made the total pot £4309.00 to be spent by the end of March 2018

At February half-term we had 5 providers - Keighley Salvation Army, Windhill Community Centre , Springfield Centre, Community Works and the Gateway Centre which expected very large numbers and was counted as double - who between them offered 24 days worth of play and meals to an average of 20 to 25 children per session. We granted them a total of £2,040 for this. At Easter we had the same providers with the exception of Keighley who where not working.

Total numbers of 31 days worth of play and food was offered – this time the amount per day was shared out prorata to those organisations taking part and came to a total of £2269.82.

### **Data collection**

The content of the questionnaires was discussed at a Feeding Bradford Network meeting and with the steering group. The draft questionnaires were piloted in three settings and feedback helped the development of the final questionnaire forms which were in two parts: one for the organisation with

overall numbers and some breakdown of who uses their service and why; and the second for service users – this was optional and in many cases a thank you of a box of cereal bars or fruit bars was given. Questionnaires were done alongside the service user, and they were invited only to answer with information they felt happy providing.

We fixed a data collection week of the 19<sup>th</sup> of March and directly supported 4 venues to do client questionnaires. A total of 38 organisations agreed to take part ranging from food banks, food parcel distributors (who give out Metropolitan Food bank parcels) meal providers, community food stalls and pay as you feel cafes. Some just did the organisational questionnaire, others that alongside working with their service users to do questionnaires. We are still waiting for returns and are currently collating data.

## **Friends of Hlekweni**

*£4,421 March*

*Resources for two Zimbabwean primary schools*

Friends of Hlekweni (FoH) is a Quaker charity (Charity number: 1126598) whose main purpose is the relief of poverty, the advancement of education and the protection of good health, in particular but not exclusively, in Matabeleland, Zimbabwe. Quakers set up Hlekweni Friends Rural Services Centre (Matabeleland) in 1968 and Friends worldwide have supported this work faithfully. When Hlekweni closed in 2014 by decision of Central and Southern Africa Quakers, Friends of Hlekweni UK adopted a new 5-year strategy in May 2015, based on continuing the spirit of the work undertaken in and around Bulawayo, working with local Quakers, Central and Southern Africa Yearly Meeting and others in and around Bulawayo. Hlekweni has been bought by the Zimbabwe Teachers' Association (ZIMTA) which is starting to offer similar kinds of training and establishing a (thriving) market garden.

*The FoH strategy is five-fold:*

1. Maintaining and extending support for primary schools, particularly in four peri-urban schools around Bulawayo (Samathonga, Mgadla Annexe, Lochview and Ngwenyama) plus one rural school (Ratanyana) by means of feeding schemes and improved school libraries, equipment and infrastructure – *we aim to put significant support into a few schools in poor areas to raise standards* – we know this has been successful at Samathonga, as the school is consistently in the top 10<sup>th</sup> percentile in its district, well above any expected ranking for its intake;
2. Educational bursaries for orphans at Samathonga and other primary schools and for gifted children who would otherwise be deprived of the secondary education they need for their own fulfilment and to contribute to the development of Zimbabwean society (the Zimbabwe Secondary Bursary Scheme, taken over from QPSW);
3. Promoting peacebuilding programmes in schools and the community;
4. Continuing with hardship relief grants where appropriate;
5. Delivering educational resources – books, laptops, pre-school toys etc to schools and individuals.

Two Trustees – Lee Taylor and Jessica Bishop – visited in 2017 to observe progress on our strategic objectives, and projects (outlined in the application). All four of the primary schools and two of the secondary schools FoH supports were visited (some more than once) plus c. twenty other meetings

to observe, to listen, to ask questions about the context and to clarify future work for Friends of Hlekweni.

This report addresses the key areas covered by the grant: we can confirm that all the areas covered in the application were achieved, or moved on significantly through the funding received. We estimate that about 500 pupils in the two schools directly benefitted from various parts of the very practical activities and elements covered by the grant; the benefits to teachers, parents and the communities involved are also significant although less obvious to quantify. We are regularly told that people in Bulawayo/Zimbabwe think the world may have forgotten them but that Friends of Hlekweni continues to be faithful to the work started at Hlekweni.

## Samathonga school

The school continues to operate well, despite all the difficulties, and remains in the top 10% in the school district. We work closely with Marko Dube, the headteacher, and noted the changed demographic of the student population (2017 = 320) following the closure of Hlekweni: more pupils now come from the townships several km away, and the small rural settlements in the bush.



We met (again) with ZIMTA, the new owners of Hlekweni, to maintain good relations. The school aims to provide pre-vocational training, including gardening, and baking. We were shown the small ovens purchased, and used for baking small buns for sale either to children, teachers or parents.

The seeds provided for the nutrition garden enable green vegetables, pumpkins and tomatoes to be grown to supplement the school meals provided. The school continues to do well in sports; the after-school playscheme, although diminished in numbers (because of the closure of Hlekweni) was operating

four days a week, with active play of all kinds, both noisy and quieter. We were pleased to hear more about the term's excursion to the Bulawayo Natural History Museum: for a number of children, this was a rare chance.

## Mgadla Annexe

This is a small school (2017: 185 pupils), which is hopelessly overcrowded, under the aegis of Samathonga. FoH had previously supported play equipment, and were pleased to see the fence now erected, and keeping the roaming cattle out of the school premises and the playground. We were glad to see the school lunch scheme underway – often the first meal a child has had that day – and a keen group of local women doing the cooking (over an open fire as at Samathonga). Their sense of 'identity' and usefulness – as well as hygiene on the scheme has been enhanced by the provision of medical checks, aprons, and proper utensils.

We took out about 150 kg of resources (relieved to get smoothly through Customs in Bulawayo) – pre-school educational play resources, library books, and offer a knitted teddy and filled pencil case to each child in the Early Childhood class. About a third of the children had no pencil to use. We set up an arrangement with the Bulawayo Public Library and Book Aid to get boxes of suitable school library books to schools on request/payment of a small sum. We offered a creative activity (making a kaleidoscope) at both schools which helped 'bond' us with pupils and teachers alike. In addition, we took out letters from Year 3 primary students in Brighton to their counterparts and received letters to take back.

The re-usable sanitary pads project has proved successful on a number of counts: they are made by a small group of widows, so provide some income for them. The teachers and parents report that the provision of the packs has enabled some girls to stay in school all the time, rather than having to take time at home once a month. Part of the SWC grant was for discretionary use by Trustees to meet needs identified whilst there: we used the money for: underpants for the sanipads scheme, stationery for the Ehlekweni Peace Club, contributions towards the Book Aid scheme, materials for the creative activities, a contribution towards participants on a course on Combatting Domestic Violence at the Theological College of Zimbabwe, and for support for travel whilst there, alongside our indefatigable agent, Agnes Ndlovhu (we covered a lot of kilometres!)

## **Gipton Methodist Church**

*£10,587 March*

*Continuing funding of lay worker*

### **Introduction**

This twenty hour per week role has been funded by the Scurrah Wainwright Trust for nearly 20 years, and continues to develop and offer new added value to the life of the Gipton community. In August 2017 Mr. Grenville Jensen retired from the role after 14 years in post. He has made an immense contribution to Gipton and the church and local people were pleased to be able to offer thanks to him as he finished. Grenville undertook significant work in the spring and summer of 2017 to withdraw appropriately from community contexts in which he had carried personal responsibility, and to prepare the way for a smooth transition.

The Leeds North and East Methodist Circuit reviewed the post and designed a very similar job description as that under which Grenville had worked, but with the new title, "Pastoral and Community Worker." In May 2017 a recruitment process was undertaken and Mr. Michael Simpson was appointed to the role from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. A new management committee has been formed by the Circuit to oversee this role, and to provide support to Michael and the appointed line manager, Rev'd Dr George Bailey. Michael has focused in his beginning months on getting to know the church, the community and to grow in understanding of the role and its future potential. New projects are beginning in early 2018.

### **Background: Gipton Methodist Church**

Gipton Methodist Church is a small urban church located in East Leeds, in the midst of a housing estate which is in the East And South East Leeds Regeneration Zone. As a result of the regeneration plans 80 new homes have been built this year right opposite the church.

The small congregation, averaging about twelve people at Sunday worship, comes from the local area including a sheltered housing complex where they have a very good relationship. In the past year two older members have sadly died, and four new members have joined.

The church is part of a local Anglican-Methodist Covenant arrangement with our friends from the nearby Church of the Epiphany and we look to work closely together, sharing 6 or 7 Sunday services per year. We also have for some time shared joint Lent and Advent groups as well as other events and Songs of Praise services together with friends from St Nicholas RC Church and from Oakwood Church who all constitute "Churches Together in Gipton and Oakwood." Newer united projects include hosting a nightshelter for destitute asylum seekers and a new "Open the Book" team to lead bible based assemblies in local schools.

The church has a range of activities set out on its website (<http://www.leedsnandemethodist.org.uk/gipton.php>), and they support Action for Children, Christian Aid and the Nigeria Health Care Project as well as many other charities. The church continues to work with its 2015 mission plan when it adopted the following priorities: "Publicity; Invitation and Partnership"



## **The work of the Pastoral and Community Worker based at Gipton Methodist Church**

The work funded by the grant, which Michael undertakes, falls into two categories:

- A. Work in the church community; and
- B. Work in the wider community.

**A. The work in the church community** is primarily that of pastor to the church congregation.

This means visiting the members of the church at home and in hospital and looking after their general well being, as well as inviting and supporting new people to join in the life of the church. It also means holding a leadership role in partnership with the Minister as the church discerns the way ahead.

Michael leads worship on guitar several Sundays each month. Michael will be taking a lead in recommencing the less formal 'bible study services' centring on group discussion, as begun by Grenville in 2016, which will draw now on material from a published course to help people explore faith and life questions. Many have found this informal style to be more stimulating and helped them in their faith journey.

Different groups are run and led by Michael during the week including the Bright Hour group and the Toddler Group.

The Bright Hour group draws people together to explore questions of life and faith and to support one another. Comments from the group show how much this time is appreciated as well as how the topics are. Many look forward to this time together as it gets them out of their homes, meeting other people and opening up conversations.

The Toddler group draws together parents and carers which again is very much appreciated; this is an opportunity for ,mums to talk to each other on many aspects that relate to their children, and develop friendships by which to support each other. The toddlers also learn to play together and learn many lessons that stand them in good stead for Nursery school. Michael has introduced a private group Facebook page to help with social interaction, launched new publicity, and the attendance has grown in recent months. Feedback continues to be very positive.



Home Group – with Michael having led discussions with church members about this, a new home group will begin meeting in members' homes in February. Michael will provide support and leadership for this group.

### **B. Work in the wider community**

Much of Grenville's engagement was based on many years personal relationship building. Some of the work has been carefully handed onto Michael whilst in other areas Michael is forging new relationship based on his own personality and skills.

The work is very varied but to give a flavour, here are some of the areas of Michael's involvement:

1. Visiting the local sheltered housing complex, Oak Tree Court and its residents. Michael also visits another local complex, Turnbull Court where he has re-launched the monthly service as a new community event and attendance has been greatly increased.
2. Local projects are visited including Action for Gipton Elderly (AGE) and GIPSIL (offers a range of services to people aged 18-25), supporting the work wherever possible, and being able to make referrals as appropriate.
3. Connecting with the local Children's' Centre for which Michael is on the advisory board.
4. Link with other churches in Gipton and supporting/referring to their various community projects. Michael particularly maintains contact with the Mustard Seed café at the Epiphany on Tuesdays.
5. Linking with groups using the church premises for activities such as private parties; Social Services Family Conferencing; other Christian congregations holding regular services; NCT baby cafe.
6. Developing partnership with "Health for All," a charity which leases the upstairs rooms. These have now been totally refurbished and the partnership is working well with Michael acting in a liaison capacity. It is anticipated that some work to encourage healthy eating and exercise among local people will result in the use of the church hall etc.
7. The new kitchen facilities continue to enable the church to provide evening meals for one week to a small group of destitute asylum seekers arranged through the West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Seekers Network (WYDAN). This was successful in February 2017 and will take place again in February 2018. Michael will take part in this project.
8. Grenville had begun a work opening conversation with individuals on the streets of Gipton to build community engagement and cohesion, and to support people in talking about issues of life and faith. Michael has been working with the church congregation, and is in negotiation with Lidl supermarket, about ways to develop this in new ways through a stall to offer free winter clothes (hats, gloves etc) during the cold months.
9. Michael has been developing a new project to begin in February 2018 to engage local residents and church members in litter picking on streets surrounding the church. This has been planned with the support of the local council environmental services, and will be combined with a cafe at the church to help neighbours get to know each other.
10. Contact has been made with the men's support group being run by the charity Space2 and ways to support this are under discussion.
11. The new housing estate currently offers good opportunity for outreach into the community and plans for this are under way.

## **Conclusion**

The funding from the Scurrah Wainwright Trust continues to provide a valuable community asset for the church and community in Gipton. The Pastoral and Community Worker contributes to a number of existing community initiatives and actively seeks to develop new ones in partnership with other organisations in the neighbourhood. This has been a year of transition between workers, in which Michael Simpson has made a good start in his new role. On 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 the Management Committee confirmed that his probationary period was successfully completed and the contract made permanent. We are looking forward to new community developments in coming months.

## **Global Community Outreach**

*£3,520 March*

*Sewing group for asylum-seekers, migrants and refugees*

The sewing club started in May 2017 at the Park Lane Centre, aiming to bring people from diverse backgrounds in the community to come together through sewing and also get to know each other and understand different cultures as well as learning a skill for life. The group was attended by up to 7-8 people every week. At the start of club, the group was meeting for 3 hours once weekly. It was apparent the people enjoyed the sewing club and most of the participants soon started coming during the week for an extra private sewing session free of charge.



Almost all the people that attended the club had no previous experience in sewing or using a sewing machine. They were thought step by step to thread a sewing machine and proceeded to learning sewing straight and diverse stitches with the sewing machine.

Participants started by learning to sew 'plate mats' and went on to learn to sew simple 'patch work bags'. Some people were interested to take it further by learning how to construct basic dress patterns and following it up with transferring patterns on fabrics to cutting

and sewing child/adult dresses including skirts and blouses.

The club was running for 12 months. Participants are very happy, and all are now able to use sewing machines. Here is some feedback from participants:

**Zabada**. ..... 'love the club never thought I could ever use a sewing machine. I am now confident to carry out alterations, cut fabrics to sew simple tops and pillow cases'.

**Amino** .... 'I am now doing a lot of sewing at home and have made a lunch bag for my daughter for school'.

**Safa**... 'it was a privilege meeting people from different countries'.

Overall the sewing club was fun, and attendance was very good. Sadly a few people were turned away because the group was running with only one person to instruct. All the participants can use a sewing machine safely and have some sewing skills that if continually put into practice will indeed benefit them for life.

## **Grimethorpe Activity Zone**

*£3,650 March*

*Core costs for a young people's advice centre*

### **Background**

Grimethorpe is a very poor and deprived area of Barnsley, South Yorkshire. This poverty brings many problems and issues for local young people, especially as they move towards adulthood. This was why we wanted to provide advice and help and the grant from your charity helped us to pay for this service and to employ an advice worker who worked for 4 hours per week. Their role was to develop the advice information and materials we held and to keep it up to date, deal with queries

that came in and to develop and manage a new service that we introduced using Facebook. We used Facebook to provide advice, to advertise our service and communicate with young people.

### **What we did**

We advertised our service on posters in local organisations and through our Facebook site. We built up a good library of books and leaflets on a wide range of subjects and we provided advice, information and signposting on many subjects. The issues we helped with included help with benefit claims and finding accommodation, help with finding work and bus times and journey plans for young people starting work or training and signposting for young people wanting help with debt and alcohol problems. Help with finding work and training was the area we helped most on. We provided information on job and training opportunities, helped to prepare CVs, fill in applications and preparation for interviews.

### **Outcomes**

During the last 12 months we have developed an additional service that provides help for local young people and have developed the use of Facebook in our work. We have helped over 40 young people with advice and help in the past year and the increase in demand as the year progressed leads us to believe that if we can keep the service going the number of young people who come to us for help will grow.

### **Future**

We believe our advice service has been a successful project and has been welcomed by the community. The feedback we received from the young people we helped was very good and the level of demand we received has shown us that it is needed and we are now looking for funding to try to keep it going. This grant has helped us to help many young people from this community.

## **HappyDays UK**

*£5,000 November*

*Core costs for the expansion of an accommodation service for homeless people*

The grant from the Scurrah Wainwright Charity significantly contributed towards the HappyDays Community's expansion and has helped the charity implement a stronger, scalable model of safe accommodation and long-term support. In addition to this we have increased HappyDays Community housing provision to offer 20 residents support to enable sustained independent living in the future, over 5 properties.

The first of our expansion was through a partnership with The United Reform Church and St Augustine's Centre. In December 2017 (4 days before Christmas) we opened up a fully furnished URC Manse and made it home to 4 refugees, one of whom was destitute and waiting for his second asylum claim to be processed. The project to date has given an opportunity for 9 people to live safely and securely for a period of six months or longer. This has then provided each housemate a platform in which they can move forward with their life – some have found employment, another started his family life when he was reunited with his wife, whilst others have enrolled in education.

Our learning from this project is that for these individuals to move forward with their lives after fleeing their country of origin and going through the challenges of UK's asylum process, they need to

obtain financial security not only for themselves but for the ones they have left behind. However they need a period of settlement; a period of understanding the mechanisms and processes that will eventually move them forward. We have built relations between our residents in Sefton Terrace (our group homes in Halifax) and the Manse, and by doing so engaged them with the wider HappyDays Community with such projects involving gardening, cleaning and redecorating. In addition to this we moved one of our residents from Sefton Terrace into the Manse as it was felt that a longer-term resident to bring stability and routine would help other residents feel that it was a home, rather than a house of transition.

Our second area of expansion was a partnership with the Methodist Church in Dewsbury. This project was to mirror what we are doing in Sefton Terrace by housing individuals who were street homeless or at risk. Bringing them into supported accommodation and by doing so helping them to rebuild their lives and move on into sustained independent living. This project did not go to plan due to the residents in the local neighbourhood objecting to the project due to fears. HappyDays held information evenings and 1-1 talks with all concerned but eventually decided that due to residents' objections it was best to sadly end the partnership and move on to new opportunities.



In addition to the planned expansions as set out in our grant application, HappyDays has also joined partnerships with Second Halifax Housing who have offered HappyDays five units as move-on properties for residents leaving our group accommodation at Sefton. In October we saw our first resident Michael move in to one of these units and he has now secured employment and is volunteering with HappyDays helping others in the community. You can see a short film about Michael's achievements

by following this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DKjNs7v8qQ&feature=youtu.be>

In late spring of 2018 after doing a development plan and impact report HappyDays revamped its Trustee board and recruited four new trustees. In addition to this we were successful in receiving 3 years funding from the Tudor Trust. This funding has supported the charity to recruit an Operations Manager to help manage all aspects of the charity and ensure that we meet our aims and objectives as set out in our development plan. In November 2018 we were joined by Alex Abel and since starting she has helped the charity recruit new staff and transition the HappyDays Social Enterprise Programmes in Sowerby Bridge (Cycles & Café) into a CIC to improve financial viability and sustainability for both the charity and the Social Enterprise.

Our first group homes in Halifax have now become a thriving community. HappyDays now has four properties on Sefton Terrace accommodating up to 15 people – the picture shows them hosting a street party for local people. Our weekly support programme offers an in-depth Circle of Support delivered by support staff, volunteers and partnership organisations. This is now being brought together to form part of a support package which includes a revised support plan and monitoring systems, which are all being developed with the help of an academic consultant.

Our target over the next three years is to expand our provision to 60 supported accommodation spaces in Calderdale. In parallel we will recruit 10+ partner organisations to model our scheme across a wider geographical area. It's exciting times and we are already progressing with a partnership with the Rivertree Trust in Kirklees to set up our Huddersfield based Community & Social Enterprise business situated at the old Ben Shaw's factory, Birkby. By the end of summer 2019 we will be opening three properties, offering nine bedrooms to people who are homeless.

## **Haven House, Sheffield**

*£3,000 November*

*Core costs of support for children and young people affected by domestic abuse*

The year April 2017 – March 2018 was a pivotal year for Haven. The charity became independent of the refuge in April 2014 with the primary aim of delivering specialist services to children and young people who had been affected by domestic abuse. Once we became independent the demand for the service increased very quickly. This was, in part, due to us being able to offer our services across the city, meaning more children and families would benefit from our service, as well as children in the refuge.

Our main priority during those early years was to financially stabilise the charity. Some funding was in place to deliver the CandyP programme and group work, but this was insufficient to meet demand. The main priority at the times was to secure funding to meet the demands on the delivery services. In the interim core costs were kept to the very minimum, the Trustees agreed to fund the deficit of core costs from reserves. Such was the passion and commitment of our work one trustee worked voluntary for 2-days a week to work specifically on funding applications.

When we submitted our funding application to Scurrah Wainwright in 2017, we had a forecast deficit on our core budget to March 18 of approx. £9,000. We had also submitted several funding application for delivery work and infrastructure development. Receiving your grant meant that we could focus on securing funding to continue and develop the delivery work and also put in place our plans to strengthen our infrastructure, by employing a director, improving our monitoring systems, lone working and building a new website.

Subsequently we have secured £560,000 from a range of groups including the Tudor Trust and BBC Children in Need. So as you can see, the small grants that we received during 2017/2018, from yourselves and other trusts, provided support when we needed it most.

Your grant paid for:

	£
Premises costs:	975.60
Office Costs	825.31
Payroll Costs	24.97
Salary	967.60
Delivery Resources	<u>206.52</u>
	3000.00

In 2017/2018 we worked with 74 children and 54 families. In addition to our therapeutic CandyP programme, we also delivered 3-Helping Hands and 3-Bouncing Back group programmes and 4-family days. CandyP is a six week programme delivering one-to-one sessions that allow children and young people and mum (or carer) to communicate together by using creative and engaging techniques to help each other understand the affects that domestic abuse has had on them. Bouncing Back and Helping Hands are six to eight week group sessions for children and young people aged 7 - 16. The sessions help them to feel less isolated and have a shared experience with their peers. By talking together, it allows them greater control over their own experiences, defining and describing these themselves – rather than adults doing this for them.



All the children and young people that we work with have been affected by domestic abuse. They have often witnessed abuse against mum or carer by the other parent, family member or new partner. They often express feelings of responsibility for causing the abuse or for not stopping it. They describe feeling angry, frightened, worried, guilty, sad, confused, and alone and are commonly conflicted about their loyalties to the adults in their life and may not know who they can trust to talk to.

Our work continues to grow: as an example, between April 2018 – March 2019 we have worked with 295 children compared to 74 children in 2017/2018.

## **Hinge Centre, Bridlington**

*£5,000 July*

### *Material costs for courses for vulnerable adults and young people*

Your grant provided important materials for the Independent Living Skills sessions, for example, stationary and other items for arts and crafts, ingredients for cooking sessions, textbooks, equipment for various practical skills sessions (things such as how to change a fuse in a plug) and sundry items during trips and activities that promote confidence, social inclusion, independence and social cohesion.

The Independent Living Skills sessions facilitated at the Hinge Centre are for people with learning disabilities, people experiencing mental health difficulties and other socially excluded and disadvantaged individuals in a community that experiences significant deprivation. The Independent Living Skills sessions also provide the opportunity for external agencies and professionals to support with the facilitation of sessions. They bring new skills, ideas and services into the sessions to diversify the support being provided.

The Independent Living Skills sessions are designed to enable individuals who may be socially isolated to develop practical and interpersonal skills. The sessions are also designed to empower individuals by building confidence and self-esteem and improving their peer networks and interpersonal relationships by offering opportunities for engagement and interaction. The grant made a difference because it enhanced the opportunity to deliver engaging and empowering

activities by offering practical resources that would otherwise not have been available for use during these sessions. The implications of these additional resources were tangible for the individuals who attended the groups. These additional resources made the groups more successful; more diverse, resourceful and engaging. They provided those facilitating and attending the freedom to generate more ideas and opportunities about activities and the range and scope of the support being offered and received.



From July 2017 to June 2019 there were 33 different people who made 507 attendances at 145 sessions totalling 858 hours of support (averaging 5.8 hours per week) during the Independent

Living Skills sessions. Many people became regular attendees at the group. The people who attended benefited in the ways we had anticipated when establishing the project and securing funds to deliver the sessions; improved self-esteem, confidence, peer networks, social skills and emotional wellbeing. A core group of people formed who attended the group consistently over a long period of time. Prior to attending this group many of the people reported that they lacked peers and social groups, and spent a lot of time being or feeling isolated.

The Independent Living Skills sessions have enabled the people attending to benefit from the opportunity to develop their peer networks, make new friends, learn new skills, and improve their confidence, self-esteem and mental health and wellbeing. The sessions give those attending more focus and structure within their week. Those improvements in self-esteem, confidence and emotional wellbeing are all apparent in the feedback we record and gather, the testimony of those facilitating, and the continued success of the Independent Living Skills group sessions.

People who have accessed other services within the Hinge Centre such as resettlement or benefits and welfare support can also attend the Independent Living Skills sessions. They can develop new skills and confidence and there are pathways for them becoming volunteers. There are a handful of people who have attended the Hinge for a variety of support reasons, progressed into the Independent Living Skills sessions and then gone onto become volunteers. The sessions have been a pathway to progress and advancement for people who may have otherwise continued to experience difficulties with social exclusion.



## Hope for the Future

£4,800 November

*Climate change workshops to educate school students and encourage them to engage with staff and local politicians*

The aim of this project was to deliver 12 climate change workshops in schools around Yorkshire involving the school's local MP or Councillor. The aim of the workshop was to raise student, teacher and local politicians' awareness of opportunities to tackle climate change and related local issues such as air quality, flooding, fuel poverty and green investment. We also wanted to give students the chance to meet local politicians to discuss their concerns and equip them with the knowledge and confidence to engage with political processes such as parliamentary debates and policy formation.

The project took a while to pick up while we discovered the best way of contacting schools to set up the workshops. From those we did manage to gain access to, we only received positive feedback. As a result, Scurrah Wainwright generously gave us an extension to reach the target for the project and we are pleased to say that in the recent months the rate of uptake from schools has increased exponentially. With the recent surge in youth participation in the climate strikes, and Greta Thunberg speaking on the global stage, schools have been delighted to see that we are demonstrating another way of engaging with the democratic process. For example, a student at Ermysted's Grammar School in Skipton said that he was glad he could learn more about climate change in a classroom setting and engage with his MP, Julian Smith, at school.



With the funding from Scurrah Wainwright we were able to engage 12 schools with our workshops. We have completed ten of these workshops and have two booked in for the new academic year. The project has impacted nine MPs and one local councillor: Paul Blomfield MP, Philip Davies MP, John Mann MP, Julian Smith MP, Graham Stuart MP, Gill Furniss MP, Cllr Andrew Sangar, Louise Haigh MP, Rachel Reeves MP, and Rachel Maskell MP. 391 students have been involved in the workshops so far and a further 60 students will be at those in September.

Students rated our workshops at an average of 8.0 out of 10, and teachers rated the workshops at an average of 9.2 out of 10. According to feedback forms, the main things enjoyed by students were engaging with the MP, learning more about climate change and preparing presentations. The main feedback for improvement was that they wanted more time. We aim to keep the workshop flexible to fit in with the school timetable, but

as a result of this feedback we recommend to schools that the 3-hour format is the best option, giving us 2 hours with the students to prepare before the MP arrives.

Kathryn Richardson, a teacher from Beverley High School said "The staff delivered an effective introduction that enabled the students to engage efficiently on the task set and it challenged them

to be innovative and critical in their suggestions and post-presentation analysis". We found the independent research element of the workshops to be really valuable. Although students were given the same topics and briefing sheets, the presentations at each school were vastly different as a result of students being encouraged to do their own research and be creative in thinking of solutions. This resulted in ideas being presented to MPs ranging from support for pre-combustion carbon capture and storage to solar panelled jackets.

A student from Skipton Girls' School said, "I enjoyed being able to make and present issues and possible solutions to climate change to our actual parliament representative". Having the MP or Councillor present was a highlight of the workshop for many as the students saw it as an opportunity for their voices to truly be heard. Paul Blomfield, MP for Sheffield Central, said, "Those at school today will be tackling the challenge of climate change tomorrow. The workshop was a great way of opening the issue up to the students and engaging them in thinking about how they could make a difference."

The funding from Scurrah Wainwright has enabled us to develop our school workshops, including the materials used for them (see an example of a briefing sheet we provide to students attached). We hope to continue our school workshops around Yorkshire and beyond as they are an effective way of engaging both young people and politicians on the topic of climate change. They bring together the voices of the future generation with local and national decision makers in a safe space where creativity and collaboration is encouraged.

## **Humber Community Advice Services**

*£5,000 March*

*Core costs to help a rapidly-growing support service for ethnic minority communities*

Your grant enabled us to buy a new printer and run three new weekly advice sessions for minority ethnic community members in Hull. These focused on debt, housing, immigration, employment, welfare, health and well-being and community involvement. We also had four group sessions and regular one-to-ones with clients who were relative newcomers to the UK and had problems with language, lack of skills and navigating employment and other agencies. We ran three IT sessions a week, including advice on CVs and online job applications, and supported clients in applying for benefits, housing repairs, utility contracts and bill payments.

One result was successful negotiation of debt recovery issues with some clients and arranging instalment payment for others. Five volunteers were involved and the grant covered 75 client beneficiaries, 35 of whom were taught to write CVs, two were found part-time jobs, four got volunteering work and 18 were helped with debt. Sixteen clients learned IT skills sufficiently to navigate the Government's Find a Job website, 15 learned how to master online banking and seven learned how to use emails and Skype. .

## In2Change

£4,650 March

*Help for women aged 18-25 and recently released from prison or at risk of offending or victims of sexual exploitation*

In2Change is a not-for-profit charitable organisation that aims to prevent young people and ex-offenders becoming or remaining involved in criminal activities. This is accomplished through targeted interventions designed and delivered by ex-offenders and serving prisoners. We hope to empower and encourage young people to make the right choices, form positive relationships and rebuild their confidence. Your grant paid for sessions for young women who had been victims of abuse or exploitation. The funds were unspent as of the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 and remained in our restricted income until we used the funding in our last financial year.

We used the funds to do a variety of projects to support young women who are recovering from abuse and exploitation. The activities allowed us to understand what was successful and what we could do better to help our vulnerable beneficiaries. Our activities included:

1. Funding Support for University Psychology Student (Bethany) to have a placement with us, where she could talk to young people and women about the effects of abuse. This has led Bethany to begin a PHD specialising in Knife Crime and Gang Culture, emphasising the role of young women and girls.
2. Shelly – an ex-offender who was imprisoned for gang related offences and abused by gang members for many years, delivered sessions to young vulnerable girls aged between 14-18 years. The sessions covered what is a positive relationship, what is abuse and the realities of being associated with a gang.
3. Lily – a serving prisoner came to work at In2Change on a day release basis delivering sessions to young people about the realities of prison. Lily also taught nails and beauty to young girls who were attending In2Change as Alternative Educational Provision. This assisted our beneficiaries by giving them improved employability skills and confidence.
4. Courtney (pictured here) – an ex-offender who has been in prison twice and is now on licence for offences relating to violence. Courtney is a great example of how you can turn your life around, whilst on placement Courtney shared her experiences and feelings with young vulnerable girls who can learn from her story and relate to what is being said. Courtney now volunteers with us as a teaching support assistant and we are currently seeking funding to employ Courtney on a full-time basis.



The work was hugely successful, and we are now in a position from the evaluations of this funded work to build and develop specific programmes for women and young girls who have suffered from abuse and for those who are vulnerable to it. The funding has directly helped 4 ex-offenders aged between 18-25 years and 30 young girls aged between 14-17 years. We have learnt that intervention at an early age is key to preventing abuse that has lifelong effects and consequences for victims. We have also made great links through this work to other organisations that we can partner with in the future.

## **Inn Churches**

*£4,914 July*

### *Cook's salary at a community pay-as-you-feel café*

As we get ready for our end of year reporting I want to say a HUGE thank you for your financial support. We really couldn't have done it without you. This year has probably been our busiest yet and your funding made it possible.

Our winter shelter hosted 67 guests with two new hosting churches coming on board the volunteer numbers swelled to over 900. Our guests were well looked after with bed, breakfast and evening meals. Only three individuals returned to the street with 64 finding more permanent accommodation. This was Paul, our Positive Pathways worker's, first winter with us and he coped really well with the demands of the shelter, balancing the needs of the guests with the needs of the volunteers. After the shelter he continued to help guests transition into their new lives.

We have for several years worked on the Warm Homes Healthy People Project, a free service which aims to save people money and keep them warm, by installing small energy efficiency measures, providing emergency support, offering support and advice on energy bills, and helping with debt and benefits checks providing warm clothing, bedding and food to those housebound and vulnerable. This year with funding being significantly less (12k) we still saw over 400 referrals to our part of the service which provides food parcels and bedding to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the district.

Our Starter packs continue to be popular; we offer these to people moving from the street into accommodation. This year we provided 84 individuals with crockery, cutlery, bedding and food to help them with their transition from the Streets. Much of the pack is donated although we always provide a new duvet and kettle for hygiene and health and safety reasons.

Gary, our Centre Manager, is working wonders in managing the health and safety aspects and the overall running of the centre. We have installed new emergency lights and are working on a rolling health and safety programme for the building updating a lot of features. We have secured another 6 years on our lease with the landlord, so it makes our situation here more tenable. We have also had the plans drawn up for the works on the building which will see us install a lift and refurbish the kitchen and café. The food hub continues to work well, and we estimate we have provided enough food for over 235,000 meals across the city to over 50 community groups this year. The food we have had donated has a cost value of around 168,000 pounds. We have also had around 100 tons of non-food that we have re distributed. Yordano our driver is working hard to collect the food.

Last year in April we took on Jamie's Ministry of Food when they lost their funding. At a time when five other organisations providing cookery skills to vulnerable people had lost funding and closed it seemed a shame to lose the expertise of Soraya and her team, so they came to live with us. This has been a great success. We have recently trained 3 more people to deliver the courses. The summer schools have exceeded demand and the community groups, churches and schools we serve are delighted that we can offer excellent cookery skills either free or at low cost. We initially targeted our work in the five key areas of deprivation in the city and spread this out. There is a huge need for this work. We have gained some funding from Leeds Community Foundation to offer the classes below. The classes are free so to discourage people from not turning up we have asked for a small deposit which is refunded.

**Six weeks of summer**

Why not bring your kids to one of our fun & informative hands-on workshops? At our cooking workshops, kids (7-15 years old) will learn valuable cooking skills and take home a great tasting nutritious dish to share with the family. We're also running craft sessions (☺) for younger kids (4-7 years old) which include a freshly prepared packed lunch.

**Free** **Ministry of Food** We've partnered with Jamie's Ministry of Food to deliver fun and friendly hands-on cooking classes with delicious Ministry of Food recipes. Classes are free, but there's a £3 deposit per place (£1 for craft), which will be returned when you attend the workshop. Booking is essential, all children must be accompanied by an adult. [innchurches.co.uk/cooking](http://innchurches.co.uk/cooking)

**Inn Churches**  
The Storehouse, 116 Calverley Street, Bradford, BD4 7BQ

Mon 22/07 10.30	● Lentil & spinach soup	14.00	● Thai green vegetable curry
Tue 23/07 10.30	● Sticky chicken Chinese noodles	14.00	● Super tasty Miso broth chicken, mushrooms & wild rice
Wed 24/07 10.30	● Omelette with salad	14.00	● Quick salmon tikka with cucumber yoghurt
Mon 29/07 10.30	● A cracking burger	14.00	● Classic tomato spaghetti
Tue 30/07 10.30	● Veggie korma & mock cauliflower pilau	14.00	● Grilled chicken with green goddess dressing
Wed 31/07 10.30	● Brilliant veg burritos	14.00	● Beautiful fish stew
Mon 05/08 10.30	● Fresh fruit salad	14.00	● Tomato soup
Wed 07/08 10.30	● Pasta & Caci cheese-rye soup with chickpeas	14.00	● Keema curry with homemade chapatis
Mon 12/08 10.30	● Pancake with fresh fruit	14.00	● Chicken Chow Mein with egg noodles
Tue 13/08 10.30	● Vegetarian chili	14.00	● Spinach, aubergine & chickpea curry
Wed 14/08 10.30	● Tasty glazed salmon	14.00	● Chicken tikka masala
Mon 19/08 10.30	● Basic crisps	14.00	● Tomato & basil risotto
Tue 20/08 10.30	● Crunchy fish goujons with avocado salad	14.00	● Chicken fajitas with homemade guacamole & salsa
Wed 26/08	Young chef's cooking competition, for those who have taken two or more cooking classes. Visit the website for more information.		
Thu 29/08			

The café has had a lot of competition from new places opening locally so takings are not massively high however, we pride ourselves of fresh, excellent quality and nutritious food made daily, so this attracts a lot of people who cannot afford to pay but value the service we provide. Di and the team of volunteers manage this well.

With Homeless Beanies we have partnered with Shiloh Coffee roasters to provide excellent coffee for excellent reasons. The coffee is red association which is better than fair trade for the farmers as it pays them a loving wage. Our beanie sales have increased, although the income generated is modest it means we have a viable option for getting homeless people to work their way out of poverty,

We had Hermes in last month (the parcel people) to do an audit of where we were as part of their Common Purpose module. We were humbled by their summary of the work we do.

"Never was so much owed by so many to so few" Winston Churchill

- You are not only part of the community you are the community
- Thank you for letting us be part of your journey
- Your strengths are the things that come naturally but are unnatural in business but where all businesses strive to be.

"We know what we are, but not what we may be." William Shakespeare

- Your values will underpin what investment opportunities you want to explore so that's the start
- Constantly evaluate your purpose as your purpose will change with growth and opportunity
- Be brave to take the opportunities to become financially independent

"Charity is injurious unless it helps the recipient to become independent of it" John D. Rockefeller

- This is what makes your charity so effective and is almost its USP, so this is fundamentally the barometer of success?

## Invisible Traffic

### *£5,000 First safe house in the North of England for women victims of sexual trafficking*

The grant from SWC allowed Invisible Traffick GB to provide much-needed residential support to women who had been trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. During April 17-October 17 we supported women who had been through the national referral mechanism and had not received trauma-informed care. The women were able to go through our programme and are now living their lives either independently or with specific support.

For example one of the women we supported had been trafficked on three separate occasions and would have continued to be vulnerable. Invisible Traffick GB recognised that she had a learning disability and supported her to gain a formal diagnosis. We eventually found her a lifelong home that is supported by trained learning disability staff. Her vulnerabilities are now assessed and she is no longer at risk of being re-trafficked. Your grant enabled us to provide this very specific support and we continue to have contact with her. Another woman is now living in her own apartment, has a full time job and has put her past behind her.

Here is how we spent the grant:

<b>Item or activity</b>	<b>Actual total cost</b>	<b>Amount of SWC spent on item</b>
Millage and fuel	411.88	411.88
stationary	218.57	218.57
Company fees	180.00	180.00
training	2138.53	2138.53
Counselling and related costs	2479.28	2054.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5428.26</b>	<b>- 428.26</b>

The SWC grant has given Invisible Traffick GB the experience needed to train statutory agencies about the trauma focused care needed to support women who have been trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. We have learnt so much from the ladies we supported that we are now passing on our knowledge to front line workers. This enables women leaving national referral mechanism safe houses to receive support from professionals who will understand the trauma they have endured.

We opened Tamar House in November 2016 after identifying a need for long term 24/7 aftercare for victims leaving 45-day safe houses as part of the National Referral Mechanism. Our research found that the 45-day Government funded provision was far too short to make any impact on the recovery of these women and that, more often than not, they would leave the safe houses only to find themselves re-trafficked within a short period of time. Our plan was to give our clients the time and intensive support they needed to find healing from their trauma and re-establish their lives. Our plan was to fund the running of the house through housing benefits claimed on behalf of the clients, grant funding and individual giving. To keep overheads low we operated on a 100% voluntary capacity, with the intention to employ staff as funds became available. The house had capacity for up to 6 women at any time and our expectation was that a client would spend around 9-12 months in our care. Between November 2016 and October 2017, we supported four women.

Although we had many referrals, there were various complexities that meant we were not able to accept everyone. Firstly, there were many EU Nationals for whom the process of gaining discretionary leave to remain was a long and fruitless one. As the income from housing benefits was our only sustainable option for funding the running of the house, we were unable to accept women who weren't eligible to claim it. Secondly, we knew from the outset that there would be women referred to us with complex issues resulting from their experiences, such as drug and alcohol addictions. Unfortunately, we didn't always have the level of skill and experience within our pool of volunteers to match the need of our clients. Income from housing benefits enabled us to cover the majority of costs to run the house e.g. utilities etc. It was our hope that to enable us to employ staff, we would secure grant funding. However, as a relatively new organisation we had not had the chance to build our track record. What is more, our commitment to provide long term care to a small number of women a year meant that funders deemed our intervention too costly. As a result of the lack of funding, we continued to operate with a 100% volunteer team covering a 24/7 rota at the house. This became increasingly difficult to manage as the level of skill required for more complex cases meant our volunteer pool became more and more limited. For all of these reasons combined, in October 2017 we decided to close Tamar House.

Invisible Traffick GB now has a focus on training and will continue to lobby for important changes to the inadequate provision and support for victims currently provided by the Government. This will include sitting on both the West Yorkshire Anti-trafficking Network and the Kirklees Anti-trafficking Network as well as advising on independent reviews of the National Referral Mechanism. For example, Alison has recently been consulted by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) which is in the process of conducting in-depth country NRM assessment visits in Central Asia, South-Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus, Eastern Europe, Western Europe, and North America.

### **Khidr Collective, London**

*£2,000 November*

*Workshops in three UK cities to encourage young Muslims to respond creatively to social and political issues they face, eg via a zine*

Your grant enabled us to go on our first national tour, running workshops in Manchester, Bradford and Leicester where we met with Muslim artists and activists. The main outcome was educational for us as we researched what groups and individuals with similar agendas to ours are doing in the arts for local Muslim communities. We also shared experiences of the socio-political barriers faced by young Muslims and how these are challenged and overcome.

We distributed copies of the *Khidr Collective Zine* which hopes to act as a platform for communities with little access to traditional avenues into the arts. In the process, we expanded our network and hope to recruit material for future issues. One of our key experiences was running joint workshops with local artists including Nawel Hussain of Good Girl Gang who produce screen-printed merchandise in Leicester and Heena who organises the *Over Here* zine festival for ethnic minority writers in Manchester. Evidence emerged from these of the chilling effect of the Prevent programme and media association of Muslims with terrorism on school and university students. Workshops with 18-25-year-olds came out of this. We made a short film of the tour for our website.

We are hopeful that our findings and work on the tour will have a positive impact in our own communities in terms of understanding and contributing to a richer cultural programme from which younger and underprivileged artists can benefit. Two practical results of the tour were our first zine-

making workshops at MFest, the UK's first Muslim arts and literature festival, and a comic-making workshop as part of the Arab cultural festival Shubbak.

The 16 collective members have shared their findings and experience with the wider London community of young Muslim artists and Khidr was part of the Bradford Zine Fair and Manchester's NW Zine Fest in Summer 2019. Our zine had 25 contributors to its last issue which was both published in paper form and on our website.

## **MADE in King's Cross, Media in Our Hands**

*£1,500 November*

*Youth-led campaign called Young, Gifted and Black, encouraging more working class voices in the media*

With the grant provided, *Made in King's Cross* was able to train a cohort of seven first-time filmmakers aged 16-21 in film techniques and theory. As a result of the grant, we produced three youth-led films out of this process: *Gentrimental*, *This Is Home* and *We Grew Up In*.

The programme began by exploring the issues that were important to the young people but received little or poor media attention. We developed a set of filmmaking principles about how we wanted our work to represent the communities we belonged to and how our filmmaking could be a counter-narrative to, or resistance against, the disparaging representations of our communities by mainstream media. We explored themes such as education, immigration, housing and regeneration. Regeneration ended up being a focal point with all three films eventually exploring themes of social cleansing and belonging in the city, especially as we were based in King's Cross. Below is a synopsis of the three films developed:

***Gentrimental.*** *Collecting stories through voice-notes, this animated documentary looks at the relationship between gentrification and mental and physical health. The film is a coming-of-age story of a young girl who struggles with body confidence issues and social media pressure to look good and keep up with trends. At the same time, she also sees her area 'upgrading'. As new wealthier people move in and old neighbours move out, she feels increasingly worthless as she is priced out of her community.*

***This Is Home.*** *Featuring poets from across London from Burnt Oak to Hackney, This Is Home is a collaborative poetry film about young people's respective experiences of home. Using projections from mainstream media, the film is their collective response and counter-narrative to those negative projections about our neighbourhoods.*

***We Grew Up In.*** *We Grew Up In tracks a day in the life of a young man from East London hanging out with his childhood friends. The film re-enacts moments from real, passed-down photographs & memories from the Shadwell area that they grew up in, which is now fast regenerating and becoming unrecognisable. The film explores themes of gentrification, police brutality and masculinity.*

Films have been screened and toured at SOAS, Mosaic Rooms, Free Word Centre, Granville Centre and Primary Gallery in Nottingham. As a result of the project, young people have had their work featured on NTS Radio, Strike! Magazine and Khidr Collective Zine. Young people have presented their works, spoken on panels, toured their films in different cities for the first time as part of the



project. They were supported through idea development and proposal through to production of their films, learning every skill required from research, proposal and development through to practical filmmaking skills, distribution and event management.

*Made in King's Cross* was a pilot in King's Cross: the videos were available online, but have now been taken down temporarily as part of a restructuring of the project and development of a new website. A more formalised non-profit production company called LOOP is being developed with similar objectives that will deliver community-oriented filmmaking projects, building on the learnings from this pilot. LOOP derives its name from 'feedback loop' and is inspired by the burgeoning field of 'impact producing' within the film industry. Our first priority is developing intentional film at the intersection of storytelling and impact to advance the values, campaigns and movements we believe in. All profit from commercial or corporate work we do as a production company is reinvested into producing films for and with community and campaigning organisations. The films are developed out of live briefs developed and determined by community organisations. Our young artists respond to the briefs and produce impactful campaigning films for and with community groups. In return, young people become more experienced, more intentional filmmakers in the process, growing their portfolio and real-world filmmaking experience. Since *Made in King's Cross*, we've developed films for campaigning organisations such as Let Us Learn, Granville Community Kitchen and Grow Meanwhile.

In terms of learnings from the pilot, it showed how ambitious our plans were for the budget we had, specifically to produce narrative films and not just short news segments was time-consuming, particularly building up the skills of first-time filmmakers to deliver their own projects. This was hugely rewarding, but in future needs proper resourcing - something we perhaps underestimated. In terms of number of outputs, we originally planned to produce many more smaller films. Instead, we decided to focus our resources on developing fewer films, but investing properly in each of them - including scoring and animating the films. We were so thankful for the opportunity to pilot and experiment with this kind of work and it certainly has taught us invaluable lessons that have helped us to conceive of LOOP.

## **Microloan Foundation, Zimbabwe**

*£5,000 November*

### *Small loans and training for poor women in Zimbabwe*

Our goal was to open a second branch in the Goromonzi area of Zimbabwe to help poor, rural women, on average responsible for five dependants, to set up small, sustainable businesses. This would help an estimated 5,975 children and improve nutrition and access to medicine. However, towards the end of 2017 it became clear that the political situation was changing and we felt that it was more prudent to increase outreach from our two existing branches in Goromonzi and Dombshawa north of Harare. Our budget was adjusted accordingly and we are happy to report that we have an impeccable loan repayment rate from the women we support, whose average loans have increased to \$181 compared to \$125 a year ago. This is partly due to inflation and to the fact that women taking out a second or further loans may apply for a larger amount.



During the fortnight surrounding the general election in July 2018 we suspended training, gave beneficiaries a repayment holiday and prepared for a period of economic uncertainty, which followed. Greater risk has reduced the take-up of loans and growth slowed but we have kept our original target of reaching 1,195 women. Our picture shows a group from Pundutso on the day they received their first loan.

Looking ahead, we intend to increase outreach in neighbouring districts such as Murehwa and Shamva by recruiting six more training officers with a target of supporting 3,500 women by the end of 2019. Here is a case study:

*Margaret is a 29-year-old mother of two who struggled to find work, as did her husband. They were finding it increasingly hard to pay for their two daughters' primary school. After discussing the situation together, they agreed that Margaret should take out a loan to start a chicken-rearing business, along with training which has helped her to become an entrepreneur. Without the guidance of her loan and training officer Tatenda, Margaret says that she would have kept chickens solely for the family but instead she learned about their value as an investment which could make money as well as provide the household with food. Her husband has been very supportive and, after free financial and literacy training from Microloan, the couple run the business together. Not only can they now pay the school fees but they are saving up to build their own home.*

## **Not Buying It**

*£5,000 November*

*Preventing Sheffield City Council granting licences to any strip clubs without due regard to their legally-binding public sector equality duties*

Your funding went towards challenging the licensing of the strip industry in Sheffield using equality law. This heralded a phenomenally successful campaign, featured in leading media and culminating with the Council conceding in Court that it had breached equality law. This has wide ranging ramifications for Councils and the strip industry across the UK.



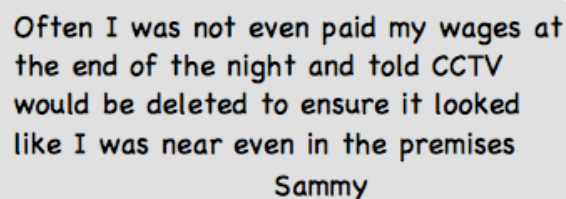
Soon after we received our grant, Sheffield City Council issued its new strip club licensing policy. In this, it decided not to limit the number of clubs allowed in Sheffield. This policy had dismissed all harm-based objections as 'moralistic' and showed no meaningful consideration for the equality legislation that Councils are legally obliged to follow. This is a Council that year-on-year re-licensed

the City's one current strip club (of the notorious Spearmint Rhino chain) in a residential area, next to University student accommodation and close to a rape crises centre, despite hundreds of objections over the years. It had also nearly licensed another strip club, Villa Mercedes, on the street opposite Spearmint Rhino despite the Harrogate branch of Villa Mercedes having to close because of its 'sex shows with audience participation'. Indeed, if the owner of this chain had not withdrawn his license application, there is little doubt this club would have opened too. Clearly, if the Council were allowed to operate a 'no limit' policy on the City's strip industry, Sheffield would literally have a lap dancing venue on every corner, regardless of their proximity to schools, churches, women's shelters or children's hospitals.

So we spearheaded a legal challenge to take the Council to Court. Legally, Councils must work to 'eliminate harassment, discrimination and harassment' of women and 'promote good relations between the sexes'. We argued it had not considered the impact of this branch of the sex industry on women in clubs, in their vicinity or the wider community and that it had, wrongfully, ignored all objections – dismissing them as 'moralistic' and thus irrelevant.

In order to take the case to court we have to crowd fund over several months to the tune of £15,000 for legal fees. To do this we created a coalition with individuals and groups in the local area and UK-wide. This included WEP Sheffield, Sheffield MPs and Councillors and former lap dancers, including Sammy Woodhouse (a local celebrity who also blew the lid on the Rotherham child abuse scandal). It also included the Fawcett Society, EAVES, Southall Black Sisters, Glasgow Women's Aid and many others.

The campaign culminated with Sheffield City Council conceding, *whilst in court*, that it had indeed failed to abide by equality law and had wrongfully dismissed concerns about the harm of the strip trade as 'moralistic'. The council must now re-consult on its strip club licensing policy and draw up a new policy. This time it must take gender equality into account and must not dismiss concerns as moralistic. The campaign received extensive regional and national media coverage for months. This included the BBC News, Guardian, Independent and Sunday Politics Show and Sheffield Star. We have produced a range of reports outlining the harm of the strip industry and how it's licensing is incompatible with gender equality.



Often I was not even paid my wages at the end of the night and told CCTV would be deleted to ensure it looked like I was near even in the premises  
Sammy

We have also developed excellent links with campaigners and decision makers in Sheffield and the Yorkshire area and more widely – including the Home Office. This campaign has wide-ranging impact both regionally and nationally:

**Rotherham:** wants to shut its one current strip club and introduce a policy that 'zero clubs are appropriate in the area'.

**Leeds:** we are meeting with Leeds MPs over the City's 4 strip clubs.

**Home Office:** We have met with the Home Office, which feels they have not done enough on this issue and are set to issue directives to all Councils in light of the Court Ruling urging them to rethink licensing of the strip industry and highlighting how the industry is incompatible with gender equality.

*Parliamentary Evidence:* We have submitted evidence to the Women and Equalities Committee inquiry into Harassment in Public Spaces exposing how strip clubs promote this and highlighting the legal challenge to the industry as a way of using the law to push for change.

*WEP:* A motion is being put forward at The Women's Equality Party upcoming party conference for local branches to challenge strip clubs.

*Scotland:* We fed into the Scottish consultation to introduce legislation for strip clubs, as currently exists here, emphasising how this case shows that the industry is incompatible with women's safety and equality.

We spent the SWC grant as follows: £2,000 on staff & management costs; £2,500 on legal costs; £100 on dissemination (eg via website, media interviews, printed materials) and £400 on running costs (travel, 'phones, volunteer expenses).

## **Personal Support Unit, Leeds**

*£4,176 July*

*Volunteers providing practical help and emotional support for people facing the civil and family justice system alone*

Last year, your funding covered the costs of running our service in Leeds for a single month. We carried out, on average, 355 sessions of support per month in 2017/18. This means that - thanks to your help - 355 people who would otherwise have faced court alone were helped to fight their case and earn the just result they deserved from court. The presence of our volunteer – whether at hand to fill in forms or simply to listen when it feels nobody else is - also minimised the human cost of a trying court case for those accessing justice in Leeds. In the face of drastic cuts to legal aid, this support from our volunteers is more vital than ever. Your covering the running costs of the PSU in Leeds for a month also meant that service manager Hayley Dodd was able to liaise with central figures from the legal community to increase the availability of support to those who need it most. Her meetings with HMCTS, during which the PSU's insight and expertise on litigants in person was invaluable, helped to implement new requirements to make it easier for vulnerable people to undertake their court case.

Comments from clients include: *'The volunteer helped me to understand the process and clarify my position.'* *'I don't know what I would have done if PSU didn't exist.'* *'Efficient, helpful, supportive, friendly.'* *'I feel I am not alone.'* *'I really liked the PSU service because it cleared up all issues I had concerning my case'.*

## **Reading Matters**

*£2,250 July*

*Taking a Reading Leaders' programme to a Yorkshire school*

Reading Matters, now re-named Beanstalk with the motto Reading, growing, thriving, used your grant to train 25 secondary school students from Brighouse High School as Reading Leaders, plus one member of staff as the programme co-ordinator. The day's training took place in November

2017 when the students were also given a box of resources worth £125 to use in their sessions. These involve one-to-one reading support to at least one person every week.

The students very much enjoyed the day and their attitude to the work they are taking on was summed up by one pupil saying that she “thought that it was great and couldn’t wait to start.”

## **Rotherham Advocacy Partnership**

*£5,000 July*

*Practical/positive parenting classes to help people with learning difficulties to be successful parents*

Your grant paid for our specially adapted parenting courses, for vulnerable adults, parents and young people with a learning disability or similar. The Parents Advocacy Service facilitated four courses – one per quarter - each taking takes approximately ten weeks to arrange, carry out and reflect. The approach we take is to arrange home visits and coffee mornings etc with a view to allaying any fears that parents may have, bearing in mind that they are suspicious of any services connected with removing their children. The home visits allow us to explain the course in a non-threatening way and the coffee mornings allow parents to meet each other, staff and volunteers. The reflection period allowed us to share good practice and to discuss with parents’ what skills they had retained and to address any further work.

Generally, attendance has been good and retention suitable once confidence is built and parents are allowed to express their views, which isn’t the case when engaging with social care. The courses held during the year were facilitated by Vicky Spiby who is a qualified nursery nurse and social worker supported by Sean Doran (Families Advocate) as well as two dedicated volunteers. The four courses included Countdown to being a Practical Parent, Countdown to being a Positive Parent and Countdown to being a Fun Parent. The Practical Parenting appears to be the most needed in that lots of pressure is put on parents regarding the state of the home and presentation of the children.

### **Countdown to being a Practical Parent**



The first Practical Parenting was attended by seven parents with two bringing family/friends to support, the retention was 100% although some parents did miss the odd session due to illness or other commitments and all students came voluntarily. The second Practical Parenting attracted eight parents with four being suggested by social care, and again we had 100 % retention with lots of good feedback from the students. The Positive Parenting course, which is more intensive and less fun-based, was attended by seven parents with five suggested by social care, and all were retained until the end of the course. The Fun Parent course, which is based around good positive interaction with your child through play, attracted seven parents who were all voluntary. So a total of 29 parents attended altogether, with 41 children between them.

During the year we also covered some crisis work which arose from the sessions including debt, housing, benefits, safeguarding and health. The feedback we received from parents during the year continued to be that if wasn't for the RAP/PAS courses they would most likely have not attended any other courses, which would contravene any contract of expectations or Child Protection agreements. This in turn could have had very serious consequences regarding keeping their children with them at home.

The situation around Early Intervention work is the same as when we originally made the bid to SWC, in that Health and Social Care do not start to engage with pregnancies for LD families until the pregnancy is viable at 22/23 weeks, but in reality this work starts at 30 weeks and beyond, leaving our LD service users at a disadvantage in that they need lots of routine and repetition to gain an understanding. The regretful outcome of this piecemeal approach is that more and more children from LD parents are being placed into the care system, which could be avoided.

The Grant of £5,000 was used as follows:	2018	2019	Total
Salary + On Costs	£1,890	£1,930	£3,820
Stationery, Printing, Postage	£125	£ 95	£220
Room Hire	£290	£215	£505
Telephone calls	£ 62	£ 95	£157
Travel costs	£ 75	£ 85	£160
Volunteer Expenses	£ 63	£ 75	£138
	£2,505	£2,495	£5,000

Here two case studies:

*AK is a single mum who was under Child around the Family (CAF) and was moving towards escalation to Child in Need (CIN) and most likely on to Child Protection (CP) and beyond to legal. The worry for AK was that at CIN, social care gets involved with the family and put more pressure on parents. AK was recruited onto the Practical Parenting course, because social services were really concerned about the state of the home environment and the presentation of her 8-year-old daughter, plus she struggled to interact with the child in a positive manner. There had been previous referrals to social care who didn't deem the conditions bad enough to put her on an intervention plan. However, at our home visit it became apparent that school had made another referral to social care regarding the daughter's appearance and her escalating behaviour.*

*Consequently, we did some 1:1 work before the course as it was deemed critical. In essence AK attended all 4 courses and worked very hard and although she's still on TAC, she has shown remarkable resilience and foresight into now understanding social care concerns and worked to overcome them. The sad indictment of this story is that AK hasn't had any real support from parents, siblings or services and she was only receiving simple instructions, she was still able to put things in place, better at keeping her daughter and home clean and tidy and was able to keep social care at bay Therefore, the SWC funding has allowed us to empower this parent to successfully parent her child and successfully run her home to an appropriate condition as set out by health and social care.*

*CH is a married lady with five children whose ages range from two to 19, the oldest child having learning difficulties. CH was really struggling to interact with all the children but the eldest tended to take up a lot of her time which in essence meant that she was tending to neglect the younger children. Social services had made several visits, having received referrals for the younger children from their schools regarding their demeanour and behaviour. However, at that time they didn't meet the social care threshold but as far as the parents were concerned, social care was 'loitering' and certainly a threat to their family unit.*

*Mum contacted RAP/PAS in desperation, consequently we arranged a home visit and soon realised that dad wasn't supporting enough, stating in his own words that 'he works and is tired when he comes in from work.'*

*We did some 1:1 work with dad and his attitude changed positively and began playing and interacting with all the children. Mum meanwhile attended the Positive Parenting course and the 'light bulb moment' soon came on, followed by floods of tears. However, with lots of reassurance, mum's confidence came back and she engaged really well with the course. It felt like a natural progression to get mum on the Fun Parenting course in that she needed to demonstrate her new-found skills and confidence. She excelled and the improvement had to be seen to be believed. The outcome from this case study is simple if wasn't for the SWC funding, this family would have been in serious danger of losing their 4 of their children to the care system. This case highlighted the real need for early intervention funding.*

## Shine

£4,500 March

*Brighter Future classes to teach skills in budgeting, shopping and cooking meals from scratch*

Your grant has allowed us to run 6 courses with 30 of the most vulnerable families and individuals from our community attending. We invited all those who attended asking for food parcels or food bank vouchers, or who were known to be in debt. The initial courses saw a number of people not completing so we looked at the material we were using and have adapted it significantly to be more appropriate to those who we predominantly work with. This has meant we no longer use workbooks but have a 'passport' and a course based around games in order to be more appropriate for those with lower levels of literacy. Since this change, we have seen a much greater percentage completing the course and improved enjoyment, alongside improved knowledge at the end. We have had those with learning disabilities who are starting to live independently attend, and are working in partnership with Mencap, three of the local primary schools and Bradford Children's Social Care.



The course now consists of:

**Week 1 – Lifting pressure** This session looks at how we are feeling when we think about money. What influences our spending and how does advertising work? **Week 2 – Taking control** We look at how we can begin to take control of our finances, the difference between needs and wants and what options are open to us.

**Week 3 – Building a budget** In this session participants look at their individual circumstances and what action we need to take, includes playing a special version of Monopoly. **Week 4 – Making money go further** We begin at a supermarket looking at prices and a game to find the cheapest brands. We then look at our results, and some tips for saving money when shopping.

**Week 5 – Cooking on a budget** In this session we look at providing nutritious meals on a budget and have a cooking challenge **Week 6 – Healthy you** In our final session we look at food labelling, healthy eating and tips for a healthy lifestyle.

**A case study:** “I was born in Bradford. My father was from Afghanistan, he came over in the 50’s. I’ve always been a Bradford lad. I’m proud of my city. I had been on speed since I was twelve years old. I used to go dancing. As I got older I didn’t realise what I was doing. I lost the plot. I’d been sanctioned a few times. And I didn’t have money to eat. I hadn’t eaten for a few days. I was so hungry I started eating food in the supermarket. I wasn’t hiding the fact and I got caught. The manager took me into the back room. He told me that since I’d only taken food he wasn’t going to press charges. He gave me ten pounds. I was taken back by the kindness he’d shown me. I decided to give up speed at that point.

I ran out of food not much later. And I asked a friend where I could go. He recommended this place - SHINE. I was able to get a food parcel and started coming more often. I was still dealing with severe anxiety. But I felt comfortable being here. Just spending time with others; I felt more confident. I started to look to the future. The people here suggested a course to get back into work. And they were able to get me a job. I also started helping out at a place which provides mental health support. I thought I could give something back. I even did a course in budgeting which was really useful. It was part of a life skills course. If it wasn’t for SHINE and being able to come here, I wouldn’t be here. They gave me my life back. I’m forever grateful for the help they’ve offered me.”

## **Sorted**

*£2,000 November*

### *Youth work on three north Bradford housing estates*

Your funding helped our work in three of the poorest and toughest estates in Bradford. This year, we have also seen a significant rise in young people struggling with bereavement and mental health issues. We have responded by delivering small activity sessions and additional 1-to-1 support. We have also invested time in building partnerships with signposting organisations. We have appointed a part-time Youth Enabler who focuses on secondary school’s work, detached work, running new sessions and facilitating a new Leadership Course. We have also appointed a part-time Family Co-ordinator (5 hours) who focuses on our mums and toddlers’ group which has seen significant growth over the last 6 months. 21 children and young parents have regularly attended these sessions.

Our project has engaged 20 adult volunteers and 17 Young Leaders. One young adult who has come through our programme has been DBS checked and is now a volunteer at the Friday session. We continue to deliver weekly social events for 13-18-year-olds across two locations offering a variety of activities including: sports, art, craft, dance, skateboarding, music and board games. We are seeing an average attendance of 40 at Thackley Methodist Church but a decrease to around 20 young people at St James Church Hall, Bolton Road. We are finding that the smaller group size there is helping us to develop strong relationships.



Sorted+ (16-25's) have continued to meet each week to provide support into adulthood and build a community of positive role models in our community. Young people have met every week, enjoying refreshments and fun games. We have extended this session to work with young people from aged 16 (previously aged 17), improving transitional support, and resulting in an increase of between 20 and 25 beneficiaries each week. In July 2018 Sorted took 26 young people on residential to Sneaton Castle for our Annual Adventure. It was a huge success and the feedback from young people was excellent. We are planning another camp in July 2019 to Scargill House which is filling up fast.



We continue detached work in two local secondary schools delivering breaktime activities through the week, allowing us to engage with 60 of the most vulnerable and marginalised local young people. The lunch time club is so popular that one school have asked we start another club on a different day for different young people. We have also connected with approximately 150 young people through detached work on the street. We have also been able to deliver a Young Leaders Network 'Leading in Community Settings' ASDAN accredited leadership course, in partnership with the Primetime Project. 17 young people have achieved a bronze level award and 14 young people have achieved silver level award.

This Christmas Sorted provided a film night with Christmas dinner pizzas (over 40 young people came); Social Quiz night (attendance again was over 40) and on New Year's Eve we had our first party for all age (over 50 people came and more want to come again this year). Here is some feedback:

*How did you start attending Sorted? I recently moved school and met friends in the nurture group run by Carl (Sorted youth worker). Carl invited me to a Sorted laser zone trip. After that, I started attending Sorted every Friday Night and have been in Sorted ever since.*

*Has being in Sorted helped you at all? It's helped me make some good new friends, it gives me space away from my troubles, it gives head space, it opens doors to see things from a different perspective such as realising that there are people there for. Before I didn't think anyone was there for me.*

*What happened over summer? At Sorted summer camp, I fell seriously ill with severe appendicitis, I was rushed into hospital by members of the Sorted team who also stayed with me for hours until my family arrived, I wouldn't have got through it without them. All the staff and people at Sorted are really special, it's a family and it's a family that everyone can feel a part of.*

*Have you helped at Sorted? I've done one talk in a group, I've helped as a team member, I've done some cooking.*

And here is a case study:

*C is a 14-year-old female who was sexually abused over several years by her stepfather. She was known to Sorted through detached work, but the male council Youth Worker in Ravenscliffe also asked the Youth Enabler to meet with C. When she first started attending our sessions she presented as very angry and would often shout at other young people. Through mentoring and support it was identified that C needed additional support services. We referred to time to talk (counselling service) and spoke with her Mother about a referral to CAMHS. C has attended all our sessions each week and has developed appropriate friendships. C also signed up for the leadership course and completed her Bronze, Silver and Gold award. She recently had her final appointment with CAMHS and is doing*

*very well. She is very involved in Sorted and is a great contributor and helper in the sessions. C is joining us for the next residential in July and is actively involved in developing and delivering some drama sketches that will be performed at Summer camp.*

## **Station House Community Association, Rotherham**

*£1,000 July*

*Fareshare membership to provide refreshments for playgroups and out-of-school groups in Barnsley*

Your grant enabled us to provide 3040 breakfasts and the same number of healthy snacks to 67 playgroup children for five days a week over 38 weeks. We also provided 3,800 two-course meals for over 85 children attending after-school club and 26 two-course meals for children in holiday Club.

We are open five days a week for 50 weeks of the year and every day we provide fresh fruit for around 40 children – an annual total of 10,000 pieces of fruit. We have also used local information about food shortages at home to supply households with excess food from our programme.

We hope that you feel that this is great value for your funding. Our children come from some of the most deprived families in Barnsley; food poverty is an everyday fact for many of them. Parents tell us that knowing that the children have been well-fed here gives them peace of mind and helps to support the family budget.

We are now developing our funding strategy for the coming year. The budget is tighter than ever and our families remain in poverty with little hope of any change in the foreseeable future.

## **THATU, South Africa**

*£2,430 July*

*Helping primary schools to develop and maintain school food gardens*

The project which The Scurrah Wainwright charity kindly funded is run by Midland Meander Educational Project (MMEP)( <http://www.mmep.co.za/> ) a well-established not-for-profit organisation in Howick, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. This area is rural and deprived, with little in the way of infrastructure or amenities.



MMEP works with schoolchildren in small local primary schools and their teachers and families to teach them about nature, nutrition and the environment around them. An example of this is teaching the children about snakes and how to recognise the harmless ones and to learn about the good things they do, eg eating rats, so that the children learn not to automatically kill any snake they find. The children are taught by MMEP about growing vegetables and are helped to make school gardens with free seedlings, fencing, shade and

hands-on expertise to selected schools. They also get lessons, both theory and practical, on permaculture and the environment. Once a school garden is deemed to be self-sufficient, support is tailed off and a new school will be helped. Self-sufficiency by supporting home-grown projects with local people in control was one of the aims of Thatu. Due to lack of transport and money, very few children attend secondary school.

The money from SWC was spent on establishing a new school garden. There is always a waiting list for schools to join the project. The expenditure included: Materials - plants, seeds, compost, hay, fencing - £360; Labour - £140; Education - educational visits, travel - £800; Administration - monitoring, management - £500; Teaching resources - £ 130; educational materials, food, venue hire - £110. During the year MMEP regularly visited the school and with the cooperation of the class teachers, gave regular lessons on the garden and gardening. Topics include such subjects as soil – how important it is, and how to prevent soil erosion, seeds – what conditions are needed to make them grow well, seasonal planting. Practical sessions included planting seed rows, mulching and compost making, and of course, harvesting produce to use in school dinners.

Your money also enabled an additional school to benefit from input from MMEP for a year. This will have helped about 100 children to understand better how to grow vegetables and have a better understanding of nature and nutrition. Their sense of achievement when harvesting their produce is an exciting moment for them. Sadly, Thatu is now closing because of the increasing difficulty of getting funds for our chosen projects together with the fact that trustees are ageing. Since Thatu was founded in 2004, we have raised over £210,000. As we have no employees this has all been used for charitable purposes.

## **Touchstone**

*£5,000 July*

*Supporting a Faith-to-faith worker*

Val Johnson-Bell, the worker supported by your grant, has led projects including the following:

### Light in Communities:

Women from different faiths coming together to discuss the theme of 'Light' whilst engaging in creative and practical activities. Our discussions have included questions such as 'Who or what brings light to our lives?', 'Who are the shining examples in our communities and faith traditions?' and 'How does my faith help me find a light through dark times?', whilst activities have included painting glass candle holders, making candles, and making and decorating stained glass windows. Having got to know each other through participating in discussion and creative activities, each group has then considered practical ways in which we can be a 'light' in our community. So far, as well as having many interesting discussions about the theme of 'light' in our faiths, different groups have handed out sweets and inspirational quotes to strangers in a random act of kindness; baked cakes for a community group that supports the elderly, served food to the homeless in Bradford city centre, and painted stones with inspirational messages which we have left around our community. It is so easy to feel overwhelmed sometimes by national and international events, and by the apparent 'darkness', but our Light in Communities groups shine a real light, as we remember and actively demonstrate that "no act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted", and that even the tiniest amount of light can make a huge difference.

## Baking a Difference

If you walk through the door of Touchstone on a Monday morning, the first thing that will hit you will be the smell of freshly baking bread. That's because, every Monday, a group of women are gathering together and 'Baking A Difference'. The women are from different faiths, cultures and generations and each week we bake a different type of bread together - including scones, rolls, naan breads and pizza - which we then share over lunch. Whilst waiting for the bread to bake we share conversation on topics such as



childhood memories of baking and the importance of food in our families and faith traditions. One week we discussed what our faiths teach us about hospitality, and we all agreed with the quote by Maya Angelou, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Similarly, whilst making bread rolls we shared conversation prompted by different quotes about bread, including this one by author Ursula Le Guin, "Love doesn't just sit there like a stone; it has to be made, like bread, remade all the time, made new" Having spent the morning kneading bread we all felt this quote really meant something to us! Learning how to bake different types of bread together has been great fun, but perhaps more important have been the friendships formed in doing so, and to discover that no matter what our faith, culture or generation, we all have shared memories of cooking with parents and grandparents, or a shared belief in the importance of offering hospitality to strangers. This learning from each other is something we each take away from the group every week (as well as delicious home baked goods to share with family and neighbours

## Roots and Shoots

Roots and Shoots is an intergenerational, interfaith project, run in partnership with 'The Feast' (**see separate grant report above**) which has enabled women and girls' from different backgrounds in Bradford to come together to share and discuss ideas around their identity; faith, culture and being female and what this means to us, across generations. In November 2017, we put on a film and food night, with discussion of the film 'The Eagle Huntress' marking Interfaith week, which provided a platform for dialogue about dreams and aspirations, across the ages and ethnicities of participants. All participants had the opportunity to share what they felt some of the barriers to achieving one's own goals are. In March 2018, we did another encounter, marking International Women's Month, based on 'Self-Care', where we made homemade beauty masks and discussed traditional beauty therapy recipes passed through our families at special occasions, like weddings. We also discussed the Prophetic medicines and the wisdom behind their use, like honey, black seed oil and others, too. There have been exchanges of understanding between young people and adults, which has enabled a better understanding of the kinds of challenges and the nature of the lived reality by either age group. Our latest encounter was taking part in an event to mark 100 years of Women's Suffrage. We attended a workshop run by Cecil Green Arts to make banners and hats for a rally to mark 100 years of women's suffrage, and then participated in the rally itself. This made a very visible statement about Christians and Muslims coming together to celebrate

women's achievements in the last 100 years, and empowered the younger generation to keep pushing for progress.

### Weaving Women's Wisdom - a creative rug making project and touring exhibition

Weaving Women's Wisdom is an interfaith project, empowering women to engage in creative activity and to form and deepen friendships. This year the resulting exhibition went in to the Houses of Parliament, where myself and our Community Engagement Worker, Shamim Akthar, spent 3 days staffing the exhibition, speaking to MPs about our work. We were in the Houses of Parliament for the emergency debates on military action in Syria, and it felt very significant to be there showing how in a practical way women at a grassroots level can work creatively together for peace. Launched by Touchstone in Bradford in the Autumn of 2014, Weaving Women's Wisdom has worked alongside 20 groups in Britain and Pakistan, to enable women to converse differently about matters of life and faith. Each group has been asked to consider four questions: Who are the wise women that have influenced my life? What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge? Who are the wise women in my holy text and faith tradition? and What is the wisest piece of advice I have been given or read from one of the wise women we have discussed? In the light of this conversation, each group has been provided with a starter pack of materials and the invitation to make a rug. The rugs have used many traditional techniques from the UK and PK, including 'rag rugging' and 'locker hooking' as well as some inventive designs! Groups have included interfaith forums, schools, Girls Brigade groups and even a book group. The results are stunning and have given great opportunities to women who are often sidelined in more formal interfaith dialogue. Stephen Williams MP, Minister for Communities, who recently visited Touchstone to see the project, said, 'It was fascinating to hear about how the project has developed into something much more than just inspiring interfaith friendships; how it had developed into forums where women could find a safe space to speak about issues which were of concern to them'. The rugs have now formed a 'Weaving Women's Wisdom' Exhibition, which has made a tour of the UK and been exhibited in mosques, churches, cathedrals, museums and most recently, as mentioned above, the Houses of Parliament.

### **Welcome Centre**

*£2,693 March*

*Cold storage provision and recipe cards to encourage food bank users to eat more fresh produce*

Your grant enabled us to distribute 5,510 food packs with fresh, healthy produce, provide 150,389 nutritional meals for those who would have otherwise gone hungry and support 3,200 people through food packs, advice leaflets and recipe cards



In our application we applied for £2,693.58 which enabled us to buy a cold storage facility and a suitable printer. Our aim was to increase the fresh produce in the support packs we give out and to encourage independence through a more sustainable diet, in a cost-effective way. The catering fridge we purchased means that we can keep fresh vegetables and fruit for longer so the packs we give out are better quality and have a higher nutritional value, as well as allowing us to build up and sustain a significantly increased flow of fresh food. To encourage a healthy diet among our service users, we also bought a suitable printer to produce recipe cards and advice leaflets (pictured). Since our produce relies on donations from supermarkets and retailers, it can change weekly based on their surpluses of particular items. The printer has enabled us to make recipe cards that relate to the produce we can give out that week.

The recipe cards are important to encourage service users to cook easy and healthy meals via clear, simple instructions and pictures. The Welcome Centre does not only provide practical support, it also acts as a signpost to local services that people can access for further help. The printer allows us to produce informative advice leaflets to health and well-being, financial support and a range of other supporting services.

## Wessex Social Ventures, Zimbabwe

£4,000 July

*Training NGOs to train people as social entrepreneurs using three franchised businesses*

This project has not fully started as it was affected by events. Three months after the awarding of the grant, as WSV was approaching organisations to start implementing the social franchises, Robert Mugabe was ousted as leader of Zimbabwe. This created a period of uncertainty and things were put on pause until organisations knew what would happen next. This was followed shortly after by the cash crisis, whereby the Bond note remained fixed to the dollar price but continued to devalue, creating further uncertainty. Lastly the other organisation we were planning on working with, Hope World Wide Zimbabwe, had to divert resources to work in areas affected by the cyclone. This did not affect Ntengwe, as they do not work in affected areas.

The original objectives were to train NGOs in Zimbabwe to set up the WSV social franchises in the communities they work. This included, evaluating and improving the existing training; and identifying and training an NGO in Zimbabwe to set up Petal, Roots and Right Light franchises. We hired a training manager, Mercy Mwangi, using funding from Scurrah Wainwright, other grants and WSV sales revenue.



In November 2018, when the situation in Zimbabwe had settled, Adam (WSV Director) travelled to Zimbabwe to meet the leads that had been generated and lay the foundations for starting projects. Among the leads, two in particular mobilised

resources quickly and completed the feasibility assessment for Petal, Hope World Wide and Christian Aid/Ntengwe. The feasibility assessment results showed a drastic need for affordable sanitary pads. A pack of sanitary pads costs as much as 8 USD. The price inflation also meant that the price of materials available locally were not affordable, therefore the materials were sourced from Lusaka by WSV. Unfortunately, due to the cyclone Hope World Wide Zimbabwe's resources had to be redirected at the last minute to provide disaster relief. Christian Aid Kenya were also interested in the Roots franchise, but the regulatory environment requires further research. For Right Light, the demand in the areas of the organisations we spoke to was considerably low than East Africa.

In April 2019, Adam and Mercy travel to Zimbabwe to deliver the training with Ntengwe covering every step in the process of setting up and supporting Petal Franchises. For an overview, please see the copy of the "Ntengwe Training Report", that is attached alongside this report. The Ntengwe Training Report is designed for the Ntengwe team (pictured), but it accurately describes the training delivered. Ntengwe are currently in the process of setting up the first Petal businesses. Which will be based in Manjolo Centre (near Binga) and will supply the Manjolo ward and the other wards local to it. The business will start with 4 entrepreneurs creating a livelihood for them and supplying 100s of women and girls locally with access to affordable sanitary pads.

Ntengwe are already planning to scale the programme, both to the other wards that they work in Binga and the other areas of Northern Zimbabwe where they work. WSV is also looking to scale its work in Zimbabwe by working with new organisations. Once the enterprises have been set up, we will share photos of the business, entrepreneurs and products. Here is a breakdown of our spending of your grant: two months' wages for training manager: £980. One-and-a-half months' wages for director: £2,500. Flights and other travel: £520. Other costs were met from WSV revenue.

## **YORKSHIRE WEST METHODIST DISTRICT**

*£2,000 November*

### *Training trainers for a positive-decisions course for young women*

Ten workers were identified and took part in training to set up and deliver the Unique Course in their area. This is a continuation of excellent partnership working which is currently having fantastic results with vulnerable and at-risk young people across Yorkshire. We ensured that workers came from a variety of geographical locations to cover as much as possible of Yorkshire. The workers took part in the training course delivered by staff from Unique and worked on a strategy to roll out the courses across their area. This looked at identifying groups of young people and how to engage with schools, youth groups, and local community.

Over the last year, the 10 workers have delivered 31 courses across the region, engaging and working with 302 young people. The courses covered: identity, dreams and aspirations, friendship and bullying, relationships, self-esteem and confidence, image, role models, communication skills and teamwork and emotional resilience. Each of the courses has been evaluated, and each has shown progression and impact on the young people and local community. 302 young people took part in the courses with 98% attendance. 100% of young people said they felt more confident when they had completed the course and 99% felt they had made new friends. 99% of young people said they felt that the course helped them know how to make better decisions for themselves, 100% said they would recommend the course to one of their friends and 100% said that they felt they had built a positive relationship with the workers who delivered the course.

Their comments included:

*“Being able to take part in this training has been incredible. It is the best training I have ever been on and it is really practical. I have been on courses where I haven’t done anything with the information given. Unique is so different – you attend training and then you are given the tools and resources to go back to your community and use it. The ongoing support is such a help a swell. Just knowing someone is there for advice if I need it.”*

*“This course has been an absolute game changer for some of the students at our school. There were several students who were very close to be excluded from the school, and this has absolutely turned things around for them. I would recommend this course to other schools, and will definitely be running this course again.”*

We hope that the project will continue to grow across the region, enabling more young people to access the course. The positive impact on young people, their families, and the local community has been much greater than we first anticipated, and we would like to say how grateful we are for your support.



## Grants by area of interest and involvement

In the case of groups with varied beneficiaries, the prime one has been chosen.

### Aids/HIV

+me £3,000

### Asylum seekers/Refugees

611 Asylum £5,000

Bradford City of Sanctuary £2,000

Global Community Outreach £3,520

Total £10,520

### Community

Gipton Methodist Church £10,587

Inn Churches £4,914

Shine £4,500

Touchstone £5,000

Total £25,001

### Disarmament

CND (two grants) £3,000

### Disability/Mental Health

Aspiring2 £1,000

Hinge Centre £5,000

Rotherham Advocacy Partnership £5,000

Total £11,000

### Employment/Training

All Saints Landmark Centre £3,000

### Ethnic minority

Humber Community Advice £5,000

Khidr (Arts) £2,000

Made in King's Cross £1,500

Total £8,500

### Food poverty

Feeding Britain (three grants) £9,295

Station House Community Association

£1,000

Welcome Centre £2,693

Total £12,988

### Housing

Happy Days £5,000

**Total £178,791**

### Legal advice

Leeds Personal Support Unit £4,176

### Older People

Aspire Christ Church £5,621

Bierley Community Foundation £5,000

Ciaran Bingham Foundation £4,884

Total: £15,505

### Prisons

Cascade Foundation £5,000

### Southern Africa

Bicycle Empowerment Network, Namibia  
£5,000

Friends of Hlekweni £4,421

Microloan £5,000

Thatu £2,430

Wessex Social Ventures £4,000

Total £20,851

### Women

Centre for Women's Justice £5,000

In2Change £4,650

Invisible Traffic £5,000

Not Buying It £5,000

Yorkshire West Methodists £2,000

Total £21,650

### Youth

Asperger's Children and Caring Together  
£1000

Boys and Girls' Clubs of South Yorkshire  
£2,500

CLASSS £1,950

Exodus £3,600

The Feast £4,850

Grimethorpe Activity Zone £3,650

Haven House £3,000

Hope for the Future £4,800

Reading Matters £2,250

Sorted £2,000

Total £29,600

## **Previous Annual Reports**

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