

Adventures in a challenging time



The Scurrah Wainwright Charity

Review of grants 2018

Introduction

Saving 10p a week sounds like the stuff of children's piggy banks. But the Grow Together Girls, a group of friends sharing similar hardship in Leeds, worked out that their daily struggle on benefits and using food banks meant that the few pennies were all that they could afford to put by. This shocking statistic highlights the value of the work being done by the many small charities which figure in this report.

Equally remarkable is the energy and imagination that they bring to the job, which finds a reflection in the response of those whom they help. The Grow Together Girls, a self-reliant group or mini-credit union, are typical. By the time you read this, they will have repaid £50 of the small loan which was arranged for them by Trust Leeds. This was not a sacrifice of their 10ps. They enterprisingly raised extra funds by offering henna tattoos at a community event, taking part in a Christmas craft fair and holding a car boot sale. They find adventure in the course of meeting need.

Trust Leeds' reach also included two refugee self-reliance groups, the Syrian Sisters and the UK's first SRG made up entirely of teenagers. With similar outward-looking energy, Veterans' Woodcraft in Richmond, North Yorkshire, started its Namaste Project which teaches wood-turning skills at Catterick Garrison. The soldiers and their families were not the only ones on a learning curve. VW discovered that the Gurkhas were not the tightly-knit and inward-looking community they had assumed; an extra benefit of the project was the way that it created new and mutually-enjoyed links among the Nepalese as well as within Catterick at large.

Virtue is its own reward but the staff at VW got a more tangible one too. As their report explains, the 40 Gurkhas and their families 'regularly invite the Veterans Woodcraft team to their social events, which are always very enjoyable and consist of lots of very delicious food.' In a similar way, the trainer of volunteers at Not Just A Shop in Sheffield did such a good job of showing her young people how to dress the windows, that they asked her to go away and make herself a cup of coffee, have some cake and a sit-down and only come back to mark their efforts out of ten.

Resilience is another hallmark both of organisers and those they help, and food features in this regard too. Cooking and nutrition courses run by Alpha House in Calderdale for its 33 residents, included a number of showpiece events, among them a Bonfire Night supper. Alas the toffee for the toffee apples did not set, but never mind; Alpha reports cheerfully that it tasted good.

A lot of the groups funded this year dealt with relatively small numbers, but the micro scale of projects such as Humans Being and Inspire Women, Men and Children in Zimbabwe appears to be part of their effectiveness. The ratio of instructors, mentors or other helpers to beneficiaries leads to fuller understanding. Those taught or helped then go on to spread the message or even take on the instructing, as with Street Doctors who encourage young people at Wetherby Young Offenders to aim for NHS or care jobs when their sentence ends.

There is so much more in these pages, and as always the trustees are grateful for everything that recipients of our grants do. It is a privilege to be in a position to help them.

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.

A little extra information about Scurrah Wainwright has been added to the annual review in recent years, covering his work for the Unemployment Assistance Board in Leeds in the 1930s, his gardening expertise and other aspects of his life. This year we look at three small but interesting documents from the large store of family papers which we hope to archive fully in the next two years.

The first is his application to register a car in 1913 when such things were rare in the city. Its registration number was U56 as the 56th car on the city corporation's fledgling list. It was a Swift ED, a neat little motor from a Coventry firm which started off making sewing machines, diversified to bicycles and ended up making cars.

It was that sort of nous and business imagination which marked Scurrah's own career in accountancy and an accompanying role as an informal merchant banker, helping to finance promising entrepreneurs. It was that success which enabled him to take to the roads in speedy comfort (by the standards of the time!).



Scurrah's start in life was not so easy, although it looked promising until he was 11 when his father died aged only 44. Here is the story in his own words, in a speech on 21 July 1944 at his retirement from the Leeds accountancy partnership Beevers and Adgie.

'Early in the last century, my grandparents or their parents migrated to Leeds, some from the Dales and some from Selby, to seek their fortunes in industry of some kind or other. All my grandparents were hard-working, thrifty, clean-living and God-fearing people, intent on giving their children a better start in life than they had had.'

'My father died at the early age of 44 when I was 11 years old. He had just succeeded in building up a sizeable business connected with the building trade after a long struggle with bad debts which were a feature of trading in those days when capital is not so plentiful as it is today. An old exercise book shows that he attended evening classes at the Mechanics' Institute and his explorations into the realms of higher mathematics went much further than mine did at the Leeds Grammar School. I have never heard anyone speak of my father in any but complimentary terms. My mother was left with a hard row to hoe and made many sacrifices to maintain the standard of life reached when my father died.'

'I consider myself fortunate in choosing accountancy as my profession. It has been 50 years of remarkable change and progress, constantly providing new interest and a feeling that you were doing something worthwhile. Helping the business of the country, saving labour, stopping leaks and spotting thieves. Half a century of drama which would provide endless material for the pen of an Arnold Bennett or a J B Priestley.'

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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 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 free to anyone interested. 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.

The charity continues to be run by five trustees, all members of the Wainwright family with gradual involvement of the next generation when time allows. The chairman is Martin Wainwright, former Northern Editor of *The Guardian*, and the other trustees are 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. Trustees are conscious of their long tenures and are encouraging fuller participation by their five children and their partners. Appointing trustees from outside the family is considered regularly but trustees are currently satisfied that the range from the family is diverse and works well. Kerry McQuade is the long-standing and very experienced administrator for the Charity and the Andrew Wainwright Reform Trust and we are all very grateful to her for her tireless and imaginative work. She is at 19 Wadsworth Lane, Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire HX7 8DL admin@wainwrighttrusts.org.uk. The charity's registered office is at Bairstow & Atkinson chartered accountants, Carlton House, Bull Close Lane, Halifax, West Yorkshire HX1 2EG where Peter Dyson is the charity's financial much-

valued adviser and accountant. Investment is managed by Glenn Harrington and Seton Craven of Close Brothers Asset Management, to whom we are very grateful.

Review of grants in 2018

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.

Activate Rawmarsh

£3000 March

*Adding toddler groups and out-of-school activities to existing provision
Rotherham*

During the past year, we have made a huge amount of progress in expanding Activate Rawmarsh. Wednesday morning Toddler and Play and Stay groups have both now moved to Activate Rawmarsh and are flourishing with between 33 and 46 people each week for each group. Guitar classes, Rock School and holiday activities are running well and include Family Fun events which are always well-attended.



The number of Trustees overseeing Activate Rawmarsh has increased – we now have seven who are all from the local community and have completed training including on safeguarding children. It has taken us longer than expected to transfer the Ofsted-regulated work across but this is now in its final stage – until Ofsted provide us with a new Early Years number we cannot move the service to Activate.

We have been able to support a wide range of activities for teenagers encouraging them to become part of a group, socialise, make new friends, learn new skills, plan activities and also help children younger than themselves. They have not only done their own baking but have also supported a Year Six baking club which runs twice a month. The teenagers have been involved in planning the sessions, choosing what other activities they want to do and helping the staff to plan Fun Day. The number of people Activate Rawmarsh is supporting has reached 103 and this will increase by another 90 children per week when Afterschool club moves across plus around 40 children with additional support needs who will move across from Funzone in June.

AFC Unity

£1050 March

*Encouraging women's soccer to increase sporting and social skills and self-confidence
Sheffield*

The project has supported the running of our weekly Solidarity Soccer initiative, especially by enhancing its sustainability, and also enabled the running of a women's football flash mob

expanding from the success of our Create Space project and linking better with our Solidarity Soccer training. After funding for our twice-a-week Solidarity Soccer initiative stopped at the end of February 2018, we changed the format so that it is now once a week, and moved it to the U-Mix Centre, which charges substantially less than our previous base. A key change is engaging our 11-a-side players as Ambassadors at the sessions, which promotes them as role models and gives them a taste of coaching.

Your funding enabled us to create a 12-week programme on key aspects of the club's football philosophy, which links into our vision socially – promoting positivity and collectivity and treating mistakes as lessons rather than something just to be criticised. The programme has attracted



significant praise, with many participants liking the structure and coaching experience which they had thought was only possible by being in an 11-a-side team. We were also able to avoid increasing subs from £2 to £3, thankfully as we wanted to focus on building a sustainable group of people attending the new sessions.

The programme also built on our previous Create Space project, also funded by The Scurrah Wainwright Charity (*see the SWC Review of Grants 2016*). As then, we organised a football flash mob on Devonshire Green. The aim was to encourage women to reclaim and use public space, which is often male-dominated especially when it comes to playing football, and to break down gender stereotypes with women playing football together as a collective in a public space. We were pleased with the positive effects on women's empowerment, confidence, leadership, body image/confidence, and skill development/sharing.

We decided against reducing our age range to 14+ to avoid clashing with a project run at U-Mix by Football Unites, Racism Divides. Overall, we involved 29 women during the twelve weeks with ten of them working as 11-a-side Ambassadors. The flash mob drew seven women, fewer than we had hoped, but three were newcomers, two of them too young to attend Solidarity Soccer sessions but keen to when they reach 16. Women engaged in both the programme and the flash mob were thoroughly engaged and overwhelmingly increased their confidence, skills on and off the pitch, health, fitness and activity levels. There was also some improvement in social networking. Several took part in fund-raising activities for the club and helped with three videos made during the project.

Feedback comments include:

"I love it! I find it a really comfortable, safe environment, and I like the structure of the sessions - both in terms of how each session is organised and the way that sessions build on each other."

"It's great for any ability, any age, if you've never played before or played and you want to get back into it, great if you want to try something new and make friends or even more so if you have had an injury and wanted to get back into the sport like me."

We have carried on the Solidarity Soccer tradition of awarding digital awards, with these being well received by participants and providing recognition for outstanding achievement. But we have room for improvement. The project would have been even better if more people had attended the flash mob and there were fewer opportunities than we had hoped for the women engaged in Solidarity Soccer to get involved in planning and administration – the main form of engagement for the

women was helping the club select the date for the flash mob. We also encouraged women to advertise and promote the flash mob to others but again the need for organisation was limited.

Alpha Housing Calderdale

£4000 July

Running a cooking and nutrition course for newly-released prisoners with mental health or alcohol/drugs problems

We involved four volunteers in this project and 33 residents who were also the main beneficiaries. However, the link with our therapeutic programme also involved a wider share of the community; assisting offenders with complex mental, physical, emotional and domestic issues to change their lifestyle, we believe that we have contributed to community cohesion and made a huge saving on the public purse.

Outcomes from the scheme:

Improved nutrition, budgeting skills, social functioning, self-esteem and self-efficiency, mental health, domestic circumstances, completions of prison licence and probation orders and learning of new life skills.

Reduced isolation, re-offending, drugs/alcohol use, court appearances, probation orders and other criminal justice sanctions, GP and A&E visits and medication prescriptions.

This project enhanced recovery and gave relief to our residents from the hard work of getting well, as well as teaching important life skills. Those who benefited include: people with a history of mental health issues (both pre- and post-addiction), offenders leaving prison, exiting statutory community sentencing, *eg* Probation, Prison Licence, Drug Rehabilitation Requirement, and a range of other service providers and their beneficiaries. The scheme was well-appreciated by all 33 residents who took part in the classes and the others who enjoyed the food. The Bonfire Night buffet was really good, except for the toffee apples, which tasted good but the toffee didn't set properly. Baked potatoes with lots of different fillings and the parkin ranged from good to excellent.

Although most of the cooking was focussed around cheap but nutritious meals so that the participants could afford the ingredients themselves and make their own meals in their own properties, there were a few speciality dishes attempted with varying results. Of these, the best vote went to the paella. The most-liked simple meal was the corned beef hash although it didn't look very good on the photo. The most requested meal was the Sunday dinner which actually took a long time to prepare and cook but the Trainer was gracious and stayed an extra hour free of charge so that the guys were not disappointed. Alpha House would like to thank the Trustees for funding this scheme which was important for the personal development part of our programme.

Arch Resolution

£2744 March

*Transforming the challenging behaviour of 12-16-year-olds
Harrogate*

We continue to work to improve the lives of young people by addressing the issues of stress, mental health, peer pressure and bullying which are so often encountered in school. We achieve this through tailored counselling, both one-to-one and in groups and where appropriate extended to include teaching staff, parents and siblings. By tailoring the sessions to meet the needs of individual

participants we have been able to overcome many of the pressures felt by the young people.

The work funded by Scurrah Wainwright was focussed on students at one specific secondary school, and the grant paid for 50 hours of counselling intervention. It is not an exact science to say how many people benefitted as aside from the direct participants there is a significant secondary benefit to all students at the school. The Headteacher has reported improvements in attendance and classroom behaviour from all direct participants. This has the knock-on benefit of improving the learning environment for the entire class.

So overall, beneficiaries are the students directly involved (totalling around 25 from this grant), their family groups through improved behaviour at home, their peer groups at school through improved classroom behaviour and the teaching/pastoral team at the school who are able to better direct their efforts towards the general school attendees rather than having to focus on the students involved in this project.

We see interventions such as this as being vital to enabling young people to realise their true potential. Support from Scurrah Wainwright and others helps us to deliver this work, and in doing so to make a tangible difference to the lives of young people and their families in the Harrogate area. Thank you again for your generous support. With the current Covid-19 emergency closing schools we have had to suspend our programme for now, but once we are able to return this work will continue in schools in the area.

ASH Yorkshire

£5000 March

*Sheltered training in job skills for 20 young people in a new community café
Bradford*

E:merge continued to lead open-access youth work in Bowling Park five days per week (funded through other means) which has enabled them to contact approximately 200 young people per week in and around Bowling Park and East Bowling. From this they have engaged young people into the two 12-week programmes of their leadership course with a total of 23 young people involved this year. The course helps young people to develop the personal skills necessary to volunteer and (in the future) enter the job market, as well as developing a range of practical skills including personal organisation, CV writing and interview technique. Alongside this, there is a strong focus on the holistic wellbeing of each young person. The majority who have been through the course in the last year have a range of other needs: chaotic family situations, school problems, living in care and being vulnerable to bullying and exploitation. E:merge's work seeks to inspire the whole young person towards positive change and the opportunity to learn and then volunteer in the Lodge café and park events.

E:merge have offered one-to-one mentoring to everyone who has been on the Young Leaders course. Some have taken this up through an organised weekly session with a youth worker for a block of time, and others more informally – seeking out the designated worker for support as needed, with the mentor checking up on individuals regularly. The time given to this over the year has been much higher than anticipated, but the leading E:merge worker has gone above and beyond her paid hours regularly to support young people in the evening and weekends.

Over the course of the year we saw a total of six people become regular volunteers within the Lodge itself through the young leaders' course, and 26 volunteer at a variety of one-off events linked to the Lodge Café and events in the Park. The regular opening hours of the café mean that school-

age young people can only volunteer at weekends and in school holidays which is quite restrictive for the regular pattern of volunteers which the Lodge needs. However, the large numbers of young people who have been willing to help in one-off situations has enabled some fantastic community events to take place. For example: the Lodge Launch weekend – 12 young people volunteered to serve drinks, food and ice creams while also leading children's/family activities outside the café to pull people in. Winter Wonderland – held across the road at Bowling Hall, where the Lodge café served food as part of a wider community event organised by young people, E:merge and other local community groups. Twenty one young people volunteered for the day and enabled over 800 local people to take part. Finally, Spring BBQ – nine young people (and a further seven adults) volunteered for the afternoon to enable the Lodge to run an outdoor BBQ, serve ice-creams and put on family fun activities, helping achieve one of the café's busiest days of the year.

Regular surveys with the young people involved in the young leaders courses and volunteering have shown the following:

100% can identify an increase in confidence to do more

100% feel better prepared to volunteer and to apply for jobs in the future

87% feel they have learnt useful new skills

64% think being involved has had an impact on at least one other area of their life

73% feel they have better friendships as a result.

It is hard to quantify this, but we are also very aware that we have developed in the groups of young people a passion for Bowling Park and the wider community, and a really strong ability to work alongside adults (particularly in the retired age group), and have begun to build a very positive multi-generational model of volunteering, mutual friendship and support.

Sarah the café manager has also supported the young people through 'on the job' training. She has liaised and given feedback to the E:merge keyworkers which has supported the learning experience of the young people, including charting their development against indicators of job-readiness. Some young people have since gained employment outside of the café and we are currently looking to fund some apprenticeships.

CASE STUDY - Joanne

Joanne (not her real name) moved to Bradford two years ago aged 12. She moved to a foster home in East Bowling after two previous foster placements broke down. She attends Bradford Academy and started to drop into the open youth work run by E:merge. Initially she was really difficult to work alongside as she had very low levels of social skills and would regularly insult peers and workers, create arguments and make group work almost impossible. She was also full of personal doubt and had a very negative view of herself and the world around her.

Over time this reduced as she settled into her new home and got to know people better. She signed up to our initial cohort of young leaders, volunteered at a number of one-off events, and in the past two months has started a regular weekend shift volunteering at the Lodge Café.

Life is still complex for Joanne, but she has significantly changed in her personal outlook (now positive about the future), has developed some lovely people skills and serves in the café in a polite and positive way and is starting to make noticeable improvements in school. Joanne along with an E:merge member of staff, is currently the driving force behind a fundraising day in the park taking place in June.

Blackley Baptist Church, Elland

£5000 November

Interfaith work and mediation in the community

We organised the following activities with the help of the SWC grant which was much appreciated.

Relating to Muslims in Ramadhan

We ran this event with our partner, Muslim-based charity Huddersfield Community First. Participants were invited to come to the Centre for an introduction to the evening from Andy and then Imam Mohammed gave a presentation on Islam and Ramadhan. Everyone then made their way to the Noor Mosque in Huddersfield for a tour, with Q & A and the opportunity to watch and listen to evening prayers, before sharing the Iftar alongside members of the mosque, concluding at 10pm. There were only seven participants, but they were all very appreciative of the evening saying they had learned a great deal and really enjoyed meeting people of the other faith. One of the Christian women subsequently contacted the Centre to work with Imam Mohammed to arrange a mosque visit for her church.



Relating to Jews and Judaism

The nearest synagogue to the Centre is the Tree of Life Synagogue in Bradford, so Andy made contact and a preparatory visit to plan the evening. Participants either gathered at the Centre to travel together or went directly to the synagogue. Rudi Leavor made everyone very welcome and gave a fascinating talk, telling the story of the synagogue, explaining Jewish festivals and beliefs and talking about his interfaith work, as well as answering many questions. Twenty two participated, mainly Christians from Baptist and United Reformed churches across West Yorkshire. Evaluations gave an average score of 4.3 out of 5 and one person commented, "the talk and the experience were exceptionally interesting."

Scriptural Reasoning evenings

Peggy who arranged her own church's mosque visit following her participation in ours, talked with one of the Muslims hosting the visit about how she would love for Christians and Muslims to read their scriptures together. He said, "Yes, why don't we do that at the Blackley Centre." So Peggy contacted the Centre with her suggestion and Andy put the suggestion to Imam Mohammed who was very supportive and a planning meeting was arranged. Two Muslims and four Christians attended with Andy facilitating and explored the idea of scriptural reasoning where a text from each faith on the same theme is introduced and discussed by the whole group. The two Christian women were keen that Muslim women should be involved and Mohammed agreed to try and facilitate this. The first meeting for Scriptural Reasoning explored texts on humility, which were circulated by Andy to the group in advance. This meeting was attended by four Muslims, two men and two women, and four Christians with the same gender balance, plus Andy as facilitator. It was an excellent meeting with everyone taking part in the discussion and after a time of reflection it was agreed to meet again.

to explore the theme of Beginnings. Unfortunately, the Muslim women were not able to attend, which meant the group wasn't as balanced numerically, but again the discussion was excellent. The group recognised that Christians and Muslims have much in common, but they wanted to focus a bit more on understanding the differences. So, given this and the time of year it was agreed to explore the theme of Jesus/Isa at the December meeting.

Gathering in Glasgow Conference on Faith and Conflict

The Centre is a partner in Reconcilers Together, which brings together Centres and organisations that work for reconciliation and most are also involved in inter-faith work. Place for Hope, the Scottish organisation for faith-based reconciliation, celebrated its tenth anniversary by taking the lead in drawing the partners together to offer a conference on faith and conflict in Glasgow. Jo Williams, the Blackley Centre Director for Reconciliation, was invited to Chair the planning meetings. Andy and Jo both participated in the conference, which was a great success with 200 participants, excellent keynote speakers and a range of workshops. The Blackley Centre had an exhibition stand throughout the conference and we offered three workshops, two providing a taster session of the Peace and Quiet Days run at the Centre and one on conflict mapping. We are grateful for the funding which enabled Jo to give her time to the planning and for both Jo and Andy to participate in the conference.

Other benefits from the grant

Working with a marketing consultant has enabled us to set up a new website and find other ways of spreading the word about our activities and helping develop financial sustainability and future funding. We paid £500 to help with a feasibility study for the under-used chapel and other buildings at Blackley Baptist church. We have also used a professional fundraiser for our lift installation project which raised £11,400 of its target of £21,980 with £405 spent on the fundraiser. In August we were registered as a charity which will further help. Finally, we used £2000 to start a fund to help local individuals, churches and community organisations with mediation processes, courses and events where they cannot meet the full cost.

Boikanyo, Dion Herson Foundation

£5074 July

Monitoring of extra maths help at South African schools

South Africa has seen a decline in overall academic results, particularly Maths and Science. In response, the Department of Education introduced Maths literacy and lowered average pass marks to 35%. Unfortunately, these strategies have resulted in very few learners obtaining the basic level of education required for entry level employment, and even fewer meeting the entrance criteria for tertiary education. They fail to address the root causes of the problem: gaps in children's early learning and unmet needs that create barriers to learning. Our project monitored the work of the Noah Programme's package of extra help at Sekano-Ntoane Secondary School in Soweto with three main objectives:

- 1. To improve children's understanding of core mathematical concepts that form the basis of concepts taught in the GDE curriculum.*
- 2. To promote the psychological well-being of learners through workshops and counselling.*
- 3. To provide learners with a nutrient-rich supplement at the start of each extra Maths session.*

Overall, our findings provide evidence for the positive impact that the extra provision shown in the diagram has on Grade 8 children's Maths results at the school. The qualitative findings not only support the need for the various aspects of the project, but also the benefits the learners are



reportedly experiencing as a result, which include improved understanding and achievement in Maths, and a sense of better psychological well-being.

The feedback suggests that the Tutors and Social Workers are a crucial factor in the project's success, with the Tutors being notably more impactful. The quantitative findings show a significant difference between the childrens' baseline and endline Maths results. According to their qualitative feedback, the improvement in their Maths marks is because of the additional help. One pupil commented: "My other terms' levels of Maths were completely low, but when I started attending the programme, I got level 5's and 6's."

However, there is no objective evidence to support this relationship as yet and it is important to note that non-standardised data collection procedures, small sample sizes for the endline survey and project incentives pose limitations on the quality and reliability of the data. Nonetheless, the mixed methods approach, which yielded consistent findings across qualitative and quantitative data, provides a considerable source of validation. Going forward, the results showed a need for more data on pupils' perceptions of the programme.

ChildSide, Leeds

£4950 November

Confidence-building workshop for asylum-seekers and refugees

ChildSide used the grant to design and deliver an original workshop series for refugee and asylum-seeking parents at Meeting Point. Parents gained confidence in their new life, positive relationships, stronger foundations for their family's integration and improvement for their child's life chances. The project benefits new and established parents settling into this country.

The project involved 18 parents in Leeds: 12 refugees and six more established parents who acted as 'kindred mentors'. The mentors' role is to provide language support, describe their own their life experience and share their knowledge. They also gained from their new knowledge and role, becoming local champions in their communities. They were trained in diversity, safeguarding, health and safety and the limits of their role. One of the 18 parents was unable to attend the full course for personal reasons but the others completed the workshops and received certificates. Remaining money from the grant was used to cover extra childcare costs for participants.

An evaluation found that all participants felt that it was easy to engage in the workshops and that the running of them was good to excellent. All now feel more confident in their parenting and most feel exceedingly confident! The project resulted in excellent engagement, a stronger connection, and the celebration at the end showed a sense of unity and pride in their parenting. Before the sixth and last workshop, they were invited to suggest topics which they felt needed adding and these, including handling teasing, school issue and problem-solving, were covered.



Participants concluded that they were more confident in their new life in Leeds; 82 percent had more positive relationships with others attending the workshops; nearly all felt that they had a stronger foundation for their family to settle well in the UK; 94 percent said that they had new ideas about improving their children's life chances; and a similar number felt that they had improved their parenting skills. All had better English, the majority felt better able to handle stress and most felt that the course would help them settle in the local community.

Comments included:

"In times of stress, I am able to stay tough, am able to pick myself up when I fall because of the love and support I get."

"I play more with my children! We have long hugs!"

"Listening to other mum's experiences helped me to understand others more."

"I learned the importance of being tolerant."

"I am more patient and I don't get angry if my son makes a mistake. I calm before I speak."

"This project helped me so much with my current issues – it changed my life. I understand the difference for children born here. I have a better balance with feelings and managing behaviour. I feel I can make a life for myself in the UK, because the course helped me realise the importance of our relationships."



Thanks SWC for this opportunity!

City of Sanctuary Sheffield

£5000 March

Core costs of advice and help to asylum-seekers and refugees

The Sanctuary has made great progress in the past year. Your award of £5,000 in March 2018 arrived as we were organising our public launch, chaired by Paul Blomfield MP and one of our users, or 'members', Charles Obiri. At that time, we were hosting advice sessions by British Red Cross and Citizens' Advice, and were getting a handful of visitors a day

Since then South Yorkshire Refugee Law & Justice has moved in, helping refused asylum-seekers to build fresh claims. We also host a worker employed by Sheffield City Council who helps newly-granted refugees to move from asylum support to independent living. These tenants, who occupy the first floor, and a new EU-funded project assisting refugee integration, now make a significant contribution to our general running costs.

The ground floor is open to the public four days a week and between 50-70 people a day come in for free refreshments, computers, English conversation, or just to relax and keep warm. Partner organisations provide a range of services such as a free lunch every Tuesday, English conversation,

sewing and music groups and job club. We have hosted seminars and meetings for organisations including UNHCR, the Home Office, Sheffield University and South Yorkshire Migration & Asylum Action Group, and we serve as a base for voluntary groups offering support with asylum interviews and campaigning. We are organising a series of refugee-host meals, where a group serves food from their country and talks about their culture to people from the local community.

We keep in touch with local asylum supporting networks through our chairing of the monthly Refugee & Migrant Forum, hold quarterly steering group meetings with Sanctuary partners, and have an advisory group of members, facilitated by a member of staff who is himself a refugee. A recent consultation exercise among partners and members reported that The Sanctuary has gone a long way towards filling the needs identified in the 2016 Review of Asylum Needs. It is providing a safe and welcoming space for people seeking sanctuary, and offers different services from the same place.

There is much still to be done. We have refurbished part of the basement, which is in regular use for meetings and group sessions, and we are about to launch an appeal to upgrade the rest of the floor for additional classrooms, IT suite, showers and a quiet room, as requested in initial surveys. We are grateful to Scurrah Wainwright Charity for helping to make this work possible.

“How you have been with me has been wonderful, you have helped me so much, I can never forget how you helped me, I am so grateful to you.” - Sanctuary member

Coal Action Network

£5200 July

*Salary for campaigner supporting communities trying to stop opencast mining in the UK
UK-wide*

The Network has been busy on a number of projects with the charity's support. In the Pont Valley, county Durham, the opencast mine was allowed to go ahead after six months of campaigning to try and prevent this. After a period of rest and reflection, local campaigners decided to initiate a judicial review against the Secretary of State. Due to our pressure, he was forced to admit that his [original](#) decision to not revoke planning was [flawed](#) and he committed to reconsidering. Our role has been ensuring people on the ground can participate in these lengthy and complex legal processes, liaising with lawyers, fundraising and coordinating research submissions to the government. This research led to the discovery that the UK has more than twice the amount of coal sitting in stockpiles than it will ever need. We are collaborating with *Guardian* journalists to ensure that this story is followed up in the national media.

The Banks Group announced in the Spring that they plan to extend the site but they have not yet applied for planning permission. We are conducting research in partnership with local campaigners on where the coal from the current mine is going. Given that there are now only five coal power stations operating, Banks claim that their coal is all going to industrial use and is therefore still needed to meet UK demand. However, we are building a case that UK demand for Banks' coal is low and much is likely to be exported if their mines are allowed to continue.

Also in the Pont Valley, community campaigners decided that they wanted to try and hold Banks to account for destroying the wetland habitat of a protected species, the great crested newt. They would have lost their planning permission to extract coal at the Bradley site if they had followed the law on how to deal with protected species. We believe that we can prove they broke the law and

that relevant authorities refused to intervene. A successful prosecution will ensure greater scrutiny of environmental standards in the future.

We organised an international solidarity exchange with Pont campaigners and their counterparts in Colombia who included indigenous workers and the president of the country's Coal Workers Union. Our Colombian guests, who live next to one of the largest opencast mines in the world, were shocked at how close to people's homes the Pont mine is. We visited the Durham Miners' Association where there was an exchange of the different experiences of workers organising, including hearing about the Colombian union strategies to ensure a long-term future for the region without coal. This exchange gave certainty to folks in the Pont Valley that while the opencast there is small in global standards, the struggle is a worldwide one to halt the expansion of coal. The Colombian guests were moved to meet people with whom they have much in common despite different languages and culture.

Isobel visited La Guajira from January-March this year, spending time in the home of the Way'uu indigenous peoples and visiting Cerrejon Coal which operates one of the largest opencast coal mines in the world there, exporting to Europe and USA. She listened and learned from anti-coal struggles there, to see if we would help through our experience of working with communities here in the UK. Listening is a core value of Coal Action's work, ensuring that we are in step with the communities living on the front line. From this, she identified a need by communities for national and international NGOs to engage differently – to support efforts to build regional networks rather than work with specific communities- and on her return she has been in conversation with NGOs.

We were quickly on the case in Dewley Hill on the outskirts of Newcastle upon Tyne, where the Banks Group made a planning application as we had anticipated. We were able to respond as the news arrived and supported the local campaign group in mobilising objections. We held conversations to discuss what skills support they need and are currently developing training workshops to up skill them in group facilitation and decision making, and media work.



We have worked to support relationships between the anti-opencast coal groups in Dewley Hill, Pont Valley and Druridge Bay. They are all opposing Banks Group but each has a different organising style, a different history and different possibilities of actions. We have supported communication between them and looked for possibilities of collaboration – for example a combined delegation to London to hand in petitions to the Government calling for opencast mining to be ended for good. We were joined by a brass band and clog dancer and supported by online campaigners 38 Degrees which greatly added to our reach with 60,000 people watching the live stream of the event.

Around Merythr Tydfil in South Wales, we saw a company appeal for the proposed Nant Llesg open-casting fail, and it is now very unlikely that a new mine will be allowed there. However, there are rumours that the operators are going to submit a planning application to extend Ffos-y-fran. It has been difficult for the local community group to oppose the existing opencast as its main customer is now the steel works. We have been collaborating with them to develop a research project into zero coal steel production and steel alternatives.

Our wider outreach has included workshops at environmental gatherings and updates on these for the Coal Action Network website, social media and mailing list. Our partnership with 38 Degrees has helped us to reach 116,000 signatures on our End Opencast Coal petition. We are able to write to these people directly about this specific campaign. Our Coal Action mailing list has grown from 800 people to 15,000 people in less than a year. We also prepared an exhibition of artefacts and photographs for display at the National Coal Museum in the Autumn, intended to connect the history of opencast mining to that of deep mining, and show their contrasting impacts on communities.

Administratively, we have recently acquired an office for the first time which is great. After the intensity of the last year and a half of campaigning in the North East, we have been doing some reflection and setting up of new organisational systems to ensure we are all supported in our work and that stress and over-working is reduced.

DAMASQ, Leeds

£3420 July

Encouraging good financial management with micro loans and supporting benefit applications

As of June 2019, the Universal Credit Hub has opened 63 new accounts: 53 BAME (32 Syrian, five Sudanese, three Yemeni, six Kurdish, seven Swahili) and ten White British living in the Leeds post codes: LS9, LS8, LS2, LS12, LS7, LS17 but most coming from Burmantofts and Richmond Hill.

Members not only have the advantages of opening an account but also regular access to Ebor Gardens Community centre where the Hub is based. Here, Damasq offers other services such as the café, ESOL classes, cooking, arts and sport, and joining these has a good effect on mental wellbeing. The centre was closed by Leeds city council during the pandemic but work continued online.

The Hub has played a good part in keeping participants in a healthy financial state and extra advice is given to save money, such as helping applications for winter grants for gas and electricity, help with utility bills, support with record-keeping in searching for jobs and how to write a good CV. Many participants are non-English speakers and without the Hub they have little chance of applying by themselves, or they suffer delay which costs them a huge loss of money.

After June the UC hub continued to serve and follow up those who already participated but stopped taking any more applications. With the start of the pandemic lockdown In March 2020, volunteer Fawaz Alghofari offered Damasq 16 hours every week to volunteer in food parcel delivery but after a month the Hub had received many requests to help in Universal Credit amid fears of people losing jobs. He then split the 16 hours into eight for food parcel delivery and eight for online UC applications.

He struggled first with communicating with beneficiaries as many had no access to Zoom, Google-meet or even an IT device, so he had to receive consent through WhatsApp, setting up an account, then ask them to send the mobile code to access their account and do the application. Since April

2020 he has done 47 new applications, and continues to support those who are still in need from the first group (63 applicants in the community). An interesting point is that more than half of the new applications since the pandemic began have been from people who have come from Sweden to settle in the UK before Brexit on 31 December 2020. Some say that Islamic freedom in the UK is much better than in Sweden and others that the main factor was the language, English being more popular and better for their children's future.

DICE Enterprise, Doncaster

£2826 July

Activities and a big community event celebrating 'Ability within disAbility'

The SWC funding gave us a unique opportunity not only to work with more than 150 disabled adults in a month, but also to educate others about the Ability within dis'Ability'. We were able to hire venues for larger-than-usual events and we engaged businesses in helping to send out an inclusive message which they have continued to do, year on year. The new events attracted new members to our community organisation most of whom still attend today. Our residential Adventure Camp was our greatest achievement from the funding. Over 20 disabled adults took part in activities they had never tried before and loved them. The following year our numbers on the camp more than doubled. This was certainly the most sustainable funded project we have delivered.

Our project Finale was our end of month #Ability August Day. Our bright orange thematic T-Shirts could be seen all over the local community with disAbled people, parents, carers, teachers, business owners, children and other supporters wearing them with pride to celebrate diversity, inclusion, courage and equality. Other community organisations ran their own #Ability Events and local businesses had special offers to attract disabled adults through their doors.

The staff and volunteer training workshops brought our team together and increased their teamwork skills. The training delivered helped us to identify four volunteer ambassadors. These disabled adults champion our work still to this day and help to make people 'feel good' despite such a currently challenging time.

Our community organisation has continued to expand since the funding. We have created new job opportunities and our volunteer team is above 20. We have expanded our geographic area in terms of events-delivery and prior to the lockdown we were engaging with over 200 different disAbled adults every week.

Disability Sport Yorkshire

£5000 November

Encouraging disabled people into employment

Kirklees

We delivered a 30-week Employability Course based at Shelley Football Club for adults with a learning disability who were neither in education nor employment. The aim was to prepare them for paid work and volunteering opportunities.

The course included sections on the following: work ethic, customer service, interview techniques, hand hygiene, catering, hospitality, bar service, shop sales, programme sales, turnstile operation, ground preparation and maintenance, changing room preparation, kit preparation, cleaning, coaching event planning and working as a team.

We enrolled 11 participants to the course, two of whom did not complete it, due to mental health issues. The SWC funding enabled us to widen the opportunities we offered; five participants have completed their FA Level 1 Coaching Certificate and six have engaged in an innovative new bar service system (Access Hospitality), which enables adults with learning disabilities to process and serve drinks and refreshments from bar to a table in a pub or restaurant. All participants were able to do this effectively after only two weeks training. They all also received training in how to operate a coffee machine.

The course has given all of the participants huge confidence alongside many new skills:

- One participant is now a regular matchday volunteer at Shelley Football Club
- All participants have become regular matchday volunteers at Huddersfield Town Football Club
- All participants have become confident independent travellers
- All participants were involved in planning and delivering a Christmas party
- All participants were involved in meal preparation for a Shelley FC match
- All participants volunteered at the Shelley FC Bonfire event



Participants from the course have been referred to local employment agency, Real Employment, to identify exit routes into employment. The participants are looking for roles in cleaning, catering, service and bar work.

Down Syndrome Training and Support

£3200 July

Supporting specialist dance sessions

Bradford and area

Thanks to your funding, our two dance classes have had a very happy and successful year.

Dance 21 – the classes for young people with Down syndrome aged 11+ - runs weekly in termtime 6.40pm - 7.40pm upstairs at Shipley Lanes bowling centre, taught by qualified dance teacher Lauren Green. This year they have also performed at nine events at: Keighley College, Cullingworth Gala, Expressions, Northern Ballet, Haworth Road Methodist Church, The World Down Syndrome Congress, Glasgow, our Annual General Meeting at Haworth Road Methodist Church, Leeds Beckett University Speech Therapy Dept. social event, Diverse Fest, Bridlington and a Specialist Inclusion Project celebration event

Feedback from the dancers includes:

I enjoy meeting friends, getting exercise, performing in shows, the music, being in a group

*I like Lauren the dance teacher
I love music and wish it would go on all year
round without stopping for school holidays.*

Twirly 21s, the class for children aged 5 – 11, runs weekly in term time on Saturday afternoons at Footsteps Theatre School, Idle, Bradford between 2 and 3pm and is taught by qualified dance teacher Claire Mitchell-King.



This class has been very useful for the younger children, not only to gain good motor skills and co-ordination, but to make friendships and increase confidence. Many of the families meet up with their children outside the classes due to the friendships they have made. The parents wait in in an area outside the class, and enjoy a coffee and a chat, again building friendships and sharing experiences and knowledge about their children with Down syndrome.

Eccleshill Adventure Playground

£4400 March

*Playscheme for vulnerable children and young people
Bradford*

The funding helped us to deliver our Big Swing sessions across peak periods. We are a high impact service, reaching around 10,000 children and young people every year. This year we ran 198 play sessions and registered 925 new participants compared with 725 in 2017-18.

Children came from 35 ethnic backgrounds and 61 local postcodes. The Summer Holiday programme saw 2345 children attend 28 sessions with an average of 84 children per session. We are the only playscheme in the area but have also benefited from positive feedback and word-of-mouth.

Parents' and carers' comments include:

'This place is great. It is my first time here and I am amazed, there is so much to do and I will be returning. I found out about it through a work colleague who came last week. I live in Leeds and more of these places would be fantastic. Thanks for the Great experience'

'Really impressed after our first visit, heard lots of good things and they are all true and better, I love that our kids are trusted to play, build and explore using their own imaginations. Keep up the good work'

'This is an absolutely brilliant place! It's rare these days for children and young people to have the freedom and chances to play and to do it for FREE! The staff members were great and created a positive welcoming atmosphere, keep up the good work!'



Faith, Hope and Charity - now renamed *Not Just a Shop*

£2400 March

*Training and work experience for young adults with learning difficulties in a second-hand shop
Sheffield*

Unfortunately, the shop premises that we were going to lease fell through at the last minute so we had to start searching again. Many of the young adults with learning difficulties who wanted to train with us also have mobility problems so we had to bear this in mind when looking at shops and make sure that there were no steps or stairs and that there was a downstairs toilet, so it took us a while to find something suitable. Some of our students self-travel so we had to make sure the shop premises were within easy walking distance from the bus and tram stop.

We eventually found premises in early January 2019, our volunteers spent a month preparing the shop and we opened on 9th February 2019. With the Charity commission's permission we changed our name from *Faith Hope and Charity* to *Not Just a Shop* because of confusion with others similarly named and after a lot of people told us that it put them off as they thought we were a primarily Christian shop. We bought shop fittings, clothes rails, fire extinguishers and a clothes steamer and paid for DBS checks and volunteer training, insurance and printing. The SWC grant made a huge difference. Without it, there would be no project as we would not have been able to buy the vital pieces of equipment or shop fittings.

We currently have six young adults with learning difficulties, fewer than we intended but none had work experience and all needed a lot of support. We took them on in turn, training each on a one-to-one basis and only moving to the next when the first was confident about all aspects of work in the shop. The students are trained to sort, steam and price-up garments ready for resale; we involve them in every step, encourage them to think for themselves rather than constantly being told what to do, and ask them to suggest prices. Bric-a-brac, pictures and mirrors are all cleaned before being put on sale and students do the display and are expected to keep the shop clean and tidy. They serve the customers, use the till and give correct change. Our volunteers take a hands-off approach and only step in if they see the students are struggling.

Training also includes window display, with a different theme each week - students are encouraged to put forward ideas on what we should use. When we started doing the windows, the students had no confidence at all and kept asking if it looked OK and if they were doing it right. I told them to go outside and look at the window from the footpath as that was what the people passing by saw. They soon started to see where there were gaps that needed filling in, how to angle things so that they looked better and how to co-ordinate bags and shoes and other accessories with clothes. Within a short space of time their confidence blossomed and I was banished from the window, told to put my feet up and make a coffee and was only allowed back to give a score out of 10. It was lovely to see the students' confidence grow and they are so proud of their window displays. We often get customers popping their head through the door saying they don't want to buy anything but just wanted to compliment the students on their displays. We've recently had special windows for World Book Day, National Story-telling Week and more recently Walk All Over Cancer when we donated the money from the sale of shoes in the window to cancer research.



Two of our students have previously worked in charity shops but have been stuck in a back room just steaming clothes all day and not really learning anything. Heather was very shy when she first came to us and wouldn't speak to customers. Now she says 'Good Morning', is confident on the till, gives correct change and says that she is learning a lot more with us than she did at the previous charity shop where she volunteered. Katie has been with us since we opened and is an absolute delight to work with; she certainly keeps us on our toes. We've given

her more responsibility and she has trained other young adults (and one of our volunteers) on how to use the till and has taken the less able under her wing. She is chatty and very confident, opens the door for customers and is happy to run errands. Katie became confident enough to apply for a voluntary position so she works at the British Heart Foundation one day a week but still comes to us one day a week as she thinks that we are the best charity shop in Sheffield.

All our students know what is expected of them and after making themselves a drink when they come in, they get on with what needs to be done. They help with running stalls at fund raising events, run tombolas, model at our fashion shows and helped out at a coffee morning we had for customers to celebrate our first anniversary. Students and volunteers get along very well with regular social evenings and meals out. They even conned me into taking them to the circus!

A particular aspect of our project is to get the young adults enthused about recycling, so by teaching them sewing skills we have been able to repurpose any garments that we have been unable to sell. We had anticipated taking on more students over the coming months but unfortunately most of our volunteers and students have underlying health conditions and we also have a pregnant volunteer so, on Monday 16th March we made the very difficult decision to close the shop for three months because of covid precautions. We have enough reserves in the bank to pay the bills until July but we anticipate business being slow to pick up when we re-open.

All our students are desperately missing not being at the shop and are constantly messaging to ask when we are going to be re-opening. We're trying to post demonstrations on our Facebook page so that they can do some crafts at home and are trying to get some things sent out to them in the post to keep them busy over the coming weeks. After all the hard work that's been put into the project it will be heart breaking for everyone concerned if we can't recover from this temporary closure.

Friends of Rosehill at the Pavilion

£3000 March

Restoration of a community park

Rotherham

Friends of Rosehill Park was formed when regular users of the park were saddened to find that the existing playground equipment was at the end of its shelf-life and due to be removed. Rotherham council had no funding to replace it, so we set out to form a group and raise the money ourselves. Initially we held an open day at the park tearooms and invited all local people to come and have their say and contribute ideas. This included children as well as adults so that we could get everyone's views and wishes.

Rosehill is the second largest park in Rotherham and many residents felt that the equipment needing to be suitable for all users, both able-bodied and those who need help. We had to work extremely closely with Rotherham council as they had the final say on the equipment, ordering and siting it while we paid for the cost.



We decided to find some equipment that children could also use with the assistance of a carer, for example, an extra-wide slide. We wrote to many companies, held lots of raffles/fundraising events and managed to raise just over £15,000. We were able to buy to 'springies', these had secure seating so children could be placed in them as opposed to balancing on a seat. Unfortunately, after only a short time both have been vandalised and the council has sent them off for repair. We also paid for a see-saw, a noughts and crosses board and a playframe which are looking good and are being well-used. Rawmarsh is a slightly run-down area so many people use the park as it is free and keeps their children entertained whilst being out in the fresh air.

The Friends are currently not active as one key member has changed her job, another sadly died at the start of the pandemic and a third has been self-isolating. We feel that we have achieved what we set out to do and are therefore content to disband.

Gipton Methodists

£10,850 March

Funding community layworker on large Leeds estate

This twenty hours per week role has been funded by the Scurrah Wainwright Charity for nearly 20 years, continuing the family's connection which began in the 1880s. The layworker's role continues to develop and to offer new added value to the life of the Gipton community. In August 2017 Grenville Jensen retired after 14 years in post which made an immense contribution to Gipton; the church and local people were pleased to be able to offer warm 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 of Pastoral and Community Worker. In May 2017 a recruitment process was undertaken and Michael Simpson was appointed to the role from 1st 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 Dr George Bailey. Michael has focused in his beginning months on getting to know the church and community and to grow in understanding of the role and its future potential. New projects are beginning in early 2018.

The work funded by the grant is divided between the church and the wider community. Michael serves the church primarily as pastor, visiting members of the congregation at home and in hospital and looking after their general wellbeing, as well as inviting and supporting new people to join in partnership with the Minister as the church discerns the way ahead.

Michael leads worship on guitar several Sundays each month and has helped to revive the less formal 'bible study services' centering on group discussion, as begun by Grenville in 2016. A

published course is used to help people explore questions of faith and life in an informal way which many have found more stimulating than traditional services. Separate groups are run and led by Michael during the week including the Bright Hour – an informal get-together for general discussion - and the Toddler Group, which has benefited in numbers and interest partly due to a new Facebook group page. A new Home Group has also been started.

In the wider community, Grenville carefully handed on his many contacts based on years of personal engagement and Michael has begun to build up his own contacts via visits to two sheltered housing complexes as well as Action for Gipton Elderly and GIPSIL which helps 18-25s. He is on the board of the local Children's Centre and has encouraged links with other churches and wider use of the chapel by social services, the National Childbirth Trust, independent congregations and private parties. The charity Health for All has leased the upper room and the new kitchen enables the chapel to offer evening meals on occasion to a local group of asylum-seekers.

Michael is also taking on Grenville's initiative of 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. He is talking to 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. He has started a litter-picking project in tandem with the city council's environmental services and supported by a pop-up café at the chapel.

In summary, your funding continues to provide a valuable community asset for the church and community in Gipton. This has been a year of transition between workers, in which Michael has made a good start in his new role. The Management Committee has 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 Native, Zimbabwe

£5000 March

Funding a truck for small scale rural farmers

This money made such a difference to the work we do with small-scale farmers. Together with an investment from Zimbabwean diaspora group Enaleni Community Limited, it enabled us to buy a second-hand 18-ton truck.

Our key aim for this project was to give rural farmers a reliable transport link to the profitable markets, enable them to buy equipment and sell produce at a reasonable cost. In the last three months the Truck has moved 32,000 day-old chicks from the hatchery in Bulawayo to rural farmers and 200 bags of feed per week, each farmer receiving on average 10bags and maize-meal and soy, some sourced from as far away as Gokwe in the Midlands, which is processed into stock feed.



The truck is used by rural farmers in Matopo and about 100 students from Ebenezer Agricultural Institute which trains 18-25year olds in business and farming, as well as farmers further afield such as the Gokwe maize growers who get their produce delivered to the feed mill in Bulawayo.

The expenditure for the Truck has been £26,538 and the £5000 donation went towards this. We are grateful for your support; the Truck was put to immediate use. Despite the economic climate and political unrest, production continues, and the farmers are sending their produce to the market at a reasonable cost.

Higher Opportunities

£1500 November

Supporting disadvantaged groups in getting access to higher-level learning

Sheffield

Higher Opportunities grew from three educationalists' concern about the number of bright young people from poorer backgrounds who do not progress on to higher education at university or college. As you know, there is copious evidence to show that young people who progress to HE generally earn more money over their lifetime, live longer and have a better standard of living. The danger is that the children of the rich become rich and the children of the poor remain poorer.

We applied for a grant because we wanted to find out why this is happening, particularly in Yorkshire and what could be done about it. We also received funding from the National Lottery. Robin is a manager at Sheffield Further Education College, John is an HE advisor at Stamford College in Lincolnshire and Neil is based in Bristol but travels a lot, researching, acting as a consultant and teaching.

We were aware of the disparity in progression to higher education in different communities. In one wealthier area of Sheffield, 72% of young people go on to higher education while in a deprived area of Rotherham, 12% do. We know from the research that Neil has carried out that young people from poorer areas are more likely to take BTEC or other vocational qualifications rather than A levels and are more likely to go to a FE college rather than a grammar school or sixth form. Thus, Robin and John were in good positions to be able to focus on young people from poorer communities.

We began by asking all the young people at the two colleges who were taking a level 3 programme such as A levels or BTEC National to complete a detailed survey online. As a result, we were able to draw conclusions about the differences between the students from the more rural areas of Lincolnshire and the urban area around Sheffield. We decided to focus on one aspect of the outcomes we had established. It appeared that there were two main groups of people who influenced young people into applying to go to HE – parents, and tutors at college. From feedback it appears that parents influence in two ways.

The parents of wealthier students encourage their children to go to university, presumably because they are more likely to have gone on to HE themselves, had a good experience and it has helped them in their career. However, parents who are less wealthy and from the deprived areas are more likely to discourage their children from going on to HE as they are less convinced of the benefits of going to HE and more concerned about debt.

Consequently, we have held a number of events where we have talked to parents about the advantages of their children progressing to HE. In both Sheffield and Stamford these were at the end of the first year of their children's level 3 course to explain about the process of applying to

university or college, the funding available including loans and bursaries and tried to assuage parents' fears. We spent most time with parents who were doubtful, and we believe in some cases changed their minds. Our concerns were higher in Sheffield and Robin held three evening events on progression to higher level skills with 220 disadvantaged young people.

We also put together a training package for course tutors at Sheffield College advising them on how influential they are in enthusing students from poorer backgrounds to progress to HE when they are unsure whether to do so, and shared our findings with them. Twenty three staff attended the first session. A second session followed for 13 tutors and an action plan was agreed for tutors to identify bright students from poorer backgrounds along with tactics to encourage them to apply to HE. Robin and John then held a similar session with course tutors at Stamford raising their awareness of the lack of social mobility.

At Stamford College this year, the same percentage of students from poorer backgrounds applied to HE as those from wealthier areas – about 55% overall in both cases – which is an increase of 30 compared with two years ago. We think that it will be more difficult to reach this level in Sheffield but the action plan that was agreed is being met so far, and results should be seen in the next academic year.

We put together the evidence, our findings and the work we have done and presented it at a workshop held at the Forum for Access and Continuing Education (FACE) Conference in July 2019 in Sheffield. From that workshop attended by widening participation staff from universities we have refined and built on our findings and produced a chapter of a publication which will be published by FACE. With the funding you provided we have also had a website built - www.higheropportunities.org - which contains details of the research we have carried out and papers and articles we have produced.

Humans Being

£2456 March

Courses for young people looking beyond traditional gender roles

Leeds

This has been a great project which made a real difference to the organisation and to the young people we've worked with. Not only did we develop and deliver two successful courses, but we've been able to get more funding and employ two part-time staff. We'd like to thank you for taking a chance and funding a new organisation.

Our aim was to research, pilot and evaluate two courses with young people that would enable them to look beyond traditional gender roles and change their lives and those around them as a result. We will now put into place the administrative, managerial and strategic frameworks we need to approach larger funders and commissioners.

Since receiving funding from Scurrah Wainwright we have: set up ICT, admin and phone systems, created policies and procedures, written the course materials for the Identity Gender and Wellbeing course, run two courses for 13 vulnerable young people - one for men and one for women - and received funding for more courses and volunteer support from the National Lottery. An example of the people we helped is Sarah who is 23 and from Richmond Hill in Leeds. She says:

"Before the course I was looking after my mum, who has depression too. There was bad stuff going on at work and I wasn't getting out of bed until about 1 pm. I'm not a girly girl and people used to make fun of me for that. It really bothered me.

When I started coming to group I found it a lot easier to help my mum with her depression. I told her to start dealing with her own problems first, not everyone else's. That has made a real difference.

Now I know not to listen to the horrible parrot [inner critic], to think more about the owl. Everyone used to call me Edward because I'm not a girly girl and it bothered me but now I just let them call me Edward. I find it a lot easier, I don't think about what other lasses think now. Instead of being a girly girl I do what I like, I wear boys clothes and stuff like that, I find it a lot easier.

I enjoyed the assertiveness session. At first the role plays wound me up but I knew it was a drama session and it made me think about how I act in real life sometimes. It's helped - I've met more people and now I try and help other people I meet. Now I will show people where shops are if they can't find them, for example.

Next, I want to get a better job with better pay money and more hours. I feel more confident that I can do that now. This course has helped me a lot more than I expected!"

Ignite Imagination

£3000 March

Introducing the creative sector as a viable career choice for young people

Doncaster

We worked with 20 Year Nine pupils at two schools in Doncaster, with financial subsidy for 15 of them. The programme included a skill day with over 100 pupils from across the region, a visit to a local theatre (behind the scenes), four visits from the local cultural business champion, attendance at local theatre performance, a skills workshop with a music charity, skills workshops at a local participatory arts charity, arts award portfolio building, moderation and Award for Arts Award and final celebration event bringing schools from Sheffield and Doncaster together.

We feel that we have achieved the following objectives:

- Reached young people in some of the most deprived communities in the country
- Provided a high quality, fun and immersive experience that highlights that the creative sector is a viable career choice
- Explained the variety of roles and pathways taken by current employees of the sector
- Organised six visits to local arts organisations, one show/performance and completed 15 bronze arts awards.
- Brought two schools together via the programme, increasing opportunities to meet new people
- Partnered each school with a business champion who supports the pupils doing the AAA award and develops a strong relationship with the pupils to support them on their journey.
- Increased confidence, communication levels, aspirations and understanding of the world of work.
- Developed understanding of the skills and pathways needed for the working world and support the students to improve on skills they feel less confident in.

Benefits for the young people:

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- Increased understanding of the creative sector - knowing the different roles, skills and pathways taken by others.
- Qualification at Level 1 received (Bronze Arts Award)
- Opportunities to visit previously unexplored organisations, back stage and behind the scenes, get to know the sector and staff
- Increased confidence in their own skills and ability; they are meeting new people, engaging in activities to develop and stretch their skills and communicating with people from different schools, backgrounds and ages.
- Experience in interview and applications- the students apply and are interviewed for the programme, giving them essential world of work experience above and beyond their peers.
- The school are invested in the programme and therefore in the pupil and this give the pupils a real boost and acknowledgement that they are working towards something different

Pupil's feedback included:

- *More confident, eg working with students from other skills*
- *Better at dealing with adults from outside of school*
- *More confident at visiting venues we've never been to before*
- *Better at expressing ourselves*
- *More cultured*



And from teachers:

The organisation has generally been exceptional. The opportunity to work in different venues and be privileged to go fully backstage at Cast and work in the recording studio at Higher Rhythm were

greatly valued and not just tokenistic experiences in an Arts venue.

By far the most impact lay in helping them to appreciate the breadth of the Creative Industries and speaking to professionals to understand the different journeys that can be taken to gain employment in the field. They also appreciated that there was not one traditional 'academic' route to get into doing the work that some of them are interested in pursuing in the future but that the skills they learn in school and through the breadth of experiences they have are just as valuable as the formal qualifications. This short film shows more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doEFnJ4TiUE&t=49s>

Imagine If Theatre

£5000 July

Creative workshops for prisoners, pre-release

Yorkshire-wide

The donation from Scurrah Wainwright contributed to the salary of a part-time Outreach Support Worker (OSW) who supported Imagine If Theatre Company's work with prisoners and people with convictions. The OSW supported the development of *Bird on the Wing*, a three-week full-time

project, using drama to build confidence, team-work and communication skills with 14 prisoners due to be released. The OSW also liaised with partner organisations in prisons, the probation service and third sector support organisations, and provided holistic support to prisoners pre and post release. Others who benefited included the prisoners' families and a facilitator assisted by three people with convictions who were employed full-time.

The grant made a big difference to Imagine If Theatre Company's capacity to work with prisoners and people with convictions and the Outreach Support Worker has successfully achieved the following:

- Raised £9,200 from the Big Lottery to run *Bird on the Wing (BOTW)*, at HMP Hull in May 2019.
- Raised £5,000 from the Allen Lane Foundation to run *BOTW* at HMP Lindholme in June 2019.
- Developed *BOTW* – including recruiting and training freelance practitioners to run the intervention, and providing paid employment for three people with convictions, who helped plan *BOTW* prior to it going into prisons, to ensure that it was suitable for prisoners. The people with convictions also encouraged current prisoners at HMP Hull to sign up to the course by motivating them with their positive stories of life since leaving prison. *The picture shows the II team outside Hull prison.*
- Reached over twenty employers including Greggs, Wates Construction and Hull City Council and other support agencies who attended the employers' event at HMP Hull and made positive contacts with the *BOTW* participants who were due to be released within a few weeks.
- Established a *BOTW* graduate programme – enabling Imagine If to continue working with participants on their release. This has included working closely with two *BOTW* graduates from the 2017 cohort – supporting them in developing their interest in the arts by arranging visits to comedy evenings, theatre events and a Spoken Word night, and encouraging one *BOTW* graduate to perform. The graduate programme will be further developed as more *BOTWs* are delivered in prisons (funding dependent) and there are more graduates available to work with Imagine If once released. This will include establishing regular drama workshops for people with convictions to attend and strengthen their interest and skills in the arts.
- Supported a *BOTW* graduate with networking, interview skills and developing a stronger CV which led to him gaining full-time, permanent employment.
- Worked with a voluntary researcher and statistician to assess offenders' behaviour pre and post *BOTW* to capture the social and economic impact of our work. This is on-going work and by delivering more *BOTW*'s we will have more evidence to measure employment status and wellbeing post-release, using qualitative and quantitative indicators. With a growing reputation, we expect *BOTW* to be paid for through prison contracts, commissions and patronage, which will help sustain Imagine If.
- Represented Imagine If at events including Leeds University Student Volunteer fair, Leeds Crime Reduction Network Conference and various funding events



For a variety of reasons, including mental health issues and being released from prison before *Bird on the Wing* finished, not all the original fourteen participants were able to complete the project. However, the OSW and facilitators helped six participants to develop practical job-seeking and application skills and built their social and teamwork talents while in custody. Practical exploration through drama exercises and role-play helped them to develop confidence, identifying and articulating their skills and experiences before writing their CV and cover letter and they also practiced interview and self-presentation skills. The aim of *BOTW* is to focus on soft skills development and to ensure participants have tangible resources that can be used on release.

Over the three-week period the participants also learnt and developed performance skills and worked together to create a performance that focused on their motivations and aspirations for life after prison. Towards the end of the intervention, the performance was presented by the group to local and national employers and support agencies. This broke down barriers in communication between participants and employers/support agencies and gave the participants an invaluable opportunity to strengthen and maintain family ties through letting them know what they had achieved on *BOTW*, thus also benefitting family relationships. When prisoner's families help to support and celebrate their achievements, it encourages prisoners to step back into society on release. The performance for the participants was also a reflective tool, which allowed them to explore their internal narrative and identify and 'try on' how it would feel to be a part of society with a more pro-social persona.

Feedback was extremely positive with 100% of participants stating that taking part in *Bird on the Wing* had helped build their confidence, creativity, teamwork and communication skills.

"I believe I've made considerable contributions to the group. I can make a difference and feel confident doing so. I have a lot to offer"

"Now I'm due to be released. I'm taking part with Bird on the Wing and I'm really pleased. Like a bird I'm going to spread my wings and fly through the trees, fly up high and look at the bigger picture.....look at what I have become. I believe in myself and I believe I will"

Feedback from the employers' networking event at HMP Hull was also extremely positive

"Over time I have come to realise the importance of performance arts in empowering vulnerable people. We need more of it!" - Jill Gledhill, Together Women

"Words cannot describe how impressed I am with the delivery of the performance and networking event" - Ryan Gagg, Wates Construction

Several employers offered to provide further advice and training to *BOTW* graduates and act as mentors on their release. The OSW will follow up on these offers.

Through the work of the OSW, we have also established a scheme, where previous participants of *BOTW*, known as *BOTW* graduates, are offered opportunities to develop their social capital upon re-entering the community. This means ensuring prisoners have an independent, reliable, and trustworthy network immediately available to them on leaving prison. The research being undertaken by a volunteer researcher and statistician under the supervision of the OSW will consider the extent to which participants completing the *BOTW* Programme will have:

- Lower rates of reconviction
- An increase in prosocial attitudes
- Improved employability skills
- Higher rates of employment

The OSW has endeavoured to collect contact details of course participants in order to assess in the months and years to come, the success of the course regarding. Many participants do not have a fixed address or an email address on release, making tracking real results a challenge. This could be addressed through further partnerships with a support service which focuses on post release support. In the coming weeks and months, the OSW will be contacting probation officers through West Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company, to try to regain contact with past participants and fully evaluate the full impact of the course on employment.

The OSW has also built a partnership with *Offploy*, who support ex-offenders through a nine-step journey into employment helping with goal setting, employer training, interview skills and continuing support for candidates once they've achieved a secure position. *Offploy* staff visited participants during the intervention, attended the final networking event and all *BOTW* graduates in Hull will have access to their offer of services on release.

We would like to thank you for your contribution to the funding of the post of Outreach Support Worker. Imagine if's work with prisoners and people with convictions will only be able to continue in the future with financial support from funders such as yourselves

Inspire Women Men and Children, Zimbabwe

£4964 November

Making reusable sanitary pads and training women and girls in sexual and reproductive health

The SWC grant helped a project on training women and girls in reusable sanitary pad-making and sexual and reproductive health education via 18 one-day workshops in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Male partners and community leaders were also included.

The Zimbabwean constitution gives every individual inherent dignity in both their private and public life and the right to have that self-respect valued and protected. Sadly, the country is among those in Africa that have seen women and girls' dignity being infringed due to the ever-rising cost of sanitary wear in the unstable economic environment. The prices for sanitary wear are now beyond the reach of many in both urban and rural areas due to inflation. This has resulted in absenteeism from school by young girls, and women not attending to their productive activities or work during their menses. Girls and women end up resorting to unhygienic means such as newspapers, clothes, manure and leaves to absorb menstrual flow. This has been continuously compromising women and girl's dignity as they face stigma and shame leading to low self-esteem and self-confidence. This in the long run causes girls to have a disadvantage as compared to boys in terms of academic excellence and for the women it lowers their productive time which is much needed in such an economy.



With your help, we have provided cheap and environmentally-friendly sanitary pads to keep girls in school and women participating in their daily work even during their menstruation. We have also managed to address the deep-rooted menstrual taboos in our society while helping Bulawayo communities to gain access to comprehensive information about their sexual reproductive health, creating a safe space for both young girls and women. We have engaged and trained community leaders and community influencers to become “period buddies” and “sexual and reproductive health rights buddies” to ensure sustainability of the

project. We also trained men in urban areas to be male allies in breaking the stigma and cultural taboos associated with puberty and menstruation.

Committed and passionate women, men and girls have stood up and partnered with us to end menstrual stigma ensuring that every girl has the support she needs to be respected, happy and have a dignified period. We involved 720 people – 300 women, 300 girls and 120 boys. The project has also created income-generating opportunities for more than ten local women whose renewed confidence has prompted them to set up local enterprises.

Manuel Bravo Project, Leeds

£5000 July

Legal advice to asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants in areas with poor provision

Your grant went towards a pilot project providing legal advice for refugees and asylum seekers living in 'advice deserts' - areas of West Yorkshire where there is no legal aid provision or other free legal advice services. The advice was to be delivered over the telephone with written copies provided to each caller after the call. The project began in July 2018 and the Scurrah Wainwright grant was used to fund the salary of a caseworker who gave the advice. The service was advertised through other local third sector organisations including Red Cross and St Vincent's. We also partnered with St Vincent's in Bradford as our initial feedback and uptake of the service indicated that callers were finding it difficult to access the service (lack of mobile phone, language barrier and inability to send documents electronically were cited as the main reasons). Clients were able to go to St Vincent's and use their resources to call us and send us the required documents.

Feedback gathered from the middle of the project suggested that some clients were still finding it difficult to use the service – one of the main reasons at this point was the lack of face-to-face interaction and how this impacted the clients' ability to fully trust and rely on the advice they were given. In the latter stages of the project we began to support the telephone service with an increase in face-to-face sessions. The phone service became more of an emergency support line. Our work was supported by two specially trained volunteers who accompanied the caseworker to the face-to-face sessions and helped with some of the less complex matters (eg helping clients make calls to the Home Office and filling in travel document applications).



The grant made a huge difference to our outreach provision and allowed us to trial new ways of working that have shaped the way we operate generally. The remote advice project really highlighted for us the multiple and often complex barriers that our clients face to access legal advice. Our initial thoughts that remote advice alone would meet the local need were overly simplistic and the main lesson was the value of face-to-face contact. The clients who were using our outreach services had often experienced issues with previous legal

representatives and the Home Office that caused them to distrust advice they were given. This distrust meant that the effectiveness of advice given remotely was never equal to that given face-to-face in a familiar setting where the client felt supported.

There is absolutely value in providing remote advice to those who have no other option and we

still use it as part of our outreach provision; it is just a smaller part than we envisioned and is used much more for support organisations to call on behalf of their local clients for emergency advice that cannot wait for a face-to-face session. The focus of our outreach provision now is to get lawyers into the 'advice deserts' on a regular basis to provide as much face-to-face provision as possible. It is extremely important to us that our service is designed and shaped by those using it to ensure that the legal process remains accessible and access to justice is available to as many people as possible.

Over the year, we provided telephone advice to 89 asylum-seekers and refugees who otherwise would not have been able to access free, high quality legal advice. During the second half of the project, we were able to provide 11 additional face-to-face outreach sessions, predominantly in Bradford and Wakefield. These were operated on a drop-in basis and we saw an average of seven clients per session with issues as varied as asylum appeals, domestic violence concessions, nationality queries and refugee settlement. None of them would have been able to access free legal advice by any other means. A lack of legal advice could have been extremely detrimental in many cases and could have led to destitution, precarious legal status and ultimately risk of removal from the UK. By intervening at an early stage, our advice was often able to prevent problems from occurring or solved problems as they arose rather than waiting until an emergency situation occurred.

Meeting Point Café, Leeds

£5358 November

Provision of IT courses at community café

This project starting off with much enthusiasm. We were able to purchase six laptops and two tablets to kick-start the succession of IT courses we envisaged offering in blocks covering six weeks. An outside facilitator conducted the training on our behalf. During the spring of 2019 the first course was run and six people benefitted from it. Comments from those who attended the course were that the facilitator was very knowledgeable, the course was informative and enjoyable and that new skills were learned. One observation was made that due to the fact that people did not have access to computers at home, skills could not be practiced and embedded. This has led us to think about the possibility of making the computers available in the café at other times, and we are currently working towards offering this service.

Unfortunately, since the summer of 2019, our Community Connect Worker, who was responsible for setting up and running this project, has been on long-term sick leave. The repercussion of this has been that we were, and are still not in a position to continue offering IT training, as this needs to happen outside café operating hours. We are unable to staff and facilitate this. There is a keenness from our customers to continue to engage with technology, and the challenge for us now at The Meeting Point Café, is to develop a sustainable way of offering this.

NewHall Kidz, Wakefield

£5000 November

Core costs for a women's prison playscheme

During the last ten months, we have run play sessions on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday between 12.30 pm and 4.30pm. We began in the prison's visitor centre at 12.30, then around 1.45pm we moved up to the main play facility, where this session began at 2pm and ended at 4.30pm.

We have provided play sessions during every domestic visit, totalling 207 so far since December 2018. We have also held seven Family days so far this year. These use the gym in the morning with games and ball games, then lunch in the main hall followed by creative activities that the children could make to take home. These days have continued to be very well-subscribed with new families appearing all the time. In addition to this we have supported a Lifer Day, which is the same as family days, but for it is for people serving life sentences and sentences of imprisonment for public protection.

The people who have benefited from our work are the children and young people, the prisoners and their immediate families, the prison personnel and the wider community. Between December 2018 and September 2019, we have had 981 children and young people use our play service. A total of 297 residents have also come to the play facility, to play and interact with their own children, which helps maintain family ties and bonds. On the Lifer day there were eight families that had visiting children. On each of the Family days there have been between 30 and 38 children present.

The first play session in the Visitors Centre is in a purpose-built indoor play area fully fitted out and equipped for the children and young people to enjoy while they are waiting to attend the main visits hall. This has been a good ice-breaker for new children and families as waiting in this area can often be very lengthy.

Once the children have arrived into the main visits hall and have come into play in the play facility, the residents themselves can come in to play and interact with their own families. This has helped break down barriers and rebuild lost relationships. It is also a safe haven for the mums to re-affirm their attachment to loved ones. During these play sessions the children and residents (Mum) have the chance to participate in a wide range of indoor and outdoor play opportunities, such as arts and crafts, making keepsakes, face-painting, music and dance, elemental play, ball games including basketball, multi-use games play table, giant board games and construction with a huge range of giant soft play.

We have recently developed our own educational environment by creating a quiet reading area with seating, cushions, interactive story sacks, some poem sacks and general story books, for all ages to share and enjoy together. We continue to send our 'First Visit' DVD to all new families due to attend the establishment for the first time. This is a short film depicting what to expect upon arrival. This is offered to all new women coming into prison for the first time who have children being looked after in their absence.

During the grant period we have helped to strengthen and develop the children and young people's relationship with their mum and to feel less socially excluded, learning to understand the world around them and coming to terms with the fact that mum is in prison. They have time away from their temporary carer which has allowed them to have private discussions with their mum, and some quality time. By having this time together, it has contributed towards re-affirming the child's self-esteem, self-worth and mental well-being, also the prisoner's mental health and well-being.

Not Buying It, Sheffield

£5000 November

Campaigning against strip clubs in Yorkshire and Humberside

Over the year of this grant we helped to achieve the following:

In Rotherham, our aims were to achieve a zero policy for 'sexual entertainment venues' and close the town's one strip club, where extreme rule breaches of sexual contact have been exposed, and provide exit support to women working there. Rotherham also had several illegal brothels. We achieved the introduction by the council of a zero policy. The strip clubs closed suddenly, in the way

we had hoped for, because of the Covid pandemic. Rotherham acknowledged the importance of neighbouring councils following a similar policy.

In Sheffield, we faced one strip club and one 'swingers' venue', both licenced as 'sexual entertainment venues'. There was a rape conviction at the swingers' club in 2014 and in 2019 another man was charged with rape at the club. The city has several illegal brothels which appear to act openly – one of them even appeared on TV in a programme called 'A Very British Brothel'. Our aims were for the council finally to abide by equality law and consult appropriately on its policy on 'sexual entertainment venues' and to introduce a zero policy instead.

We exposed over 200 breaches at its one strip club of wall-to-wall and extreme levels of sexual contact, often for as little as £20. Women from the club also testified to management forcing dancers to sleep with them in order to keep their jobs. At the London branch of this chain, Spearmint Rhino, we exposed sexual contact and pimps – defying the concept that this is generally a 'stringently regulated' chain and Sheffield was a 'one off'.

Sheffield has now drafted a policy for zero sexual entertainment venues. However, this contains a clause to 'exempt' existing venues (which we again seek to challenge in court). The strip club operator appeared to lie on numerous points to the council, which is also unlawful. The policy has not yet been approved as some councillors are now calling for information on the impact of a zero policy.

More widely, there has been considerable local and national media coverage of our work and we have networked with groups in Yorkshire and beyond to help them challenge the industry locally. This includes Huddersfield where we exposed a club still operating despite running a brothel at the back and Halifax where a club was still operating despite being run by an operator who allowed underage dancers and prostitution at his club in a different borough where he was arrested.

Owd Martha's Yard Community Garden

£550 July

Raised timber beds for growing free produce for local people in Hoyland, Barnsley

With your funding, we created six raised timber beds so that we could plant and grow more varieties of produce. Two of the six beds were made to a special height so that our 'less able' members could work on the planting, maintaining and eventual gathering of the produce.

The grant made a difference in that it enabled us to provide more produce that was of benefit to our community in general, which they were allowed to come and collect themselves, free of charge, or, if they so wished, give a donation to assist with our garden. We like to encourage people of all abilities to join us, to prevent isolation and loneliness, and by doing this, we are helping quite a few people to overcome their fears and worries.



Peertalk Charitable Foundation

£5000 July

Peer support groups for people living with depression

Yorkshire-wide

All of our Yorkshire groups are doing well with attendance at Batley, Bradford and Skipton at the top end of what we anticipated in our application. Numbers at Settle are lower than our other groups, but those who attend there are very regular users and we believe that we are supporting people with a real and significant need. One area of expenditure was larger than expected, that of volunteer travel expenses. This was not caused by more local claims, but because on eight occasions (out of about 200 groups meetings, each requiring 2 facilitators), a volunteer from out of the area facilitated to ensure that a meeting went ahead.

During the year we were able to make a presentation on our work to a national meeting of regional lead-persons from the NHS Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) teams. We have established contact with each region, and where we are delivering services, with the local IAPT teams. This is leading to more people being referred to us. Currently two Masters students from Sheffield Hallam University are conducting a study of our work and how it prevents people from relapsing into depression that needs clinical support.

Awareness of our groups and their strength is greater in Yorkshire than in other parts of the country (we are now up to our twelfth group nationally), partly because of the length of time groups have been running - one of our first two groups was Bradford - but also because your grant has enabled us to run on a full budget rather than on a shoestring as happens in places where we have no local funding. This support from yourselves, together with the enthusiasm of our volunteers, has meant the Yorkshire groups have been easily the best in attracting small amounts of local fundraising during the year. Coffee mornings and similar in Farnhill, Burton In Lonsdale, Hellifield and Settle raised £494.60; Rotary Clubs in Settle and Skipton donated £300 each; churches in Batley, Bradford and Westhouse raised £389.05; Batley Community Choir raised £70 and Skipton Building Society staff donated £584.66. And finally, a sponsored headshave in Batley raised £789 – a total of £2927.31 fund-raised in Yorkshire. We were unsuccessful in our other bids for funding in Yorkshire that were concurrent with the bid to yourselves, but a later bid to the Bradford VCS Alliance for £1000 was successful and they later donated a further £128. We have just received a grant from Zurich Insurance Leeds to run a further training event for volunteers in the spring of 2020.

Our increased presence is also leading to new opportunities. We are exploring offers of possible free-of-charge venues from the fire brigade in Huddersfield and from Leeds Beckett University, and seeking funding opportunities to make those possible. This includes a larger-scale bid for funding we are putting together for the Yorkshire and The Humber region of the National Lottery 'Reaching Communities Fund', which would aim to support existing groups in Yorkshire and expand with 2 new groups in Leeds (an 18-30 group and a general group), 2 new groups in the Hull area and a group in Huddersfield.

Positive Moves, Irlam

£5000 November

Funding Positive Steps, a project for young people with moderate mental health problems

Salford

Thank you for your support with this work. It was very rewarding and you helped us to make a positive difference to the lives of vulnerable young people. We spent the money on staffing costs,

supporting the costs of the employment of freelance arts worker and counselling services and equipment including arts and crafts materials for weekly sessions.

The grant made a difference by allowing us to employ staff, engage freelance workers and provide transport for a longer period of time. The difference it made to young people was to increase their self-confidence and self-esteem, improve their coping strategies and relaxation techniques when dealing with stress, depression and anxiety and help them develop skills in arts, social confidence and reducing social isolation.



Most of those who attended were young people with autism, ADHD and mental health needs. We had over 20 young people attending the arts sessions and ten came for regular counselling. One young woman who was extremely isolated and suffering with anxiety came to counselling and her mum said the project had saved her life. She also came to other sessions we ran and it really improved her social interaction and she was able to make friends with people who were in the same situation in an informal, friendly and supportive environment.

We received referrals from GPs, the mental health service, schools and colleges as well as self-referrals. But we were obliged to become dormant in August last year due to lack of sustainable funding. In spite of this, some of our colleagues are continuing to develop their counselling practise and art work and we may reopen in the future to continue the work with this age group.

Racial Justice Network, Leeds

£3000 November

Collective conversations within a disparate community

Our idea was to bring more and more people into a shared safe space to discuss some of the key issues affecting black and brown communities in the UK and across our diasporas. In contemporary society, discussions of race and racism are often absent, diluted or heavily distorted. For this reason - and in keeping with the principles of our network - we felt it important that we centred racism in all of our conversations. Our idea for collective conversations was about shifting away from the all-too-common structure of an audience and a panel, in which the audience listens to a panel of so-called experts. We also felt it important not to centre academic concerns over those suffering from the worst effects of racism.

We were pleased that our conversations brought together a range of people from different backgrounds, with diversity in terms of social class, gender, age, (dis)ability, sexuality, religion, nationality, migration status, and more. Our understanding of racism as an intersectional issue was not only reflected in those that attended our sessions, but also in the range of topics that we covered in our conversations.

Our first session in February 2019 focused on 'Race, Youth and Intergenerational Activisms'. This was followed by conversations on the 'role of men of colour in the feminist movement', 'race, racism and policing', and 'race, racism and education'. We also held sessions on the intersections between 'race and disability', 'race and sexuality', and 'race and climate change'. Attendance at the event ranged from 15 up to 60, with the usual attendance being around 30.



The financial support from Scurrah Wainwright was invaluable. It enabled us to hire venue spaces, cover small travel costs for attendees who otherwise would have been excluded, buy a projector, provide refreshments and catering (an essential component in our community building), print flyers and advertise for the

conversations. It was supplemented by money raised through individual donations to RJN, and this made for a very successful series.

The success of, and demand for, the conversations significantly surpassed our expectations. We had an opportunity to visit and speak about this work with other activist groups and organisations in Brazil who were encouraged. We have since shared our resources and methodology with them. Collective Conversations is now likely to be a core component of the work that we do at the Racial Justice Network. We have a long list of future conversation topics, as well as requests for follow up events on the topics from the first series. There have also been a number of requests from other cities. Over the next few months, we will be seeking resources to continue to deliver this work.

Safety First Community Training

£5000 July

Learning and development opportunities for multi-disadvantaged adults in Bradford

Thank you for your important support to assist us with resources to provide learning development support for our multi disadvantaged adults. During the last year with the help of your funding we have been able to run two classes; an ESOL class for learners who don't speak English and an IT course to help unemployed adults with their job search activities. We have



We have worked with 37 unemployed adults with nine different languages – four of these adults have since found part-time employment and one adult has achieved full-time employment. We have also reduced our waiting list, helping more people in need and have moved premises to a larger, more central and more accessible premises – please visit us if you get the chance. Our Fare Share project has really taken off bringing more disadvantaged adults to the Centre where they can receive hot food and learn to cook on a 'shoestring' budget in our Community Cafe.

Without the help of the Scurrah Wainwright charity we would be unable to support so many people in need. Thank you!

SAYiT

£2000 March

*Helping a support group for parents and carers of LGBT+ children
Sheffield*

Your grant enabled us to employ a worker to facilitate a parents and carers support group once a month for a year, with additional funds for expenses. Group sessions are an opportunity for parents and carers to gain support from each other and the SAYiT facilitators and to have education sessions on issues relevant to them and their children's lives. 30 people came during the year.

The content of sessions has included:

- Porterbrook and Tavistock Gender clinic staff delivered two separate sessions
- A SAYiT Charity staff panel to explain what the charity does (and does not do) with Q and A
- Panel of older LGBTQ people - some of whom accessed SAYiT in the past - with Q and A
- 3 sessions to consult on, develop and produce an information postcard and leaflet for parents and carers of LGBT+ children and young people
- One session on parental feedback to the Government on the proposed RSE Guidance and to ensure inclusion of LGBTQ+ information
- SAYiT staff member and SAYiT young people attended Q and A session
- CEO of SAYiT with Q and A session
- Information sessions, including the proposed changes to the Gender Recognition Act
- Sessions on mental health – looking after your children and yourselves.
- A Sheffield Hallam University Professor, along with three Masters students, consulted our parents and carers about how well Sheffield schools are prepared for the new statutory RSE Guidance and their views about LGBT+ inclusion

Our other activities included running a large tent at PRIDE which involved a march and gathering in a Sheffield park attended by some parents and carers. We had information space and were able to support and talk to 20 people from new families about the support that SAYiT can offer. We also consulted new parents and carers using a questionnaire to ensure that we provide a service that best meets families' needs.

SAYiT's 2018 AGM in October was attended by eight parents and carers, and a foster carer spoke about how the group and charity had helped them better understand and support the young people they foster. Ten parents and carers attended SAYiT's Open Day/World Aids Day on December 1st. This was a very positive and interactive day and the feedback we received was that the event had a really lovely and safe atmosphere.

It must be remembered that for some parents and carers, regular email contact or the occasional 1:1 meeting is enough – they do not want to attend a group. We gave 'phone/email support to 50 people during the year. For others the safe space of a group is invaluable to talk to and listen to others. Recently, a volunteer translator has enabled a mother to attend with a Multi-Agency Support Team worker helping them in a very difficult situation, complicated by not being able to speak English. We are currently applying for funding from other Trusts and organisations to enable this invaluable work to continue.

Step 2 Young People's Health Project

£2530 July

Advice sessions for young women leaving care

Bradford

We delivered much of this programme over the summer of 2018 but due to the young women's other commitments, some of the sessions were delayed until later in the year and the programme has only recently been completed. Ten women were involved, all care leavers aged 16-19.

The sessions over the summer looked at issues such as self-esteem, assertiveness, positive relationships and domestic abuse. The young women particularly enjoyed the craft activities, and ended up with several items they had made, including mirrors, decorated with positive messages, and 'self-esteem jars' with lots of positive words about themselves. They ended the summer programme with a trip out where they enjoyed a pub lunch together.

They expressed an interest in mindfulness, so we have followed that up with additional sessions during the year which have helped the young women with their mental health. There were some really positive signs of progress during the programme. One of the young women, who has mild learning disabilities, was very reluctant to come to the sessions, and felt very nervous about the content, particularly in relation to sex and relationships. But she became one of the most enthusiastic participants, and her contributions to the sessions surprised both her and the staff who supported her to attend.

A recent meeting with staff suggested that the young women had maintained some of the progress they have made, and would be interested in more work. As a result of this programme we have continued to develop work with this client group, and are currently delivering work with young people who are care leavers and are pregnant, and also young women with learning disabilities, looking at issues around capacity and consent.

StreetDoctors

£3100 July

Encouraging young offenders into care or NHS work on release

Wetherby

We applied for funding to help our pilot programme at Wetherby Young Offender Institute called StepWise which is a four-month project led by young NHS staff and organised in two steps. The first is about young people acquiring skills; learning how to help when someone is bleeding or unconscious, gaining First Aid at Work accreditation and interacting with equipment used in clinical settings. Step Two is about young people co-delivering StreetDoctors sessions; they receive training in facilitation skills and then teach their peers vital lifesaving skills alongside StreetDoctors volunteers. This encourages participants to act as role models and educators for their peers and prepares them to be lifesavers in their communities.

The programme finishes with a graduation ceremony celebrating the achievements of participants and presentations from students and professionals in healthcare. Thus, young people become aware of career opportunities in the NHS regardless of their criminal record. Our aim was to have 24 participants complete Step One, with 8 progressing to partake in Step Two.

A consistent team of volunteers from StreetDoctors Leeds, with a partnership with Wetherby dating back to 2015, supported the project, often giving up Saturdays to make sure that sessions

went ahead. Wetherby staff were keen for the programme to form part of the educational training given to their young men. Participants ranged from 14 to 16 years of age and had a mixture of low self-confidence, poor literacy skills and behavioural diagnoses.

Fourteen sessions were taught, six co-delivered by young people, as well as one-day First Aid at Work courses, an NHS careers session, facilitator training and graduations (with representatives from medicine, nursing, paramedics and fire cadets). StepWise is the first programme to run at Wetherby in which young offenders have taught their peers. Permitting a full-sized training ambulance vehicle on site for participants to engage with was also a first.

One challenge throughout the programme was the environment; behaviour is unpredictable and sometimes sessions due to be co-delivered were cancelled for participants' safety. Nonetheless, 22 young people completed Step One, 16 of whom attained a First Aid at Work accreditation. Seven young people progressed to Step Two and co-delivered 6 StreetDoctors sessions to their peers.

Additionally, the money enabled young people to appreciate the medical consequences of violence. increase their confidence to stand up in public and teach lifesaving skills to their peers, develop a willingness to act in a medical emergency, change their attitude towards carrying a weapon and consider future career plans. Comments from participants included:

"I thought it was OK to stab someone in the leg. Obviously, it is not. After being here in prison it is the worst place you can stab, there is no safe place to stab someone. You see people with big wounds and that. But with an infection could be little gash and it could just kill you".

"We all got around to thinking twice about why we are carrying knives. I do not want to go back to the old system; it was just brutal. And now I would just rather not put myself in that situation. Well it makes you realise how quickly things happen. It takes just one stab to kill someone".

"It has made me think more and about things not working out the way I wanted. I would want to be a doctor. Now I have done this I have thought I would like that. Not even working in a hospital. Or even education. I would just want to work were you have to help someone in some way".

Wetherby staff praised the way that learning took place with the participants carrying out physical activities, rather than listening to a lecture or watching demonstrations. The increased contact and delivery time available to volunteers throughout Stepwise was an important aspect of the programme. Consistency of volunteers and regularity of sessions created a safe space for young people to explore a range of issues related to violence. This included asking a range of questions related to the content of the teaching session; either directly in terms of the medical consequences of knife injuries or indirectly in terms of healthy lifestyles and the adverse impacts of poor diet or excessive drug or alcohol use.

This pilot has enabled us to establish the impact of a programme whereby young people acquire lifesaving knowledge and facilitation skills to co-deliver StreetDoctors sessions. This in turn increases their confidence, empowers them to teach peers and encourages them to be positive role models and lifesavers in their communities. One next step is to plan for young people from Wetherby to be able to co-deliver sessions beyond their peers within the secure estate and teach in the local community. This pilot will inform one way in which we can embed this approach and adapt it for delivery across a wider geography.

Survivors West Yorkshire

£2000 March

Core costs for support to male survivors of rape and sexual abuse

The grant application was made in the context of a rise in recorded rape every year since 2012/13 with West Yorkshire having the second highest level of adult and highest level of child rape. In the six months between April and September 2016, West Yorkshire Police recorded 155 instances of sexual assault or rape of males aged 13 and over: equating to almost one rape or sexual assault per day [unpublished stats from West Yorkshire Police].

The effects of sexual abuse and rape are pervasive and long-lasting. Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), including sexual abuse or exploitation, can have lifelong effects on physical and mental health. Men who have been exposed to ACEs report higher levels of all health-harming behaviours than women who have been exposed to the same treatment, and present with multiple and complex needs. The trauma manifests itself in physical, mental, emotional and behavioural symptoms, from the immediately evident such as a post-traumatic psychotic episode to the subtle such as low self-esteem/lack of confidence. Ben's Place improves access to support services for male survivors of sexual violence across West Yorkshire, reduces the stigma, isolation and discrimination male survivors feel and raises awareness of the under-reporting of male sexual violence, and the devastating effects it can have on survivors. One comments: 'I am very happy I contacted Ben's Place, it has made a big difference to me..... Please keep it up'.

Feedback from clients finds that 83% have developed improved coping strategies and 100% have built resilience and self-confidence. Mental and physical health has improved. Feedback from counsellors confirms that using the 'virtual platform' has significant benefits on a therapeutic level.



The SWC grant of £2000 was used as part of our core funding which allowed us, for example, to deliver the second only bill board campaign in UK history focused on male survivors with a focus on West Yorkshire. It has helped us to build a robust organisational structure and to test-bed the world's first male survivor focused digital teletherapy service to our knowledge. We are just about to appoint a form senior Crown Prosecution Service lawyer to our Board. Agencies such as Combat Stress are now moving to offer digital counselling support. We see the next stage of development as beginning to bring alongside our digital arm a smart and innovative pop-up

Ben's Place counselling service which can reach across West Yorkshire effectively and safely. Your support has helped us to achieve creative milestones in new services for male survivors of sexual violence across West Yorkshire.

Talkthru

£4,715 July

*Core costs for counselling on issues of birth trauma, miscarriage and stillbirth
Kirklees*

We were able to provide 341 counselling sessions within the Talkthru offices, the premise costs of which were met by this grant. Of these sessions we supported 27 new clients who came to Talkthru for issues of birth trauma, stillbirth, miscarriage and baby loss. The successful outcome of this

application for premises costs enabled us to meet the growing demands for our services in 2018/19 and allowed us to continue to be located in central Huddersfield as the only specialist pregnancy-related counselling charity meeting the needs of clients throughout Kirklees. The accessibility of our offices is extremely important to us as we currently support clients from 24 postcode areas around Kirklees and beyond, many of whom use public transport to attend appointments.

Trust Leeds

£3000 March

Microloans for self-reliant low income or benefit groups

Thanks to your grant of £3,000 towards our development, we have completed our Loan Pilot and made our first six loans, started nine new Self-Reliant Groups and established 20 relationships with key community organisations in neighbourhoods in Leeds. Eight of these are very strong relationships and they have agreed to become formal 'host partners' and/or have already worked with us to establish a local SRG. A further 12 relationships of mutual interest and support have also been established with charities and community organisations, who have agreed that the SRG model will work well in their neighbourhoods and invited us to meet their members and spread the word about the SRG movement with a view to setting up new groups.

Our Board has decided not to set up a replication toolkit ourselves, rather to support our partner and inspiration, the pioneer SRG charity Wevolution, whose ambition it is to support the growth of the SRG movement across the UK, gaining Lottery funding to do so. Trust Leeds has become an active partner of Wevolution, attending and speaking at Peer Network Gatherings in Glasgow, presenting at UK partnership meetings, and helping to spread the word locally by hosting a workshop for partners in Leeds. Wevolution has a strong staff team and we feedback our ideas and experiences, policies and protocols to their Partnership Manager and Communications Officer so that our learning is shared with others who want to develop local networks of Self-Reliant Groups. And we gain enormously from this.

Your grant meant that we could expand our ambitions and secure vital services including legal expertise and a digital media and marketing infrastructure including a website. It meant that we could do what we wanted to do well, without worrying about our fundraising deficit. Most importantly, it enabled us introduce the Self-Reliant Group and micro-finance models to Leeds, targeted specifically and uniquely at the poorest and most financially excluded people. We were able to:



reach out to new networks; build strong partnerships; hold events such as our Loan Sign-posters Business Breakfast; and start a programme of impact evaluation gathering data, gold-dust, stories and feedback from our members and borrowers.

Six micro-loan beneficiaries have been supported: three women facing poverty and financial exclusion have been enabled to set up their own businesses, and three women have been enabled

to start their own enterprising activity as part of their Self-Reliant Group One is making unicorn hand puppets out of felt, another hand-made henna cards to sell, and another set up a 'lucky bag' game to earn money at community events.

Forty nine people have joined nine Self-Reliant Groups over the last two years, and 36 have continued to thrive in seven groups. They have all learned new enterprising skills; saved their own money each week often for the first time; earned as part of their group's enterprising activities, usually taking stalls at community events and selling home-made jewellery, sweets and hand-made items; supported each other in their personal and group ambitions and goals; and committed to meeting every week and to supporting each other. A Self-Reliant Group is a supportive peer network and a pre-business purposeful activity. All our members are people who face poverty, many are lonely and isolated, all suffer from mental health challenges and/or poor physical health. They have inspired each other, made their own money, made friends, challenged themselves and shown great courage in stepping into new arenas – both literal and metaphorical.

We learned that it takes a long time to encourage people to become a member of a group, even when working through and with partners. One Group - The Busy Bees SRG in Gipton - started magnificently and quickly, and then decided to continue with their project but not as an SRG (they are still going, providing community bingo nights). The Syrian Sisters SRG in Huddersfield, six women refugees, met for nine months and then decided to stop meeting formally but stay in touch, as three of their members had new children. We learned that the average number per group is lower than we'd originally anticipated – with five being our average and with three groups performing to spec. on only three members. Our partners in Glasgow and Pontypridd have also affirmed that over time, numbers tend to drop to four-six sustained stalwarts. Trust Leeds is thrilled to have nurtured the UK's first 'teen' Self-Reliant Group (the Seacroft Youth SRG) and with a second Syrian Refugee group doing well, we're planning to build more groups amongst refugees and asylum seeker communities.

At the time of applying we had commissioned legal advice on when, and how best, to set about applying to the Financial Conduct Authority. The application form was deceptively simple, and the required Business Plan turned out to need a great deal more detail, policy work, establishment of protocols and a significant training programme, from Anti-Money Laundering training to how to work with vulnerable customers, than we had envisaged. The Trustees therefore decided to go 'slow and steady' on the lending side, operating a small pilot with a loan pot of maximum £5,000 to March 2020. This has given us time to 'practice', learn, undergo compliance and regulatory training, and draft the financial forecasting, modelling and complex business plan requirements - and test the market.

The current situation with our lending is:

- Three micro-loans of £1,000 each lent for 12 months, all to women who are classified as living in poverty and also financially excluded. GT completed her repayments on time; ZA was greatly relieved when I 'phoned her to ask if she'd like to put her payments on pause after five months, as I'd realised she'd have to put her make-up business on pause due to coronavirus; and KT is continuing to earn a modest income working online and is therefore continuing her monthly repayments). GT was featured in our new Loan Information Leaflet, saying, *"My reading and writing isn't great but I knew what I wanted to do. Trust Leeds helped me to think through my business ideas and complete the application. Someone called me a businesswoman the other day - I never saw myself as that, but I am!"*

- Three micro-loans totalling £72 made to the Grow Together Girls Self-Reliant Group to buy materials to get them started. In this group, the members decided they could only save 10p per week as they have all been using foodbanks and are struggling on benefits. They have agreed to pay back £50 in June 2020 as a result of income earned from: a car boot sale, a Christmas craft fair, and a henna tattoo offering at a community wellbeing day.
- Summary Loan Review Report and options scenario written and discussed with Trustees, who approved the recommendation that Trust Leeds has now completed the pilot and will submit our FCA application in June 2020.
- FCA Application Form draft fully completed. FCA Business Plan drafted with two sections to complete once new financial modelling system finalised.

Trust Leeds was invited to chair a session at the Council's Financial Inclusion Conference; was recognised at the Compassionate City Awards; and was a finalist in the Social Enterprise Awards 2020.

Veterans Woodcraft

£4000 March

Supplying wood-turning lathes for workshops supporting service veterans

Richmond and Catterick

In our initial application we applied for funding for four scroll saws and woodworking stations. However, we were lucky enough to be given a grant for these from another funder just before receiving funding from SWC. We therefore contacted Kerry to see if it was possible to change to four wood turning lathes instead, which she kindly agreed to.

Previously we only had one old lathe. Having these four new ones has enabled us to hold bigger workshops and help more people in our home workshop in Richmond. These lathes are also portable so we have been able to transport them across Yorkshire and deliver our outreach workshops to veterans unable to come to Richmond. We can load up our van with the portable workbenches, lathes, scroll saws, carving tools and pyrography equipment and deliver an integrated workshop where veterans can try out the various woodworking disciplines and then progress in those which they find most appropriate.

Since receiving your funding, we have held 235 workshops, 120 of which have been outreach,

involving veterans or their family members or serving military personnel who have produced many fine items.



One example involved the Beacon Project in Catterick Garrison which offers supported housing to single veterans who are homeless or at risk of it and have support needs. Some have behavioural problems and serious anger management issues. We provided workshops for 12 veterans for 12 weeks., giving them lifts there and back. The first week in the workshop in Richmond was all about learning about the lathe and how to operate and use it safely. This gave both Veterans Woodcraft and the veterans from the Beacon a chance to meet and

see how each other 'ticked'. The second week was the tester for the Veterans who turned up to

continue with the woodworking. The first task was to identify parts of the lathe and to choose a piece of wood to turn. All three did well and have produced some fantastic turnings. At the end of the day they all said that they would be back next week and they were. All completed the full programme.

As a result of the course their case workers from the Beacon reported a vast improvement in their attitudes and anger management. The Beacon is now looking to set up a new workshop with lathes to encourage their progress which we will help to deliver.

Some of the quotes from veterans:

"I can really get into this"

"Time flies when I am on the lathe"

"This is really therapeutic, I love it".

We also organized the Namaste Project at Catterick Garrison with Gurkha veterans and their wives/widows. Forty participated in this project, 19 veterans and 21 women. They all tried a range of disciplines: woodturning, scroll saw, carving and pyrography. They were very keen to make handmade items like those which they would have produced back in Nepal. As few of their children and grandchildren had been to Nepal, they therefore had little experience of these. They even made a wooden ox drawn plough.

We had assumed, wrongly as it turned out, that the Nepalese community was quite tight knit but on the contrary they were not and this project brought them much closer together. Their community officer told us that it had done more to do that than anything previously and even one of their community leaders was surprised by how much this project had done and how much they had enjoyed it. Whenever we run projects on the garrison, many from the Nepalese community now come to participate entirely of their own accord, something they previously would not have done, and so it is also helping them to integrate more into the local community and reduce their isolation. Since starting this project, they regularly invite the Veterans Woodcraft team to their social events, which are always very enjoyable and consist of lots of very delicious food. The photo shows as Pasni celebration which we very much enjoyed. We intend to do a lot more work with the Nepalese and would like to help them open a small cultural centre in Catterick Garrison.



Work from our veterans has been displayed at the Richmond gallery of the artist Mackenzie Thorpe. We also run regular drop-in sessions at our Richmond workshop and we were touched by the comment of a veteran paratrooper: *"Quite simply - this place is paradise disguised as a workshop. The guys are both helpful and fun to be with. These guys, Chris, Bob, Ted and Jeremy are absolute ninjas with all things wood. This is the best therapy I've ever had. If you have the opportunity to meet these guys and do some work with them, take it. You won't regret it."*

Wetherby and District Foodbank

£5000 November

Helping with salary cost for project manager supporting volunteers

This generous grant at a critical time allowed the foodbank to secure Claire's position for a further period at a time when the foodbank's cash reserves were reducing to a worrying level. As Trustees, we were fast approaching a decision to terminate the paid role and having to face up to the inevitable consequences.

The grant allowed Claire to continue her project developing the services that our foodbank has been able to offer those in food crisis throughout our local community and adjacent districts. These included: being able to develop and then pilot the 'Eat Well, Spend Less', healthy cooking on a budget project with four people attending the pilot course; launching the ACTS 435 initiative at our foodbank, which allows us to fundraise for 'non-food', essential items on behalf those in financial crisis; training for our volunteers, new and existing, to provide the skills and confidence to deliver our services – 28 volunteers trained; and providing the equivalent of 17,500 meals to those in food crisis, throughout the period November 2018 - October 2019.

Overall, there is no doubt that your grant enabled us to make a positive difference, directly or indirectly, to the lives of hundreds of people and families throughout 2019.

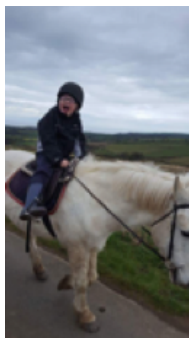
Sadly, Claire had to take ill health retirement from our Foodbank in February 2020 after a long period of absence and then in March we were hit with the Covid pandemic and all of the challenges that it has brought. Thankfully, through the generosity and support of our volunteers and many stakeholders we have continued to support the local community, albeit in many new ways. These include the offer of a home delivery food service to those in crisis in isolation or shielding.

More positively, we have just recruited Claire's successor, Lin McCool, who is tasked with picking up from where Claire left off and rolling out a wider range of client services once the pandemic situation allows. This includes a 'remote signposting' initiative, being piloted by the Trussell Trust, to allow us to help clients break the cycle of poverty in which they find themselves. As the consequences of the pandemic continue to be felt, we anticipate more people across our community to fall into the poverty trap.

WHISH – Whitby Hidden impairments Support and Help

£5000 July

Activities and support for children with hidden impairments



Your generous contribution has helped Whitby area families who have a child with hidden impairments, to access a whole range of arts, sports, music and social activities, such as: arts & crafts, horse riding, swimming, Saturday Club, relaxation sessions, an outing to the theatre and a panto, fun sports sessions and a Christmas party.

The activities were enjoyed by a wide age range of children, aged from 4 – 20, and all with impairments and disabilities. The majority are on the autism spectrum or have developmental delay and some have varying other issues and physical disabilities too.

While the children were doing the activities, learning new skills and having fun, parents and carers were able to share problems in a welcoming, supportive environment.

Grants returned

Key Changes

£3000 March

Supporting women adversely affected by the criminal justice system

Sadly, this grant was returned unspent after trading activities at the organisation were suspended following internal allegations which led to an investigation. Key Changes informed us of this promptly and explained the situation clearly. There has been no request for the funding to be resumed.

Failure to report

Until reports are received, the following will no longer be considered for funding.

Drug Watch Foundation 0161 794 0623

£5000 November

Drug and alcohol awareness packs, lessons and workshops for Leeds schoolchildren

No report has been received in spite of requests by email and 'phone. The Foundation appears from its website to be operational and we will continue to try to obtain a report, acknowledging the difficulties posed by the pandemic.

Interplay Theatre Trust, Leeds

£4567 November

Delivering sensory workshops to five Yorkshire schools to see if they are transferable to mainstream theatre

Attempts to obtain a report continue after emails and 'phone calls. There have been changes of personnel in addition to the pandemic.

Light Sheffield

£3500 March

Mindfulness sessions for pregnant women and new mothers

No report has been received in spite of requests by email and 'phone. As above, we will persist.

TuffCycle, Sheffield

£5000 July

Improving well-being and job prospects of homeless people

No report received in spite of 'phone, email and postal requests. The company was dissolved by Companies House on 13/10/20. It is a long shot but, again, we will continue to try for a report.

Grants by area of interest and involvement

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

Arts

Ignite Imagination £3000

Total: £3000

Asylum seekers/Refugees

ChildSide £4950

City of Sanctuary, Sheffield £5000

Manuel Bravo £5000

Total: £14950

Community

Blackley Centre £5000

Coal Action Network £5200

Friends of Rosehill Park £3000

Gipton Methodist Chapel £10850

Meeting Point £5358

Owd Martha Community Garden £550

Veterans' Woodcraft £4000

Total: £33958

Disability/Mental Health

Disability Sport Yorkshire £5000

DICE Enterprise £2826

Down Syndrome Training and Support £3200

PeerTalk £5000

WHISH £5000

Total: £21026

Drugs

Drug Watch Foundation £5000

Total: £5000

Employment/Training

Damasq £3420

Faith, Hope and Charity £2420

Safety First Community Training £5000

StreetDoctors £3100

Trust Leeds £3000

Total: £16940

Ethnic minority

Racial Justice Network £3000

Total: £3000

Family Support

Light Peer Support, Sheffield £3,500

Total: £3500

Food poverty

Alpha House £4000

Wetherby and District Foodbank £5000

Total: £9000

Homelessness

Tuffcycle £5000

Total: £5000

Prison

Imagine If £5000

New Hall Kidz £5000

Total £10,000

Southern Africa

Boikanyo £5074

Global Native £5000

Inspire Women, Men and Children £4964

Total: £15038

Women

AFC Unity £1050

Not Buying It £5000

Step2 £2530

Talkthru £4715

Total: £13,295

Victim Support

Survivors West Yorkshire £2000

Total: £2000

Youth

Activate Rawmarsh £3000

Arch Resolution £2744

ASH £5000

Eccleshill Adventure Playground £4400

Higher Opportunities £1500

Humans Being £2456

Interplay £4567

Positive Moves £5000

SAYiT £2000

Total: £30667

Total Grants Paid: £186,374

Previous Annual Reports

These are available from the Trust and those from 2011 are on the website

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