

# OUTWITTING COVID – YEAR TWO



**The Scurrah Wainwright Charity**

**Review of grants 2020**

# Introduction

The effects of Covid-19 were reported at length in last year's report but of course, the pandemic has not gone away. Grants given in 2019 were for work which spanned much of the first year of crisis – 2020. In that year, trustees made the grants reported-on here and all our meetings had to be held by Zoom.

That was a blow because of the conviviality and sparkiness which come from actually getting together, not to mention the abundance of pork pies and cake. But such difficulties were minor compared with the problems faced by many of the groups below, as their face-to-face work became impossible and the pandemic dragged on into 2021 and long-planned outings and get-togethers had to be abandoned for a second year. The battlers against digital poverty at Affinity, for instance, faced a long, long hunt for a base with all local council buildings closed and cafés and community spaces placing strict limits on 'bubbles' of people meeting together. They were far from the only ones.

Such challenges recur in the report and in some cases defeated the organisers so that projects had to be re-worked or delayed with SWC trustees' agreement. Christians Against Poverty in Leeds recorded some striking success in freeing families from debt but in the end concluded that they had no option but to close their debt counselling centre (although others continued in Leeds and referrals could be made). However, the sense of determination to overcome the problems emerges repeatedly in this report too, and overall more strongly than the less happy side. Advice at Hart is an example. They helped nearly 600 people by efficiently shifting their benefits and related counselling online.

At the heart of such work is the human impulse to help others which will never be quashed by a pandemic. It is perhaps summarised by this recollection from a worker at Wakefield's Junk Food Café:

*Late one evening I received a text from one of our single dads who has three children. They were desperate for some credit to be put on their gas and electricity meters. He had not been able to cook tea for the children and had been unsuccessfully trying to get help all evening. I was able to go to a local garage and pay for some credit and also get the children some snacks to put a smile on their faces. When I arrived back at their house the dad and his children were waiting outside for me. As I got out of my car, the children ran and flung their arms around me saying they didn't think I would come out and help at that time of night. We all shed tears as even the 13-year-old boy joined in the hug, (no social distancing that night!)*

## 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.

In the context of Zoom and the pandemic's devastation of face-t-face meetings, it is interesting to look back on Scurrah Wainwright's abrupt separation from his family at a young age. As was the practice among families ambitious for their offspring and able to afford fees, he was sent to board at a small school in Harrogate, The Western College, at the age of nine. In recent years, we have included a little family history in these reports to make the founder of the charity come alive, and the bulging archive of Scurrah's papers include his letters home in 1887 and 1888.



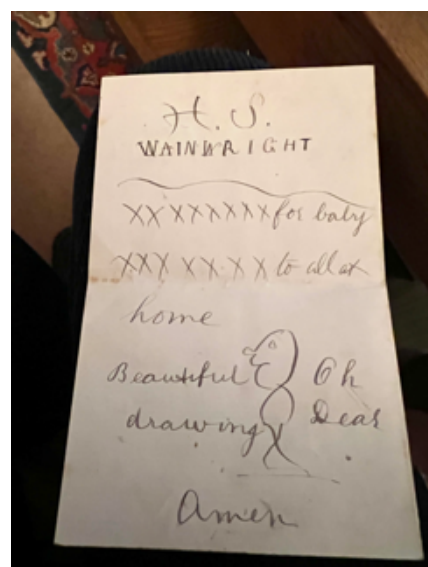
These were years when Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee was celebrated, Lord Salisbury was the Tory Prime Minister in between terms served by the Liberal William Gladstone (whom Scurrah's family would certainly have preferred) and Buffalo Bill opened his Wild West Circus in London. It was a time of invention and improvement; an English adventurer on a penny-farthing made the first bicycle trip round the world and the St John's Ambulance Brigade was founded. The young Scurrah, who used his middle name in preference to Henry even at this young age, was imbued with the spirit of the times and, in spite of living through two World Wars, firmly believed all his life that things for humanity were getting better and would continue to do so. He had a zest in his letters even when describing setbacks – such as lice.

"Dear Grandma," he wrote in February 1887, "you will be astonished when I tell you what has happened. Mrs Allan (the headmaster's wife) noticed me scratching my head so she had it combed with one of those fine combs that you combed my ringworms with. Just as you said might happen, there were a dozen big insects as big as those little flies on the window, so I had it combed." In a second letter he complains "I had ear ake awful the other night". Inserted in the same envelope was a letter from Mrs Allan to Scurrah's parents explaining the measures being taken for "your dear little boy". These included lozenges, oil and borrowing another boy's syringe.

A stoical frame of mind would certainly have been cultivated by these rigours away from home and Scurrah dutifully requests a prayer book as well as saying – practically rather than menacingly - "send me some stamps or I won't write". He also noted that the family's preference for Methodist chapel rather than Anglican church was taking time to get through to the authorities at the school. He was a boy, though, rather than prematurely aged. After a long list of cricket matches, he reassured his father in May 1888: "From this letter you will be led to believe that our minds are given more to the bat and ball than to study, but it is not so, for no matter how important our cricket engagements may be, we are compelled to do our school work first." The following month, he showed a nice turn of phrase, again to his father: "We are just now labouring under a series of disappointments. The last four holidays have been wet and that is no small grievance in a schoolboy's mind."

These comments, and descriptions of a favourite teacher reading the class a book called "Drat the Boys!" as well of debates, visits to local entertainments and a local campaign for a better hospital in Harrogate, are interspersed regularly with comments such as: "I was sorry (or in other cases 'surprised') to hear that Pa is not well." Sadly, Scurrah's father was not and his frailty also affected his family. Scurrah's concern in his schoolboy letters to send love to 'baby' referred to his younger brother who died aged six. An older brother died at under a year old, not many months before Scurrah was born.

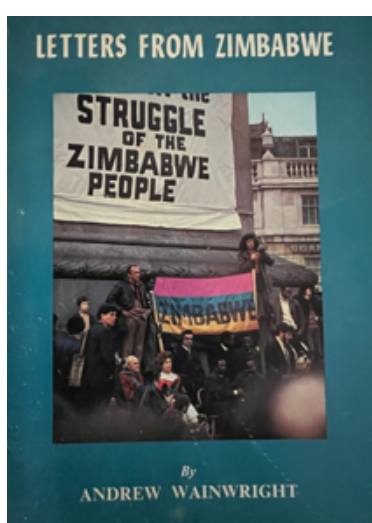
It was not surprising that his boarding lasted only until he was 12 after which he studied as a day boy in Leeds, first at the High School and then at the Grammar School where he decided to enter accountancy, a profession which suited his precise and shrewd mind. This led to a close acquaintanceship with



enterprising business people and entrepreneurs and the partnership with Charles Thackray whose medical company provided the basis of this charity's wealth.

Scurrah and his wife Emily's son and only child, Richard, grew up to share his parents' values and served as a conscientious objector with the Friends Ambulance Service in the Second World War. He was a member of a Leeds NHS hospital board and became a Methodist local preacher before winning election at his fifth attempt, in 1966, as Liberal MP for Colne Valley, the textile and engineering area on the Pennine border of the Roses counties.

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



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

In 2020, the charity continued to be run by five trustees, all members of the Wainwright family. The chairman was Martin Wainwright, former Northern Editor of *The Guardian*. Other trustees were Hilary Wainwright, co-editor of *Red Pepper*; Tessa Wainwright, teacher of English as a foreign language; Penny Wainwright, author; and Hugh Scott, solicitor

and former trustee of Manningham Housing Association. Trustees are conscious of their long tenures and are encouraging fuller participation by their five children and their partners and this process has been stepped up in 2020. Appointing trustees from outside the family is considered regularly – most recently last year. Meanwhile trustees believe that the range from the family is diverse and works well. Kerry McQuade is administrator for the Charity and the Andrew Wainwright Reform Trust. She may be contacted at 19 Wadsworth Lane, Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire HX7 8DL

e-mail: [admin@wainwrighttrusts.org.uk](mailto:admin@wainwrighttrusts.org.uk). The registered office is at The Barn, Thrupp, Kidlington, Oxon OX5 1JY. Peter Dyson, of Bairstow & Atkinson, Halifax, is the charity's financial adviser and accountant.

Investment is managed by Close Brothers Asset Management.

## Review of grants in 2020

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.



## ADVICE AT HART, HARTLEPOOL

*Amount: £4,940 Date: September Purpose of grant: An additional advisor post at a benefits advice centre, working remotely and in person*



This funding gave us the opportunity to employ another advisor to give both remote and office appointments for essential benefit support.

Without the grant, we could not have given the help that was needed and so many people would have been turned away because we had no advisor for them. The advisor dealt with 588 individual cases in that time, of which some may have had one appointment others had a series depending on the level of help needed. The financial outcomes for those who needed our support amounted to £733,850.77 which was income gained from the support given by that individual advisor.

Thank you again so much for the support you gave our organisation which has meant that we could help more people in our community through what was a very bad time financially for most who needed us. We hope to continue to help those in our community because, as you can see, the help is very much needed.

## AFFINITY, ROTHERHAM

*Amount: £3,000 Date: Purpose of grant: A campaign to change local and national policy on digital poverty, by and for young people in care*

We were thrilled to receive the grant as were our young people. We have had challenges which cried out for such a campaign to occur. We were in a position to launch the grant as we operate under the school guidance in regards to Covid, which is not the case for other public sector organisations. Social Care for example had shut their buildings, and were instructed to continue working remotely. We looked to use other buildings but all council buildings had closed, local cafes and community space also had requirements of people not sitting in groups bigger than four or not booking spaces for people to meet if they were not in the same family 'bubble'. This challenge continued even after the instructions to open over summer when many local organisations continued to operate under full restrictions. We approached our school partners, but they were testing over 1000 children a week, and due to risk assessments, we were unable to rent school space.

We then explored virtual working, which presented a raft of challenges for our young people. We approached hardware first, applying for laptops for some young people. However, if they were currently not in employment, education or training (NEET), we could not secure funding even though many had been able to apply for jobs as they had no hardware. We tried using some of our tablets, which only have a small screen; however we then faced the barriers around WiFi which is not provided as part of the leaving care offer, so many young people were using their personal data through tethering, and it was an unstable connection, or they were running out of data. The laptops we secured for some young people arrived without software, meaning that young people were unable to complete tasks that were needed.

We have now overcome these issues - we have a space to rent, and should this space close, we have a small studio we can use. We have also created a Microsoft TEAMS site, and secured some funding for temporary licences which we can give to the young people, to access the software they need. In regards to WiFi we have raised some funding over summer to pay for at least four WiFi boxes for young people, should we have to move to remote working. Your funding has allowed Affinity and our young people to highlight a large gap in equality of opportunity for our those with experience of care. Recently we have supported 12 young people to access paid traineeships, and because of our digital property work, we were able to address digital property barriers. Employers supplied laptops and Wifi to all our trainees. Our employers' awareness has also been raised, as they were not aware of the challenges our young people are facing. There are now 12 employers who have the knowledge and understanding of how to ensure digital exclusion doesn't occur in their work place for care-experienced young people.

The funding has led to a wide impact around developing awareness of the issue and solutions in our wider society through employers, and the effects on our young people when applying for roles, and sustaining employment. A significant change has occurred through not only the traineeship employers, but the employers who contributed to the digital awareness video. Comments from them included: *"It's like an unspoken equality issue; we make some many assumptions that our children in care are supported centrally with IT, to be part of now an online society"* and *"The idea that such young people can become in debt, with trying to apply for roles, as they are using 'phone data is heart-breaking."*

Affinity is also working alongside the Leaving Care Team at Rotherham Children's Services to develop a model of Wifi access being a given, when young people start the leaving care processes. This work is a significant local policy change which has been instigated by our young people - their voices are changing the service they access. Policy is currently being developed at pilot level, to test and trial Wifi for all within the care-experienced community in Rotherham.

The wider team has fully embraced the desperate need to shed a light on this work. Rotherham Pioneers led by Jackie Freeborn willing contributed their time, led by Jackie Freeborn as part of the business engagement budget. The young people wanted a digital video to share their work and this was produced by Liz Churton as part of the graphic design budget. This impact report is forming part of a larger document, which is pulling all our Affinity digital poverty work together, which will then be submitted as a large body of work to really drive home the need for central policy change at the Department for Education. We have made link with a special advisor for the Secretary of State for Education. Our marketing budget and a section of the graphic design budget has been used to create a professional logo for Affinity 4ward digital campaign, a legacy of the project. Our rental costs have contributed to Affinity running the project from our central office space on Rotherham High Street and we are having a showing of the digital poverty video for professionals next month. Your seed funding has had a vast impact in starting the change which is needed for our young people. It has empowered our young people in being able to be the change, and instigating change in services.

Affinity made an application to the Digital Media and Cultural Youth Fund in March 2022 via Children in Need and we were successful in securing ten iPads, three iMac Pros, a podcast System and iPods to be able to give our young people access to high end technical equipment, with industry level software for creative industries. Our plans are to run enrichment clubs for our young people led by creative professionals to increase our young people's skills and develop their confidence. The equipment is already in use, and having considerable impacts. This bid was made possible because we were able to highlight the work financed by your digital poverty grant.

## BARNESLEY BRIGHT NIGHTS

*Amount: £1500    Date: March    Purpose of grant   four lantern-making workshops for refugee and asylum seeker families*



Barnsley's Museum's Barnsley Feels Like Home project used this grant to work with artist Katrina Whale over two days in October to create flower lanterns from willow and coloured paper and lit with strings of LEDs. Whilst the Bright Nights event the lanterns had been intended for was cancelled due to Storm Alwyn, they were ready in time for another major public event at Wentworth Castle Gardens on 30 October.

This involved Little Amal, a 3.5-metre-tall puppet of a young Syrian refugee child, at the heart of a project called 'The Walk'. Over the summer and autumn of 2021, she walked over 8,000km across Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium and the UK to focus attention on the urgent

needs of young refugees. Little Amal represents the thousands of children who, just like her, have fled war and persecution and need access to education and essential support to rebuild their lives. Little Amal visited Barnsley due to an existing partnership with Good Chance Theatre (who produced 'The Walk') and Barnsley Museums' *Feels Like Home* project. The lanterns helped create a magic garden to welcome Little Amal. Just as many of the flowers in Wentworth Castle Gardens have come together from all around the world, so the members of *Feels Like Home* have made journeys like Little Amal's, and hope to take root and make a new

home in Barnsley. The event was attended by around 1000 people, including the mayor of Barnsley and helped to highlight the growing community of refugees and asylum seekers who, once they have their right to remain in the UK, are choosing to make a home in Barnsley. Without the generous support of funders such as Scurrah Wainwright, it would not have been possible to accommodate this event.

## BARNSELEY SEA CADETS

*Amount: £3000 Date: September Purpose of grant: refurbishing toilets and showers at the Cadets' base so they can offer weekend courses*



We are glad to report that we have finished the toilets now as per the photo on the left. Unfortunately, due to Covid we have not yet been able to use the full facilities as we have only been able to do limited activities - however, hopefully next year we will be running one weekend course a month for about 50 cadets which will be about 600 young people with new skills and qualifications. Your grant has been transformative as we are only able to do weekend courses if we have showers and toilets :)

## BASED UK - Baha'i Agency for Social and Economic Development

*Amount: £2,000 Date: September Purpose of grant: Core costs for three community pre-primary schoolteachers in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland)*

The goal of our Community Schools Programme (CSP) is the transformation of community-based primary education in deprived areas of the country through planning and delivery of centralised, morally empowering teacher training sessions. The aim for 2020 was to raise the number of pre-schools to 40 in project locations throughout Swaziland depending on responses from respective communities. However, the lockdown significantly disrupted programme operations, especially in areas where families have been unable to pay school fees.

The Setsimbisio Sebunye Foundation (SSF) operates a primary and secondary school in Eswatini's capital Mbabane and this helped the CSP to extend pre-primary education to poorly-served areas of the country. SSF has adopted a model of delivery where parents pay an affordable amount for the education and the Mbabane school funds have been able to cross-subsidise CSP operations where needed. With the advent of Covid19, teachers have shown resilience and innovation in facing the new and challenging environment. Community school teachers have formed WhatsApp groups with support offered to each according to its needs while another general group shares upcoming training dates together with Teachers' Questions & Answers. Although pre-school venues are closed, teachers continue to prepare worksheets for the children which parents pick up at the start of the week, and drop off for marking at the end of the week. This provision will ensure the children continue to receive tuition whilst lockdown is in place. Tips have also been shared on WhatsApp groups for Covid19 prevention and to bust some of the myths circulating about false treatments.

Progress has been difficult to maintain in those areas where teachers do not have a smartphone and more deprived areas where families have been unable to pay the school fees (and therefore teachers' salaries). In these cases, teachers have to resort to relatives to maintain them or seek employment elsewhere. Primary school teachers continue to report being very happy with the academic standard and behaviour of children coming from the CSP, reporting they demonstrate respect, willingness to share, cleanliness and helpfulness. They are reportedly also academically more developed than children coming from the profit-making schools, performing at the top of their primary school classes when they start.



BASED UK is applying for a UK Aid Direct grant during 2021 for the continuing support of the CSP in Swaziland. However the FCDO budget for overseas aid provision is being severely cut and at this point, we are unaware whether our application is successful or not. All funds have been disbursed in line with the anticipated project expenditures during the year. We have also implemented a greetings card for sale project this year using drawings from some of the CSP children such as the one pictured above.

## BATLEY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

*Amount: £5000 Date: September Purpose of grant: Core costs for a community-led outreach centre*

We want to thank you for the support that you so kindly gave to us, which has enabled us to serve and support our community in Batley in the following ways. We were quick to respond to the effects of the changes brought about by the pandemic with all sessions moving online via Zoom and Covid safe measures taken to serve the following:

- Hot nutritious meal takeaway meals – approx 50 to 70 per week
- Emergency food parcels – 750 parcels over the year
- Hygiene/Care packages containing toiletries and everyday essentials including socks and gloves in poor weather to keep warm
- Telephone/Zoom calls – one-to-one emotional support to avoid social isolation providing a listening ear from someone who cares. Through this contact we could also signpost beneficiaries to other agencies, partners, and support groups
- Christmas Care packages – 73

Once government guidelines changed and we were able to reopen the building, your grant enabled us to offer the following sessions, Tuesday and Friday drop-in support service, offering hot lunch, with a listening ear and social contact; and Wellspring, a social group for the over 55's, and a Crafty Ladies-only (ladies only due to large number of Asian ladies) creative activities for their therapeutic effect in reducing social anxiety, help with addiction and joblessness, friendship and counselling. The demand for support is as high now, sometimes higher, than at any point during the crisis and our community has come to appreciate us as an integral part of their lives. One of our beneficiaries, Nicole, who fled to Batley with her young children from a violently abusive husband in another county says, *"I was nervous at first but now I feel far more confident. The staff are welcoming, there are people to talk to, and all kinds of help that I can draw on."* So, again we want to say "Thank you" for helping us to make a difference in our peoples' lives. We could not have done so without your support.

## B.friend

*Amount: £1725 Date: March Purpose of grant: matching 15 volunteers with socially isolated older neighbours*

During the period March 2020 to March 2021, your grant has enabled us to support **45 isolating older neighbours** in the Doncaster by pairing them with a 1:1 befriender. Our Social Clubs transitioned to the telephone during lockdowns and remotely we were able to deliver social bundles to ensure people stayed connected while we were forced to remain apart. Our staff team and trustees would like to hugely thank the Scurrah Wainwright Charity. Your support came at such a pivotal time, at the beginning of the pandemic, and the flexibility you offered to ensure we could meet immediate need has made a significant impact on older people's lives that we support.

When March 2020 arrived, we were all unaware of the 12-months ahead of us. Our original intention for this grant was focused primarily on face- to-face social activity in the North Doncaster locality – something that the pandemic curtailed. With approval from SWC, we put this grant to action immediately across Doncaster reaching isolated older neighbours stuck behind closed doors and meeting their needs in different ways. By



pairing them with volunteer befrienders we were able to check-in on the phone each week, become aware sooner if there were concerns and step-in by delivering essential items or emergency food parcels. We were also able to transfer the clubs that would originally have been in-person onto group telephone calls or Facebook Live broadcasts ensuring people still felt part of a bigger collective instead of simply facing this challenge alone. The difference this grant has made is best told through the voices of those people that have benefitted:

*"I really like it – doesn't matter whether I get any right or not" – Betty, older neighbour that watches our Facebook Live quiz. "She's more like family now" – Alicia, befriender who has been paired for over six-months. "We always manage to speak on a Sunday, no matter what. An hour makes such a difference in a lonely week" – Ellie, befriender. "I'm really looking forward to Christmas morning now" – Barbara, older neighbour, after receiving her Christmas Day bundle. "She's lovely. She has so many stories. We were on the phone for over an hour but I wasn't clock watching, she's just so interesting" – Cate, befriender who calls Rita.*

I appreciate that you don't need the detailed financial breakdown but we feel it prudent to ensure you know how these impacts were achieved. We processed 45 DBS checks on volunteers (£495), hired 10 hosts for online activities (£150), created and delivered 90 social bundles (£900) and contributed to travel expenses for volunteers and staff to reach people in their homes (£180). This SWC grant made an incredible difference to older neighbours in Doncaster and could not have been received by our charity at a more crucial time. For the older neighbours paired with volunteers this gave them consistent weekly connection with someone where otherwise they may have faced the pandemic alone. Volunteers were able to offer support, guidance and comfort during an extremely challenging and scary time. We support older neighbours that live alone, often with no family or friendships close-by, so having someone to speak with on the phone (or Facetime) has been such a lifeline in the last 12-months. Our Facebook Live sessions have been a bit of fun for those connected to the internet but the Social Bundles have offered incredible feelings of connection for people, knowing that they have been thought of and that they're considered part of a larger collective.

## CLEVELAND HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE

*Amount: £3000 Date: November Purpose of grant: A radio advertising campaign to promote the Centre's outreach services to people over 70 affected by the Covid-19 crisis*

**The nature of the project and what it seeks to achieve.** To Launch a live and a digital radio advertising campaign with local radios to reach a maximum number of old people affected by the Covid 19 Crisis. We are hoping to reach as many as possible and provide home visits, telephone advice and referral services. The service uses paid staff and volunteers and provides one-to-one advice with a caseworker on statutory rights to people who are homeless, threatened with homelessness or living in poor conditions; covering all ranges of welfare and housing benefits available and all types of debt and arrears. Free representation in person at Appeal Tribunals and before County Courts, which includes all required preparations and submissions. It also provides free practical assistance such benefit checks, completing claim forms, energy savings, income and expenditure management, referrals, negotiating and liaising on behalf of clients with landlords on a wide range of issues, including disrepair, rent arrears, house insulations, safety, and any matters of concern for old people.

**Beneficiaries from 1/12/2020 to 31/05/2021 (6 months reporting period)** Male 1110 Female 1560 From an ethnic minority 318 of which Carers & Partners aged 50-plus: 276 Disabled / mobility needs: 726 With mental health problems: 225 Elderly, over-80: 360 Rurally Isolated: 75 Demand was for: General Advice / Help to complete claim forms: 950 Financial Management and debt representation: 855 Training and objective addressing: 480 Appeals and Reviews: 296 Energy related advice: 220

**Outcomes at 31/5/2021** Homelessness Prevented: 270 Conditions improved: 825 Income raised: 675 Re-housed: 192 Debt issues resolved: 280 Referred to other providers: 385 Situation unchanged: 43

**Case study** Our client was 78 years old and lived alone in an adapted housing association property. She claimed her State Pension, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction. She was also getting Personal Independence Payment (PIP) at the Standard Rate of both mobility and daily living. She was recovering from a stroke in 2019 and also had COPD and Osteoarthritis. She had previously been on the highest rate of Disability Living Allowance however on migration to PIP had been reduced to the Standard Rates and had also therefore lost her Motability Car. She wanted help challenging this. CHAC helped the client firstly complete the appeal form, lodge that with the Tribunal Service and then went on to discuss the appeal process and what the client could expect. Once her appeal was accepted, CHAC helped her gather medical evidence to support her case, researched relevant caselaw and prepared a submission combining all of that and her own testimony as to her functional ability. The submission was of sufficient quality that at the Tribunal hearing (by conference line) they had already made the decision to award the client the Enhanced Rates of both components without needing to take any more evidence. This meant that she gained an extra £65.40 income per week, a one off payment of £3,800 and entitlement to a Motability Car. Her award was also for over ten years.

**Budget** The project so far has not faced any difficulties and it is within the forecasted expenditure and outputs. There is no significant change to the project budget during 2021 and we confirm that the £3000 received was spent in total towards promotion and implementation of this project and confirm that the Charity achieved all the objectives stated in its stage 2 application dated 26/8/2020.

**Covid 19** The charity developed plans to operate and provide its services under any tier of restrictions including national lockdown. None of our staff were furloughed and all were needed to deal with a huge surge in demand. We have actually increased our staff by a further part-time paid admin assistant and we are in the process of adding a further full-time caseworker to our advice team. Our IT is more up-to-date and incessantly providing the training necessary for all our staff, volunteers and trainee to employ it fully for the benefits of our clients.

We are fully aware of how much Covid 19 could have a detrimental effect on our staff's wellbeing, and have supported them by not only maintaining their employment and remote training in such anxious times, but also by maintaining the highest level of safety that we could achieve and providing and paying for fitness courses online, and made money available to use to pay for support, supervision, mentoring or counselling, or for individual wellbeing activities, to address any stress and exhaustion. We have kept all staff aware of all that was going on with the charity and the decision to renovate the office whilst we had the chance, was well received, and resulted in input from all staff and volunteers, including some of the work being carried out by them in their own time.

After each staff Microsoft team video conference meeting each Wednesday, we made time to address social interaction restrictions by playing a quiz, or a game of bingo. We set up a WhatsApp group for staff including volunteers and trainees to keep in contact with each other. To coin a phrase our Staff, have "picked up the new norm and ran with it". The support received from our trustees was invaluable, not just by providing organisational support but also by providing essential training to our staff in welfare advice, safeguarding issues, data protection and engaging with our partners organisations to prevent homelessness and isolations, making sure that our policies are updated in particular health and safety and ensured the wellbeing of everyone involved with the delivery of our services, Joining in our on-line staff meeting and they invited staff to their trustees meeting to make sure that all help and support needed is brought to their attention.

We have held our annual Xmas party on-line, attended by all the staff, volunteers, trustees and their partners, started by the chair speak, toast for absent friends, Xmas quiz and Xmas bingo. The team are now much stronger both individually and collectively. The charity has benefitted enormously by the changes we have made to our working routine and to our office. It has been hard work for all but well worth the result.

**Clients** Since Jan 2020 and during Lockdowns we have provided advice, support and help to over 12,000 people on a wide range of presenting problems, such as eviction, debt, rent arrears, homelessness, and welfare payment issues. We also increased our telephone and on-Line-advice beyond Tees valley to include North Yorkshire, Durham, and Tyne & Wear. The Office was opened on 3/8/2020 for in-house appointments and to date advised 375 people face to face with full Covid 19 recommended protection. We also advise on average 100 people daily by telephone and other Social media. The new normal is working seamlessly. We started our outreach services on 21/9/2020 by visiting clients who are housebound due to old age, physical or mental illness, injury and dementia who have an area in their homes which we can observe the Covid 19 restrictions, or

by meeting with people acting on their behalf. and since we have made 112 home visits We employed a new technology. "KOMP" is a one-button computer, made specifically for isolated individuals who have little to no experience using smartphones, computers and tablets. With KOMP, (they basically have to turn it on and that's it) and has solid functionality regarding video calling. These devices are provided for clients who are shielding and unable to use advance technology to help the communicating with us to help them resolve their welfare problems or using video conferencing and since we have made 175, 1:1 video link appointment using this technology.

**Community Health Awareness Council on Job Training for Prisoners, Ex-offenders and young People at risk** The recruitment for CHAC's on-the-job training started again on Monday 24/8/2020, with referrals from the local probation and prison services. Due to Covid19 restrictions, our intake for CHAC's training programme is reduced from 50 per year to 20 per year, the number is continuously reviewed on par with Public Health England Advice. This number will increase when restrictions in relation to social distancing are relaxed.

**AQS (Advice Quality Standard)** The charity retained its AQS accreditation after a recent reassessment by Recognising Excellence Ltd external assessors which took place via Microsoft Team video conferencing and remote access to the charity's management and charity log records. (access to charity clients files was carried out in line with data protection act and General Data Protection Regulations).

**Challenges ahead and priorities for 2021** COVID-19 has forced significant changes upon society in a very short period of time and will doubtlessly continue to do so for some time to come. The medium- and long-term impacts on our client base are hard to predict but it seems likely that, with ongoing economic downturn, they will be negatively impacted and require further support to ensure that they are accessing the benefits they are entitled to. It is also likely that we will begin to see people who are going to be accessing the benefits system for the first time who will need support to understand the vagaries of what is a complicated and difficult to understand system.

**To overcome challenges** We will continue during 2021 to launch live and digital radio advertising campaigns with local and regional radios to reach older people affected by the Covid 19 Crisis, in particular people aged 65 and above, with mobility needs, mental health issues, loneliness /isolation or serious illness, who haven't been contacted, assisted, or facilitated since the Covid 19 outbreak and lockdown in March 2020, we aim to provide welfare and debt advice and refer clients to partner organisation both within their localities and nationally. We are providing advanced on-line training for our staff, volunteers and trainees to extend their skills to cover a wider range of welfare, debt and housing issues.

This year the challenge will be to increase our capacity to deal with complex casework as well as deal with the increasing number of new clients resulting from the Covid19 Economy downturn. The development of these services, and the maintenance of existing advice services, is dependent upon both our current funding remaining stable, and new funding opportunities being identified and secured. We are currently developing with Middlesbrough Advice Partnership (MAP), which is made up of CHAC, Middlesbrough Citizen Advice Bureau (CAB), Actes, Age UK Teesside, and Middlesbrough Council Welfare Right Unit, plans to explore the development of social enterprises post Covid 19, by carrying out further feasibility exercises; extend our social policy and campaign work using a targeted approach through the use of social media, including Facebook and Twitter; continue to develop ICT and promote the partnership through the further development of interactive tools, including a digital diary system, and delivering the appropriate training.

## CITY EVANGELICAL CHURCH, LEEDS

*Amount: £5000 Date: March Purpose of grant: free face-to-face debt counselling for 40 clients*

We want to thank you again for your generous grant towards the work of our Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre last March. The money was used towards the salary of our centre manager as well as general costs of the centre facilitating about four months of running the debt centre. Whilst the lock down during much of 2020 affected how the centre could run, the work was able to continue through the year, though at a slower rate than normal. The work accomplished with the grant you gave enabled us to help nine households to go debt-free (two

of which had more than one adult registered as a CAP client, so eleven clients in total). We are so grateful to see these households and families relieved from the burden of debt, particularly at this challenging financial time.

One of the areas that was most affected was engaging with new clients. A system was set up to do this virtually, though for a variety of reasons we did not see the same number of new clients joining during this time. Sadly, due to the events of the pandemic and other circumstances we had to take the difficult decision to close the debt centre last November. Unfortunately, it got to a point where we did not have the resources to continue with the debt centre. It could be something that we revisit in the future, but for the time being we have had to stop it. It's hard to know the medium or longer-term effect the pandemic will have on our church. There are still other centres in Leeds and any of our remaining clients have been passed on to other centres to see them through to the end of their journey to being debt free. Thank you for enabling the work of the debt centre to continue during the lockdown and for partnering with us in helping to free people in our community from the crippling effects of debt.

## EAST LEEDS PROJECT

*Amount: £4500 Date: November Purpose of grant: first ever 'maker space' for East Leeds – an arts space for the local community based at Gipton Methodist Church*

The grant was awarded to further our ambition to co-produce the very first maker-space for East Leeds, working collaboratively with our community. This support has proved nothing short of critical over the past very challenging year and the ongoing uncertainty and increased competitiveness of the overall fundraising landscape, particularly for small organisations like ours. Funding was allocated towards core costs, and has helped us to sustain our organisation and work, contributing to the costs of rent, insurance and internet provision at our base above Gipton Methodist Church, as well as legal and professional fees and staffing costs. The charity's support was so welcome because these core costs are incredibly difficult to cover from other sources.

Over the grant period, and despite the delays and difficulties caused by the ongoing pandemic, we have been able to make concrete advances in the makerspace project. Although meeting in person with our Project Team, made up of local people, was not possible during lockdowns, we found ways to maintain communications and widen the reach of the project among local communities. We did this by producing a short film (available on our website at <https://eastleedsproject.org/we-will-be-pioneers-5-min-film/>), distributing a free newspaper about the project widely across East Leeds, and interviewing local people and artists for a podcast series. This is being produced collaboratively with local arts organisation Chapel FM, and will be launched in October. Through these varied media, we have been able to platform and share the voices, opinions and hopes of local people for creativity in our area. Our Project Team is made up of around 17 people from East Leeds, some of whom took part in the short film, and the views of dozens more were shared within the newspaper. The film, newspaper and podcasts have been brought together under the title *We Will Be Pioneers* and share a visual identity that has enabled them to gain wide visibility across East Leeds and further afield, as well as online and through social media. Being able to share these outcomes is also very important for future fundraising, as it demonstrates the need and desire for the project locally and ensures that local voices remain central to its development.

Alongside this, we have been in discussion with Leeds City Council regarding their plans for Fearnville Wellbeing Centre, a new development close to our base in Gipton. The Centre will be constructed from early 2022 and is due to open in November 2023. Changes to the Council's plans due to the pandemic have resulted in two large spaces becoming available within the new building, where there is the possibility of housing a permanent base for the ELP alongside an accessible and welcoming makerspace that can be owned and run by the community. The spaces will potentially be leased from the Council on a peppercorn rent. This represents a genuinely once-in-a-generation opportunity to secure an important, creative space at scale, for Gipton and surrounding communities in East Leeds. It also removes the need to engage in capital fundraising to raise a large sum for a new build, something that could be very challenging in the current economic climate, and although we will still need to fundraise for equipment etc, this can be done on a phased basis that spreads the cost and allows the space to grow organically as determined by a local management committee. Without support from the Charity over the last year, we would not have been able to sustain the ELP in order to progress this conversation. We are, as a result, incredibly grateful for the Trustees' support. We will send copies of the newspaper, and have credited the Charity for its kind support on the back page of the publication and on our website and social media channels.



# ECUMENICAL COUNCIL FOR CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

*Amount: £3000 Date: September Purpose of grant: Church Action for Tax Justice campaign: highlighting to churchgoers the unfairness of the current UK tax system*

This is the final report on your much-appreciated contribution to our Church Action for Tax Justice programme. The award was made to support a campaign aimed at highlighting to churchgoers the unfairness of the current UK tax system. The funds formed a significant proportion of our overall budget for the campaign, which was set at £10,000.

Our aim was to run a sustained campaign to mobilise support for tax justice within the faith sector, based around the issue of fairness. We set ourselves the following targets to indicate the numbers of people being reached by that campaign:

- 1,000 followers on social media;
- 2,000 recipients of CATJ's newsletter; and
- at least 1,000 direct actions by CATJ supporters.

We launched our Fair Tax Now campaign to seek a change in the public story about tax, and to lobby for specific policy changes on reforms to tax wealth effectively, close tax loopholes, and create fairer global tax rules. The campaign ran from January-June 2021, and made significant progress towards these objectives in spite of the Covid pandemic, which has naturally affected our plans. We have been able to adapt, being already a remote working team, with most of our resources online: we moved further in this direction and have been able to benefit from online events in place of in-person ones.

At the outset, we set ourselves three goals for this campaign and progress against these is reported below:

## **Raising awareness:**

- Created 7 short videos to illustrate issues relating to tax justice and inequality, that have been viewed 8921 times.
- Distributed 36,000 A5 leaflets in copies of Church Times, Christianity Magazine, The Friend and via the Jubilee Debt Campaign mailing to their supporters.
- Encouraging people to lobby their MPs:
- By 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 369 people had written to 221 different MPs about tax fairness.

## **Building support:**

Increased our social media following to over a thousand:

- Twitter (688 at 17.09.2021)
- Facebook (324 at 17.09.2021)
- Instagram (132 at 17.09.2021), and
- Increased our newsletter subscriptions to 585 at 31.09.2021

As will be clear from the data above, we have achieved the target we had set ourselves of 1,000 followers on social media, but still have some way to go before reaching the goal of 2,000 newsletter subscribers. This has been hampered by the lack of in-person events which were previously our primary source of new sign ups, and we hope this will begin to pick up as face-to-face events become more possible. We intend to learn from the MP action to ensure that lower-barrier entry level actions are available as part of our campaigning, to increase our reach and grow the support base.

## **Political and media influencing**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January, two of our reports were the subject of an hour-long debate in the Lords: "Tax for the Common Good", and "Fair Tax Now". The debate was prompted by Bishop Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans. Many contributors supported the recommendations in our reports. Frank Field, for instance, commented "*I am immensely grateful to the right reverend Prelate for securing this debate—it could not be better timed—and for the work that Church Action for Tax Justice has done and for the way it is establishing a new agenda here.*" Since the debate, we have been working with Bishop Alan and others who wish to continue their involvement in matters of tax justice. We have had articles published in Church Times, Premier Christian blog, Reform Magazine, Tribune Magazine and the Times newspaper, and our former CATJ Director Justin Thacker has also written a chapter for a forthcoming book on Catholicism and Tax Justice which is to be published in July by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. In the last year, we have submitted formal policy responses to the following government consultations:

- Treasury Select Committee – Tax After Coronavirus consultation.
- Office of Tax Simplification – Capital Gains consultation
- Freeports consultation

### Speaking events:

We have spoken (online) at 15 different events reaching a total audience of approximately 750 people

### Fair Tax Week and Tax Justice Sunday

In advance of Tax Justice Sunday on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021, we produced another video which has now been viewed almost 400 times. We also participated in three different other events as part of Fair Tax Week.



We have already dramatically exceeded the target of five senior Church leaders speaking out in favour of tax justice, since our work and the cause of tax justice has been spoken about publicly by the following:

Rowan Williams (Former Archbishop of Canterbury), Most Rev Bernard Longley (Archbishop of Birmingham), Rt Rev Alan Smith (Bishop of St Albans), Lord Harries of Pentregarth (former Bishop of Oxford), Revd Richard Teal (President of the Methodist Conference), Carolyn Lawrence (Vice-President of the Methodist Conference), Rt Rev Christopher Foster (Bishop of Portsmouth), Paul Parker (Recording Clerk, Quakers in Britain), Revd Clare Downing (Moderator of General Assembly, the United Reformed Church), Rev Alan Miller (Vice Convener of the Faith Impact Forum of the Church of Scotland). Interestingly, quotes by

these individuals have often proven to be our most shared social media output.

### Feedback from stakeholders

Below is a selection of responses from others in the tax justice community.

*Church Action for Tax Justice has played an important role this year in building the credibility and profile of tax justice arguments in the UK. At a general level, CATJ has provided consistent messaging on the moral importance of fair taxation, linking 'hearts and minds' engagement with specific policy proposals, and ensuring ongoing engagement from Bishops in the House of Lords.*

Alex Cobham, Tax Justice Network

*Church Action for Tax Justice has done something unique in UK tax campaigning in the last year. It has taken issues around tax and poverty, and tax and gender, and made them into real campaigns. It has stood out from the tax justice crowd by realising that tax justice is more than an issue about tax havens, big business and wealth. It has instead walked the talk of loving one's neighbour as oneself. For that reason I rank it as the most effective tax justice campaigning organisation in the UK right now.*

Richard Murphy, Tax Research

### Working with Scurrah Wainwright

We are hugely grateful for the financial support that Scurrah-Wainwright has provided to us, enabling us to deliver the Fair Tax Now campaign and reach many people, during a very challenging period. I would be glad if you could please convey our thanks to the Trustees – without the support which we received from you, we would have been able to reach markedly fewer people. The outcome has been an increase in awareness and engagement, and a significant number of actions taken by individuals, despite the difficulties presented by the pandemic. Attached are some stills from the campaign videos to give a visual impression of the campaign. Once again, thank you for your support. We wish you and those you fund in future every success.

## FEDERATION OF DISABILITY SPORT YORKSHIRE

*Amount: £5000 Date: September Purpose of grant: Providing 16 disabled young people with sport/physical activity training and voluntary work experience*

DSY delivered a 20-week Employability Course based at Shaw Lane sports complex in Barnsley for adults with a learning disability who are not in Education or employment. The aim was to prepare them for paid employment 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.

Due to Covid 19 the course stretched over a longer period. Credit is due to all participants for their understanding in challenging times and still attending regularly after many lockdowns.

- 16 participants engaged on the course with 12 regulars. 4 dropped out with varying different worries around covid 19.
- 5 have become regular matchday volunteers at Barnsley 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 ground maintenance at Barnsley, Shaw Lane sports complex
- All participants volunteers have completed an emergency first aid course in partnership with Direct action learning. All course members successfully attained a qualification.

Participants from the course have been referred to local employment agencies in partnership with Job centre plus. 5 members are now paid staff at Barnsley FC working matchdays throughout the 21-22 season.



Money from Scurrah Wainwright was used to deliver a first aid qualification in partnership with Direct action learning. This was a new aspect of the course which gave the participants a qualification in an area which is highly sought in all sporting jobs. All participants successfully passed showing immense work ethic, attention to detail and knowledge over a challenging subject.

The grant provided 16 disabled people the opportunity to gain sporting skills within a comfortable setting and increase employable opportunities in partnership with varying sports clubs in the area. With 12 successfully completing

the course and showing a vast development in taught skills but also cognitive thoughts the course was highly successful in achieving the set-out goals. All participants showed a change in how they approached from start to finish, with confidence increasing weekly, the urge to be at the course and the control and leadership skills shown by the end were something each can be proud of. By providing five full-time paid jobs, seven volunteering opportunities and further training through Job Centre Plus, the course has been successful in the main objectives laid out.

## FILIA

*Amount: £2000. Date: March Purpose of grant: three workshops in Bradford for 100 young women and girls, promoting women's history and rights*

Those involved in this project were: Gemma Aitchison, director of Yes Matters UK which has helped to campaign for and write the new compulsory PSHE (2020) and CSE prevention policy (2016) and provides training and resources and rehabilitation and support services to children who have been victims of child sexual abuse; FiLiA, a women-led volunteer organisation that runs the largest annual grassroots feminist conference in Europe and aims to build Sisterhood and Solidarity (locally, nationally, globally), Amplify the Voices of Women (particularly those less often heard or purposefully silenced) and Defend Women's Human Rights; and the Build A Girl Project founded by Fiona Broadfoot, a survivor of child sexual exploitation. The project provides a safe and therapeutic environment for girls and young women to create a unique self by raising aspirations and self-esteem and empowering girls and young women to make safe and informed choices and

healthy relationships. Because of Covid, the workshops were delivered on Zoom. They dealt with the following subjects:

**Workshop 1:** Authentic relationship development, the creation of a safe place to be heard, setting the rules for their workshops and a brief overview of what the project is about. To get a baseline of what they know about feminism, what they've heard about it and what they think about it.

**Workshop 2:** Historical achievements of feminism. Group work with clips or reflective exercises about what feminism has brought to their lives. To learn about the right to vote, walk unchaperoned, rent a house, have rights to your children, have an education, to work, to have a bank account, to get access to the welfare state, gay and lesbian rights and more. Who were these women and what did they have to endure before they got the change they fought for? How do men fight for change?

**Workshop 3:** Modern achievements of feminism. Domestic abuse and marital rape criminalized, birth control and abortion rights, Wi-Fi and how the Oxford vaccine for covid would not have come about without feminism meaning those women could get an education and rights first. The similarities between modern and historical feminists and what they had to endure whilst trying to create change.

**Workshop 4:** Gender stereotypes critical analysis of feminism. This will be more information-based. Firstly about rhetoric and stereotypes, whom they benefit and if they are true. Male gender stereotypes and crime and mental health. Female gender stereotypes and exploitation and sexual objectification.

**Workshop 5:** Time for them to take the reins, so what do you know that you didn't before and what do you think others should know? It's important to remember that this is a 2-way learning process and that the facilitators are always learning from the young people too. What change do you want to make?



The idea behind the workshops resource is the empowerment of the young people involved. They defined their curriculum, what they thought was important for their peers to know and about the process of learning. They have shared what they have learned and taken control of that narrative. This created both personal and social development opportunities. The girls decided to design clothes with feminist messages that were important to them on them. They felt that after our visit to Manchester, that art could be a powerful way to get across a message and that clothing could be art that you wear. It was also discussed that because women and girls are judged on their appearance, because of gender stereotypes, that clothing was another good reason to use clothing as their awareness-raising tool. We purchased light clothing, fabric pens and fabric paints in a wide variety to enable the girls to create their clothing.

From session one, it was clear that the authentic relationship the girls had with Fiona from Build a Girl was invaluable as it gave us information on the context in which these girls were attending these sessions. Their circumstances, their starting point and knowing that they were in a safe place to express themselves when in a space with Fiona meant that we made progress a lot faster. Over the next few sessions attendance of the sessions was steady. One of the girls was in isolation over two sessions and so our group was one of her only social outlets. Workshop Two covering the historical achievements of feminism included group work with clips or reflective exercises about what feminism has brought to their lives. To learn about the rights that feminism has brought them such as the right to vote, walk unchaperoned, rent a house, have rights to your children, have an education, to work, to have a bank account, to get access to the welfare state, gay and lesbian rights and more. Also of female inventions that can only have happened because those rights were fought for – and that affect us today such as Hedy Lamar who invented Wi-Fi and the female doctor Sarah Gilbert who invented the Oxford vaccine. Who were these women and what did they have to endure before they got the change they fought for? How do men fight for change and how is it different to how women fight for it? The girls responded well understanding how the fight for women's rights in the past have enabled women and girls to have better lives now.

In workshop Three we covered the modern achievements of feminism such as domestic abuse and marital rape becoming criminalised including coercive control and the new Domestic Abuse Bill in which children are now recognized victims. Talking about healthy and unhealthy relationships brought disclosures to light about boys pressuring for nude pictures and school responses to boys behaving in inappropriate ways. We also talked about



birth control and abortion rights. The subject of female healthcare brought up that the model is based on white men and that's why PPE does not fit women and how it means that we do not know why men are more likely to die from covid. This discussion led to talking about a girl that used to be in a Build A Girl group who had sadly died and memories of her. How because women and girls words are often dismissed, it makes it harder to be heard, including by doctors. We examined what is similar about what modern feminists have had to endure and have been called whilst trying to create change? The insults thrown at the suffragettes about being ugly and man-hating, were not very different from the online abuse feminists get today. What was the purpose of trying to silence them then and now....and is any woman fighting for women's rights going to be called man-hating regardless? The girls discussed the difference between recognizing that factually the majority of perpetrators towards men, women and children are men – and the majority of men are perpetrators, which is what it is twisted into. We talked about how #NotAllMen is the same silencing tactic as All Lives Matter when people want to address racism.

In Workshop Four we discussed gender stereotypes. Gender being masculine or feminine, blue and pink, strong and pretty – not to be confused with male and female which is biological sex. Firstly about rhetoric and stereotypes, who they benefit and if they are true. We looked at the toys we give girls and their correlation with what is deemed as “women's work” in society. We discussed male gender stereotypes and crime and mental health. Asked if boys were taught that emotions are human rather than “man up” and “don't cry like a girls” would they have better mental health and relationships? Then female gender stereotypes such as exploitation and sexual objectification. We looked at media representation of women and girls. How Beyoncé and Ed Sheeran have the same job but the expectations are different. This also led to a discussion on gender stereotypes and pornography in both behaviour, looks and expectations. About the dominant and the submissive and how because of this the girls feel less safe. That pornography has an impact on expectations and behaviour towards them such as street harassment, upskirting and relationships.

Workshop Five was about discussing what they wanted to create and why. Discussion on what do you know that you didn't before and what do you think others should know? The girls talked about how women's inventions need to be more recognized and how calling feminists 'man-haters' was just a way to get people not to listen to them. How their representation as women, girls and feminists created an unsafe environment and society for them to exist in. They wanted to get the message across that they were not objects and they demanded respect. That if the women of the past could change the world –then they could too. It was at this point Gemma Aitchison was contacted by Bradford Council about the project with the girls. She invited her to a meeting to share the girl's thoughts on what they could do in Bradford to make women and girls feel safer. This has had a profound impact on these girls. After weeks of discussing how the women of the past have fought to be heard, these girls felt inspired by knowing that the council of their town wanted to know what they had to say.

Then we had our trips. Due to covid restrictions we had to arrange these over 2 separate weekends. One in Manchester, home of the suffragettes and one in Bradford at the Build A Girls office to create. In Manchester the girls were “buzzin”. We looked at multiple art installations to inspire the girls for their clothes designs and learned about the suffragettes. During the trip to Manchester we had discussions about class, abortion rights, racism and sexual objectification; very serious subjects that the girls now felt comfortable talking to us and each other about. They were pointing out examples of these things which was a demonstration of their learning and development. At the conference, we installed a huge display of the girl's journey and their brilliant clothes. We included a video playing which was made while the girls were creating their clothes at the Build A Girl office in Bradford. Their creations were well received with many attendees asking questions and feeling touched by the work the girls had produced. To summarise, this work has had an impact on the girls, their community and town and on those who have seen their work. It has changed how they feel valued in the world and what they are capable of. The project included social skills development, emotional regulation skills development, British values, English, maths and ICT skills and finally soft skills, especially confidence building. These girls are intelligent, creative, compassionate and capable – you have made a sound investment in them. Thank you for allowing us to do this work so that they can see that.

## FUN-FILLED DAYS

*Amount: £1100 Date: September Purpose of grant: Art therapy sessions and an eco-therapy workshop for adults with learning difficulties*

We wish to thank you sincerely for providing Fun Filled Days with funding to facilitate Art Therapy sessions and the opportunity to spend time with Empowered in Nature. We are delighted to provide feedback and to let you know how we spent the money and the activities we were involved in. With the funding from Scurrah Wainwright we were able to facilitate 21 Art Therapy Sessions and two outdoor events arranged by Empowered in Nature CIC. The sessional tutor fees for the art sessions were £620. We spent an additional £71.79 on resources for those art sessions. We paid a total of £680 to Empowered in Nature to facilitate the two events. There was an overspend of £271.79 but we received funding from Arnold Clark which we used to cover the deficit.

As well as having a learning disability, several of our clients have other issues including mental health difficulties. Since lockdown, many are experiencing extreme anxiety and one has been unable to return to the group; she fears leaving her home due to the pandemic. We consulted with the group, and it was agreed to facilitate monthly art classes. We identified an artist who could deliver these sessions on our behalf. Not only is Kim an acclaimed artist, but she also has excellent people skills and experience of working with clients who



have a learning disability, those with mental health issues and those with varying capabilities. Unlike general art classes, art therapy focusses on the creation of art rather than the final product. Art is extremely therapeutic and whilst engaging in such activities, our clients relaxed to the extent they could share their worries with staff members and volunteers. During some of these discussions several clients disclosed the fact that others weren't always kind to them. We facilitated an additional session around Being Kind to others. We blew kindness bubbles in our open space and discussed how kindness helps us

to feel happier in ourselves, how kindness helps us to feel more positive and less anxious and how being kind is contagious. The group really engaged with these sessions and in September we launched our 30 Days of Random Acts of Kindness. The response was fantastic, and the group engaged in many activities from baking cakes, to carrying out errands for friends and family, to ringing people they thought might be feeling lonely. At the end of the 30 days each reported what they had done, how it had made them feel and we had a party to celebrate achievements.

We also used the funds to take our clients to two Eco Therapy Workshops, giving them the opportunity to unwind in a woodland location, explore their feelings and experiences with mindfulness activities, and enjoy lunch cooked on an open fire. Facilitated by a Forest Skills Practitioner, Life Coach and Counsellor these sessions gave our clients the opportunity to relax, take a breath, re-engage, and connect with their friends. The first workshop was focussed on managing anxiety in an informal and relaxed setting. The group spoke about the things they were anxious about (namely the pandemic) and through exercises and gentle reassurance all stated they felt less anxious at the end of the session. We also talked about coping mechanisms and what they could do if they became anxious and upset in the future.

The second workshop didn't have a theme other than the benefits of being outdoors in nature (and having fun!). Around the time of the Olympic Games, we took part in Welly 'wanging', cone and spoon races and archery. We enjoyed chilli cooked on the fire and toasted marshmallows. We asked the group how being close to nature made them feel. Here are some of the responses:

- *Being in nature makes me feel happy, healthy, tired, strong and gives me hope*
- *Respect to nature, future of the planet and protecting trees*
- *Happy and great and it was fun*
- *It makes me feel good. Getting some fresh air is good and I like listening to birds singing*



We wanted to encourage our group to enjoy nature on an ongoing basis so provided them all with a 'nature box' including bee bombs, nature colouring books and pencils and nature quizzes. We have regularly taken walks in nature to reinforce the many benefits and whilst outdoors played nature bingo games and toasted marshmallows over a campfire – pictured left.

In total, ten clients attended all workshops, supported by two carers. The numbers were relatively low to allow more individual attention but also because of the restrictions imposed by Covid 19. We liaised with/included an additional client via zoom and sent out activity packs to her. We feel however the programme constitutes excellent value for money costing less than £5 per person per

session. Science tells us that the benefits of being outdoors are as follows:

- Nature boosts our mood.
- Nature reduces stress.
- Nature connects us with others.
- Nature improves creativity and problem solving.
- Nature can protect against anxiety and depression.
- Nature is good for heart health.
- Nature gives us hope.

Art Therapy meanwhile allows expression of those feelings that are difficult to verbalise; exploration of imagination and creativity; development of healthy coping skills; identification and clarification of issues and concerns; improving self-esteem and confidence; increased communication capacity; improvement of motor skills and physical coordination and reduced stress and anxiety. We have regularly consulted with our group to gather feedback, requested tutor reflections, and observed changes in the behaviour of individual group members. We are pleased to report the outcomes achieved by this project are:

- Reduction in the impact of anxiety and depression - – two of our members suffer severe depression and both have said attending the sessions has helped them to cope with their mental health
- Reduced isolation – we have actively encouraged peer support. Two women who both live alone are now going on holiday together at Christmas. They would otherwise have been celebrating alone. They met at the workshops
- Reduced stress and improved ability to develop and put coping mechanisms in place
- Increased confidence and self-esteem – the art classes produced some amazing results. We had no idea what budding artists we had in the group.
- Improved social skills – generally chatting and enjoying each other's company during all sessions. Some are meeting outside our groups to socialise.
- The ability to articulate the problems and issues being faced by individuals – we spent a lot of time discussing being kind to self and others and other topics which were of interest to the group.

Above all we have had lots of laughs and lots of fun which has certainly lifted our spirits following the long lockdown! Doncaster Council has witnessed through this programme the benefits of Art Therapy and have agreed to fund the Art Classes for a further year. We are delighted to be able to continue supporting our clients and thank Scurrah Wainwright sincerely for affording us the opportunity to establish, monitor and develop these workshops.

## GIPTON METHODIST CHURCH

*Amount: £11,450    Date: March    Purpose of grant: Layworker's annual salary*

This twenty hour per week role has been funded by the Scurrah Wainwright Trust for over 20 years, and continues to develop and offer new added value to the life of the Gipton community. Mr. Michael Simpson has been the Pastoral and Community Worker since September 2017. A management committee meets regularly to oversee the role, and to provide support to Michael and the appointed line manager, Rev Dr George Bailey. Gipton Methodist Church is a small urban church located in East Leeds, in the midst of a housing estate which is in the East and South East Leeds Regeneration Zone. In recent years over 100 new homes have been built close to the church. The congregation has come from the local area, including a sheltered housing complex with which there is a very good relationship, whilst some members travel from further away. The congregation is small (average 5-10 people at worship on Sunday), but except for a couple of people this group is now all newcomers since about six years ago. The church webpage is now hosted on the new Methodist Circuit website here – <https://www.leedsnandemethodist.org.uk/churches/church-8.html>. Michael is normally based at the church and has office facilities in the vestry. In partnership with our building users upstairs, East Leeds Project (an arts project) Wi-Fi has been set up this year for all building users, using a grant from Leeds City Council.

Michael's work in the church community involves being pastor to the church congregation and leading them in developing church life for the benefit of local people. In the wider community he leads groups in the week both to enhance the church community and to build relationships with, and offer support to the wider community. Some activities are in partnership with other organisations, and some are instigated and led by Michael. This goes alongside his support for other organisations' projects, and the way he is engaging the Methodist Church congregation and the users of the building, to make a valuable overall contribution to the Gipton community.

Covid-19 has dominated the work in 2020, and the main focus of this report will be explaining how Michael's time has been redirected to best benefit the community in such unprecedented times. This has developed month by month and the report takes a chronological approach through the year. The following, usual, activities continued up until March 18 although attendances began to suffer in the run up to the first lockdown.

- Weekly Toddlers Group
- Monthly Dads and Kids Saturday 18 Jan. The first session after Xmas got off to a flying start with 40 in attendance. However, 15 Feb (25 people) and 14 March (20 people) were affected by concerns over the virus.
- Saturday Café final session on 1 Feb
- Leading of bible study on Sundays once a month
- New flyers produced for Start, Fun and Faith, Toddlers, Dads and Kids.
- Office improvement with shelves for printer and laminator
- Kidz Klub sessions every Monday 4pm-8pm. Travel in coach to collect and return children from Gipton area.
- Home visits for Discipleship and Fellowship eg made casserole
- Fun and Faith sessions at Turnbull Court
- Completed Worship: Leading and Preaching assignments. This course is equipping Michael for leading worship in the church community and continues until February 2021.
- Supported WYDAN Nightshelter for destitute asylum seekers hosted by Churches Together in Gipton and at Oakwood, this year located for a week at Oakwood Church in February.
- Kidz Klub First Aid training Feb 19



Early in 2020 Michael forged a new partnership with local organisation, *Supreme Parties and Mascots* to use funding from the Leeds Community Fund and other sources to run activity events for 7-11 year olds. He planned and delivered after-school clubs 5-6.30pm on 4 and 11 March. The session for the 18 was cancelled due to the virus. This initiative is for local parents and children and is another way of getting to know families. Michael cannot do this work alone and has been actively seeking partnerships for some time.

From March, Michael began to develop ways of keeping in touch with the church and residents in the Gipton area. This was by weekly phone calls, home visits on the doorstep, Zoom meetings twice weekly on Wednesdays at 7pm and Sundays at 12noon. Since April he has also been posting a weekly/fortnightly newsletter. From 1 May to 6 Nov Michael became a Key Worker one day a week for the Trussell Trust to help



the emergency Foodbank operation based at St Wilfred's Church in Halton. The local foodbank at Epiphany, and others across the city, were closed and parcels were instead delivered from central depots. During this time Michael prepared over 300 parcels and delivered to over 85 homes, mainly in the Gipton and Harehills areas. This has increased his community contacts considerably, and enabled him to offer to respond to a number of particular and acute needs for households. Prior to the lockdown, Gipton Methodist Church was making plans for a new Sunday community meal, and Michael's gathering of local people's response to this idea has been overwhelmingly positive. We hope that community links built up during the lockdowns will enable better community events in the post-Covid months.

Meeting Point Café on Harehills Lane is a Methodist Church Project with which the Gipton lay worker has often worked in partnership over the years. Knowing of households in need in the area, Michael asked if they could provide extra food parcels. With this support we were able to help families out further as they were struggling financially through shorter working hours and other challenges exacerbated by the lockdown. Michael has been able to respond to quite specific needs, including:

- helping families of children with allergies to maintain basic food supplies
- helping families affected by hospitals ceasing planned operations
- those waiting for benefits to replace work lost due to the lockdown
- helping people finding it hard to access repair services (e.g. for washing machines) in the lockdown
- helping people to liaise with the council to remove old furniture from gardens
- supporting people with bereavement issues compounded by the lockdown restrictions

Working with Deacon Liesl Warren, the Methodist member of staff based at Meeting Point, Michael has been able to arrange, pack and deliver 40 Christmas hampers to households in Gipton and Harehills, and additionally age-appropriate Christmas presents to the 20 of these with children. Included with the parcels was a letter to the residents was an invitation to join a Family Quiz on Zoom on Wed 23 Dec. This went ahead with Deacon Liesl, Rev George Bailey, Michael and one family. This was disappointing as 13 families were invited; many saying they would join in. Also included were vouchers to use in January at the Café to collect a free bacon sandwich and cup of soup. The aim was to widen the circle of customers at the café.

Kidz Klub continued with a weekly staff prayer meeting and information sharing on Mondays via zoom. During the first lockdown Michael handwrote postcards and posted them to 20 families in the Gipton area. After the first lockdown, in the early Autumn this changed to visiting at a distance in their gardens the 20 families on Mondays 3.30pm-6.30pm with a Kidz Klub colleague. Also for Kidz Klub Michael produced two videos in response to challenges that were set for their YouTube channel. In December Michael helped Kidz Klub to staff their 'Buses of Blessing' travelling the Halton/Gipton route calling at the families' gardens to give out toy sacks and selection boxes.

As well as the twice weekly Gipton Methodist Church Zoom meetings, Michael has taken part in the new online worship provided by the circuit on YouTube. From September he has been part of the team producing twice weekly *Thoughts for the Day* which is posted on the 'Faith in Oakwood and Gipton' YouTube site and the Facebook pages of two partner churches. Talking Jesus is another Christian faith development and faith sharing program Michael has been promoting to deliver on Zoom. By creating a video about it he has developed a group of five which began meeting weekly in early January. Michael also undertook ZSA Suicide Awareness Training in October as he was becoming aware of several people having suicidal thoughts. He has attended online webinars to keep up to date with how the church was responding in the lockdown eg 'Engaging with the Community' and 'Re-imaging the Church' from the Premier Digital Conference.

**Conclusion** There have been great challenges this year to progressing the church and community work as envisaged. Michael and others at the church and in the local area have worked together to continue existing community networks and to develop new ones in response to the pandemic. We hope that as the community eventually begins to recover later in 2021 Michael will be well placed to re-ignite existing projects and progress new ones. The mutual support offered within the Gipton community has been a sign of hope in the face of great difficulties this year.

# GLOBALMAMA

*Amount: £3000 Date: March Purpose of grant: business workshops for 12 Somali refugees*

For this project we delivered business workshops to a group of female Somali refugees who have started their own businesses, but need additional support to make their businesses successful and sustainable. Unfortunately, due to the lockdowns, we had to do all of the workshops over Zoom. In total, we delivered 17 sessions: Introductory session (x2), Writing a business plan (x2), Cash flow and accounting #1 (x2), Cash flow and accounting #2 (x2), Contracts, tax and legal agreements (x2), Efficiency, productivity and time management (x2), Innovation and product testing, Leadership in a business setting, Budgeting, Digital strategy and Making the most of social media. These sessions reached a total of 51 participants.

Small businesses supported during this project include **Nayruus Fashion** – Women's clothes made to measure, wedding dresses and alterations, **Little Macmakaan** – Confectionary, cakes, sweets, halwa, spiced tea, **Basbaas** – Spices, **Hooyo Hair and beauty** – Beautician, **Jam Business** - Homemade jam with African twists and spices, cinnamon, cloves and cardamom, **Grace's Pickle** – Pickled vegetables, **Nkedem Belu** – Eritrean, Ethiopian cuisine, **Mama Meals** – East African cuisine, **Love Frankincense** – Homemade skincare products that contain Frankincense, **Best Choice Global** – Global reseller. We worked with a number of organisations who helped us deliver the project. These include: The NGO Elevator, Agency for Good, Apsis Associates Ltd, Somali Women's Business Forum, Assist Sheffield, Migration Matters, Sheffield Flourish, LALUNE and LNL.

All the women who attended the sessions gave great feedback. Although we thought that many would struggle, hosting the sessions online proved to be the right move as the participants quickly got used to using Zoom. They said that the sessions were delivered simply and were easy to follow, even though they weren't there in person. All of the women reported that the sessions had a positive impact on their business knowledge and understanding. 80% of the women who ran businesses said that the knowledge had already had a directly positive impact on their trading. However, the 20% who said that it hadn't yet had a positive effect commented that this was largely because their businesses weren't currently trading because of the lockdown.



In particular, the women enjoyed learning together and sharing their experiences with the group. As a result of the bonding that took place, many of the women joined the Globalmama network and our Somali Women's Business Forum. This improved their social lives and gave them greater confidence to ask questions and participate. From subsequent Business Forum meetings, the women came up with the idea of building Burngreave Bazaar – a small shopping centre in Sheffield that lets small units to local East African and Asian businesses, creating market bazaar-like feel. They have taken the idea a long way and have had meetings with land agents and the head of city development in the local council.

Difficulties included these: due to the lockdown we had to change delivery of the sessions and use zoom and WhatsApp. This was not easy at the beginning, but much appreciated by the women later on as they could do the sessions from their own homes while they still take care of their children. Whilst the zoom sessions went very well, we felt that the instructors could have given more personal advice if they were meeting in person, as it may have helped build rapport. The majority of the women said they found it really difficult to complete the business plans and cashflows from the templates and frameworks provided. They said that they felt they needed a bit more personal support with it. From this we have concluded that going forward we need to find a way to incorporate some 1-1 support in there, so that the women can be supported in completing a complex document that isn't in their native language. Reactions included:

*"Contracts and leasing is something I really needed to understand. I signed a lease two years ago for my shop. My landlord increased the rent for my small shop this year during the lockdown. I now understand it was not*

*right for him to increase the rent. I have written an e-mail to him asking for a review of his decision and the lease.” Nimco Mohamed. “The business plan is not easy. I need more one-to-one help.” Halima Yusuf*

## GLOBAL VISION INTERNATIONAL

*Amount: £4500 Date: March Purpose of grant: obtaining birth certificates and legal identities for 450 Zimbabwean girls*

Our team is very grateful for this support and has been hard at work. Unfortunately once the grant was sent to GVI Trust (now called Action Change), Covid hit and put a serious delay on this project due to the closure of government services. We really appreciate the support and flexibility of Scurrah Wainwright Trust for allowing us to extend the deadline.

2020 started off on a high when GVI Trust was busy finalising the schedule for the exciting project of providing legal identities for 450 girls in rural Zimbabwe. Many children in Zimbabwe are living in extreme poverty and in communities far removed from governmental institutions, making it difficult for families to afford and get access to register birth, hence forcing children to live without birth certificates. Without birth certificates, children fall outside of the system and make it difficult for the children to access healthcare, governmental schools and later in life also be able to open bank accounts, get passports and driver's licenses; putting them one step behind. And as history and statistics show, those who are deprioritised are often girls. By April, we finally were allowed to get the first group of nine girls to the city to get them registered officially – photo right. Here are their stories:



From the left, next to a young boy, is Nyasha who is nine years old and stays with her grandmother. We managed to trace her mother who assisted with birth registration. She is now enrolled in a formal school after we successfully negotiated with the school authority to secure her a place whilst she is waiting to collect her birth certificate. Next to Nyasha is Tadiwanashe. She is 11 years old. Her mother is unemployed and doesn't know the whereabouts of her husband. She said that she failed to acquire a birth certificate for her child because of financial challenges and that she owed the hospital some bills hence she cannot collect a birth record that is needed in order for one to collect to register for a birth certificate. We assisted her with financial support to collect a birth record and transport money to register for a birth certificate. She is now enrolled in a formal school.

Next to Tadiwanashe is Sandra, an eight-year-old girl who we assisted with financial resources to acquire a birth record and register for a birth certificate. She is now enrolled at a government school. Her mother is a single parent who is struggling to provide support for her and her other sister who is seated next to her. Her name is Sharon and she is eleven. We also assisted her with financial resources to acquire a birth record at Norton hospital as well as money for birth registration. She is now enrolled at a local government school and is happy to be going to school. Next to Sharon is Tanyaradzwa who is a seven-year-old girl whom we assisted with financial support to acquire a birth record and birth registration. She stays with her maternal grandmother and her mother who is a single parent. We assisted her mother to trace her biological father so that she can have the birth certificate in her father's name. Her father is a farm labourer who has another family and is not supporting his child from his previous marriage.

Next to Tanyaradzwa is Adeline who is eight and living with her mother who is a survivor of child marriage and struggling to support the family due to economic hardships. We assisted her with money to collect a birth record and for birth certificate registration. Adeline is now enrolled at a government school. Seated next to Adeline is

Sarah, seven, who stays with her mother who is also a survivor of child marriage. We assisted Sarah with financial resources to acquire a birth record and birth registration. She is now enrolled at a government school and is doing well in her studies. Seated on the far right is Juliet. She is six and we helped her with financial resources to acquire a birth record and birth registration. She is now doing ECD at a government school. Seated next to Juliet is Lilian. She is nine old and is staying with her parents. Her father is terminally ill, hence she could not afford the cost of acquiring a birth record and birth registration. We assisted her family with the financial resources needed to acquire a birth record and for birth certificate registration. All of these girls are now registered and able to access government support, this truly is life changing for them all and a great success made possible by the funding of Scurrah Wainwright Trust.

We managed to ramp up our project as the queue became quieter and by 2021 we have now fully registered and completed 450 girl registrations and we are happy to report the donated funds have now been allocated and spent. The donation has been spent towards the registration and logistical costs for us to take the girls to the city and complete their registration costing £10 per girl in transport and logistic costs allowed us to complete all 450. We booked appointments in small groups weekly and a member of our team assisted with their application and they went with them to the government offices to complete the registration of birth for the girls. This process had to be done in person and the girls had to attend, therefore we had to work through the logistics to ensure we took small enough groups to assist everyone but often enough to get all 450 girls registered. The outcome for these girls is life changing and this has been made possible 100% from this grant, 450 girls now are able to live in the community and access basic essential needs such as healthcare and education. We know that this has given all 450 girls a lifeline as they can now learn, educate and help shape their future and not fall into the poverty pot without an identity to get out. Our team will be working with all girls in 2022 to register them with the local schools.

## GROUP OF REFUGEES WITHOUT VOICE, JOHANNESBURG

*Amount: £2000 Date: September Purpose of grant: finance and training for refugee women in Johannesburg to start up micro-enterprises*

Central Johannesburg is home to hundreds of thousands of refugees, asylum-seekers and economic and undocumented foreign migrants. They fled their countries due to civil wars, tribal conflicts, economic upheavals and natural disasters and for fear of political and religious persecutions and homophobic and ritual killings. The spotlight has been on 'illegal immigrants' during the recent local elections with some political parties threatening massive arrests and deportations of foreign immigrants should they be put in control of the city. Xenophobia has been an issue for many decades in this country and at times it has turned into brutal and barbaric violence claiming many lives and leaving widespread destruction of properties. GRWV has always, and will continue to do so, sought to bring hope, comfort and support to indigent and destitute refugees and asylum seekers, particularly women and children. Covid-19 has worsened their misery resulting in overburdened and over-stretched soup kitchens and over-night shelters, donor restraint and fatigue due to budget constraints and declining incomes, arbitrary housing evictions due to non-payment of monthly rentals and dwindling employment and self-employment opportunities.

Amnesty International has noted an alarming increase in gender-based violence since the outbreak of Covid-19, particularly during the national lockdowns. It cites amongst the reasons economically induced frustrations linked to income losses. Lawyers for Human Rights note that migrant women are disproportionately affected by gender-based violence, including intimate partner violence. Many studies have noted that children are the worst affected by domestic violence, including intimate partner violence. These studies argue that financial dependency of women on the male 'breadwinners' is one of the major contributors to gender-based violence. This project focuses on indigent and destitute refugee and asylum-seeking mothers who lack the means, skills, know-how and connections to obtain employment and be self-sufficient. It provides them with skills development opportunities and microfinance to enable them to start their own cooperatives.

### [Project Outcomes and Achievements](#)



The project has established three cooperative networks consisting of 19 active members. We call them networks because they are not formally constituted as cooperatives. Food sales cooperative network consists of 7 members but only four have received project financing. Clothing sales cooperative network has 5 members; only 3 have received project financial assistance. Beauty care services cooperative network has 7 members and only 4 have received project financing. In other words only 19 of the 30 mothers who received skills training are actively involved in the networks and only 11 of them have received financial assistance from the project due to budget constraints. However, majority of the mothers are looking forward to formalised cooperatives. A small number still have some concerns regarding family commitments, personal clashes and governance. Below is briefly the composition of the networks, what they do and how they operate:

Food sales cooperative network micro-finance beneficiaries:

- 2 import indigenous food stuff from their home countries for local sales. They already have a steady clientele.
- 2 prepare and sell indigenous meals along the streets and to targeted customizers. Other network members
- 1 bakes and sells scones, muffins and other easy to prepare baked products. She now also operates a makeshift spaza shop in one of the neighbourhoods.
- 1 operates a mobile fish and chips takeaway
- 1 operates a makeshift restaurant.

Clothing sales cooperative network beneficiaries:

- All of them (3 in total ) stock and sell second-hand and new clothes
- They all sell them to relatives, friends, neighbours and acquaintances,
- They all sell them at flea markets and in busy and convenient spots such as outside shopping centres, schools, places of worship, recreational centres and street intersections and other busy places including during community and social events.
- Two others order stock on credit, and at times cash, from beneficiaries when they have customers and sell them at marked up prices. They are in some ways distribution and sales agents. They also stock limited stock on themselves for sale.

Beauty care services cooperative network beneficiaries:

- All of them (4 in total) provide hair, nails and skin care products and services
- They have rented a room that they have turned into a makeshift beauty salon to offer their services
- 1 orders and sells skin care products to relatives, friends, neighbours and acquaintances, along the streets, through referrals and at other religious and social events.
- 2 provide hair, nails and skin care services mainly from homes and their clients' residences.

All participating mothers in the networks have also gained valuable business and social skills. They speak boldly and confidently about their businesses and cooperative networks with their male partners, older children and other network members. They share and discuss information about their business strategies, services, opportunities and challenges with other family members. They also get some business leads from these family members. They discuss business transactions and their contribution to household livelihood security with their male partners. During the field and home visits we were impressed about how family members were conversant with these women's initiatives and supportive of the endeavours. For example, some children and male partners from time to time accompany these mothers to where they sell their products and services such as flea markets and spend time helping them to attract and serve customers.

Participants also keep, update and share information on different suppliers, the products they sell and prices and the quality of the products. In this way they are able to make better purchasing decisions. They share market information and opportunities. They also provide each other business leads and referrals. Those who are selling clothes can tell which products are suitable (best seller) for which flea market in and around Johannesburg. They

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT HAS TAKEN A FINANCIAL  
LOAD OFF MY SHOULDERS. TODAY I AM ABLE  
TO BUY MY CHILDREN FOOD & CLOTH AS MY  
HUSBAND LEFT US WITHOUT NOTHING.  
I WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW THAT KNOWING  
THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO CARE  
FOR OTHERS WHO ARE NOT EVEN RELATED,  
GIVES ME AND I AM SURE OTHERS ALSO, THE  
STRENGTH TO KEEP GOING AS WE WORK  
TOWARD GETTING BETTER.  
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also know which products are 'fast seller', 'average seller' and 'slow seller'. This information helps them to make better distribution, pricing and selling decisions.

Managing cash and stock is one of the most important activities of any businesses that sell goods, products and services. Participating mothers (network members) know that poor record keeping will lead them out of business. They record stock, sales and incomes and expenditures. Even their children know that what belongs to the business is for that business and should not be used for any other purpose. All transactions are recorded and in most cases male partners and older children are very much involved in these exercises. Some say they have introduced household budgeting for their families. However they concede that it is still difficult to manage with children and male partners making repeated demands.

Thanks to your financial assistance, we went on to secure more funding for the project from Deutsche Umwelthilfe (Hand In Hand Funds) which will enable us to provide psycho-social support to the participating mothers and other needy mothers and to expand the number of micro-finance beneficiaries. It was a requirement from Deutsche Umwelthilfe that they could only provide funding for the project if the project is running and there is another funder on board. Through your assistance we qualified and now can strengthen and expand project interventions. We still have around 11 indigent and refugee and asylum-seeking mothers who need our assistance to establish income generation initiatives. We will continue to count on your assistance to include these women in the project.

## HAVELOCK PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, REDCAR

*Amount: £2000 Date: March Purpose of grant: Christmas provisions and entertainment for families and the elderly on a social housing estate (With contingency plans if Covid restrictions still apply)*

Thank you so much for your grant! We gave out afternoon tea hampers to every bungalow and flat in the retirement village area of the estate. We used the local food bank café Footprints to do this so they benefitted from the grant too. We bought a Santa suit so now we have one for every year. We had Santa visit every street on a horse drawn cart and gave all the children section boxes. We gave each family a family box of biscuits. We purchased a water urn and later the night had a visit Santa on the green event with free hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies. All left over biscuits and mince pies went to the nurses at Rosebery Park Hospital. Thank you so much it brought a real sense of Christmas to the whole estate. We managed to identify some estate issues with people just by chatting. We think we saw at least 2000 people! We had many parents reach out and say thank you because their children would not have seen Santa this year.

## HOLY TRINITY IDLE

*Amount: £3000 Date: November Purpose of grant: building work to help make a busy community church more accessible to all*

Your grant made a valuable contribution towards the cost of the lounge and toilets in the church and enabled Phase 1 of our building project to be completed and fully paid for, despite the challenges and disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The whole area is now much lighter and brighter, and much more welcoming to the many folks who are starting to return to our building following the relaxation of restrictions, as well as being a

blessing to us as a congregation. The change is most noticeable and positive comments received regularly from those who remember it as it was! - both Church members and visitors.

The Phase 1 work was completed during the pandemic, so its full impact has as not yet been fully appreciated due to the limited number of people who have been allowed to attend services. However, we are now able to open up much more, with greater numbers being allowed to attend services and Christenings & weddings (and sadly funerals) now increasing in regularity as we try to catch up on the backlog. During the Covid restrictions we were able to set up a 'Young Mums Support Group' for "new" mums to bring their babies to, counteracting their feelings of isolation and providing a safe place for them to enjoy fellowship and interaction with others - as well as having the availability of a brand new, clean & fresh dedicated Baby Changing facility. Since the schools returned early this month, our daily Breakfast Club has started up again, with an average of 12/15 children attending each day. Our regular young children's activities - Sunshine Praise (Tuesday) and See & Know (Friday) have also recommenced - with some new mums joining the groups. The refurbished facilities have made for a much more welcoming and convivial environment in all these cases.

Only this week the Phase 2 work has begun, so we are having to deliver the above activities, and hold our church services in other buildings. The local schools with whom we have good relationships, and a couple of local churches, are giving us use of their buildings while the Phase 2 work is undertaken - a great example of relationship and the community working together. Phase 2 is expected to be completed in time for us to return to Holy Trinity before Christmas this year.

## HOME START BRADFORD

*Amount: £3000 Date: November Purpose of grant: development of a secure digital case management tool so Home-Start's work can continue through Covid restrictions and save time and money*

I am writing to thank you for your generous grant towards our work. We had some difficulties paying the cheque in, but we got there in the end, so thank you for your patience.

Home-Start Bradford District provides early years support to parents with young children (0-4) through weekly visits from a volunteer, although at the moment because of COVID-19 restrictions we are still providing phone support from volunteers instead. We hope to resume some limited face-to-face visits in public outdoor spaces this month. The funding you awarded us was towards development work to our new online case management tool, to include increasing automation of routine tasks, data validation, data entry and a new online referral portal. We have now completed all of this work and it has transformed how we are able to work, significantly reducing time spent on administrative tasks by staff, giving us instant overviews of our work meaning we can see our entire caseload at a glance and enabling us to better monitor families' progress with our support. The improvements to the new tool have also been instrumental in enabling us to work effectively from home, in reducing our paper usage and reliance on the postal system and a fax machine, and, through the online referral portal, in ensuring that we can get support to families more quickly.

Your funding has made such a difference to our charity and the benefits will be felt by hundreds of families across Bradford for many years to come. Below is a recent case study from a family we supported, so you can see the sort of support that your funding will allow us to do more of for many years to come.

### **Phoebe's story**

"Amanda started supporting me at the beginning of lockdown – I had moved away from my family with my husband and two very young sons and did not know the local area, nor anyone that lived there.

I had been matched to Amanda prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and we were about to meet in person, but the restrictions made it impossible for me to experience Home-Start's normal face-to-face service. Reflecting back this was not the help I expected, but it was certainly the help that I needed!

It has not felt like I've been accessing a service as it has never felt formal. Amanda has been like a friend and another parent that I can share my parenting concerns with. I had moved to a brand-new area and did not know

anyone or what was in the area for me to access and it felt so intimidating. Amanda eased my fears right from the start and her knowledge of the area really put me at ease.

Being in lockdown has meant that I have been accessing a lot of support and ideas online for my sons, such as home-schooling sites – I just adapted some of the ideas to suit the ages of my children. Amanda would also recommend sites for me to look at such as the activities page on Better Start Bradford's website. When I would share what I had been doing, Amanda would always be so encouraging and made me realise that I was doing a good job.

When it came to doing review sessions with Julie, who is a Family and Volunteer Coordinator at Home-Start Bradford District, I found it really useful to reflect on how far I had come over the months that Amanda had been helping me – my starting point was a big 'zero' in terms of confidence but now I am way up the scale! This is something that I will continue doing – actually 'stepping back' and looking at what we have achieved. When my children achieve something, then I feel an achievement: for example, one of my son's drew a face with features the other day and he couldn't even draw a few weeks ago!

Towards the end, while I loved speaking to Amanda every week, I knew that I could cope without her support and was conscious that there are other families in greater need of that help. There are no rules in parenting and one size does not simply fit all but it can be done by anyone with a little guidance and help and encouragement along the way. Amanda kept re-enforcing that I was doing a great job and that was such a comfort and so motivating coming from another parent.

I know I can do it and that I am a decent parent. I know that through our lives there will be puzzles to overcome but there are always ways to solve them as there will always be clues and help along the way.

If you're a parent of children aged under four and are struggling, then I would say 'go for it' and ask for support from your local Home-Start. Especially if you are a new parent and a parent in a new environment. I was both and I had children very close together. I felt overwhelmed and that I could not cope. It really helped to have a support and direction from another parent to give my children the best start."

## HUMBER ALL NATIONS ALLIANCE

*Amount: £3000 Date: November Purpose of grant: establishing a network of agencies and funders to support BAME communities in the East Riding coming out of Covid-19 and beyond*

The pandemic has had a great impact and demand on our services delivery. For a face-to-face organisation the lack of being able to offer that kind of 1:1 support to clients who are members of the Black Asian Ethnic Minority (BAME) communities and our members, referred in to us has had a negative effect on the outcomes of these individuals and in cases that have been successfully resolved. As such, the time it has taken has increased so many difficulties for them. The main reason for delays has been not being able to contact the clients for information on a regular basis as phones and emails are not always answered or they do not have such facilities because of these communities member were in the past using our centre for such. Even those who are a lucky to have phone had the added pressure of lack of funds for credits top up. With almost all of the clients not having English as their first language the time and efforts in supporting them was longer than normal. The second reason is a scaling back of external services we would have contacted for support for the clients e.g. Mental Health Services, GPs, Council services, activity centres etc.



Despite all these the volume of referrals to us increased to more than fourfold during the pandemic. As services were closed and cases to deal with were increasing in numbers. These members and the BAME communities struggled and were still having difficulties. At the height of the pandemic there is high level of loneliness and isolation amongst members of the BAME Communities and in our membership due to several factor; lack of centres due to closures, cultural and language barriers as they do not understand or have the facilities to use online services etc. and their lack of confidence in their language skills, the fear of being misunderstood.



With your support we were able to deal with these challenges by getting additional hours in for mop up operations were staffs had to go to them at their various homes to get the services to them. Because they could not use our centre during the pandemic and majority of the cases involve external services which need the consent of the clients before talking to us, we needed to put in that extra effort for delivery of the support.

Mrs M and her family has not been able to work since the pandemic and they were not entitled to any Government Support. The sudden loss of job and income was a great shock to them as they were on zero hour contracts in their previous employment. As businesses were closed, they unfortunately became the first group of families to lose their job. Left is a short thank you note from their youngest daughter.

The significance of the support to these members and communities was that, they were able to stay connected to the rest of the world and kept intact on issues in terms of Home Office and other services. These supports have been involved at various levels of need. These have ranged from help to fill in application forms to clients with complex needs involving multi agency working and prolonged support. The work done has impacted on around 50 individuals. The issues most commonly encountered have been with form filling, housing and immigration help. There was an almost even gender and faith split. The majority of the clients we supported have not been able to speak English to the necessary level and the pandemic had made it worst for them dealing with issues and external agencies.

One major thing we discovered during the work with families and children with your support was the work with disability rights and children's services as most of the clients and members had no ideas about such services and despite the fact that some of them needed some engagement with them. With your support we were also able to engage the children and young ones of those families and individuals who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to get any form of activities done or visit any places of interest as a result of the lockdown. The children and young people got visits to places of interest, which helped with their health and wellbeing. They were encouraged to share their physical and emotional journey from their home nations to the UK, and Hull in particular through a series of photographs and drawings during the pandemic.

## INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

*Amount: £3400 Date: March Purpose of grant: Free research training and access to northern university libraries for 150 community researchers*

Your grant came at a crucial time for our Community Research Project at six northern university libraries (Bradford, Huddersfield, Lancaster, Manchester MMU, Liverpool John Moores and Salford) as we were on the verge of losing all our meagre revenue streams. Despite an uncertain future and Covid restrictions, we went ahead and employed a freelance project worker to put systems in place for remotely inducting our second wave of researchers, campaigners and activists, and to establish the content for initial training sessions. For obvious

reasons, we now find ourselves in limbo, awaiting indication from university libraries as to when we should relaunch our website for applications. All our libraries are still committed to proceeding but have indicated that group sessions are unlikely to be hosted. We hope to have a clearer idea of how induction can take place before the end of the summer.

The grant was spent as indicated, except for £200 allocated for print and publicity/travel, which has been retained for future use. We would like to thank all the trustees for this funding. We will gladly provide a further update once our new community researchers have been inducted.

Update in December 2021:

The last £200 of our grant was spent on web hosting for the Community Research Project for the period of February to August 2021. All spending was in line with the original request. Unfortunately, our project remains in permanent limbo as we did not have the staff or resources to pivot to an on-line service when COVID closed down our university hubs. Though our research community and hubs remain theoretically intact - thanks largely to the SWC funding - it is, alas, impossible to say when we will recommence our work at any of our partner universities, as their doors remain closed to external user groups. In the unlikely event of a dramatic turnaround, we will report back. In the meanwhile, thanks once again to you and your trustees.

## JPC COMMUNITY FARM

*Amount: £2500 Date: November Purpose of grant: an additional Teaching Assistant to provide extra educational sessions at a farm-based centre for people with learning disabilities*

Thank you for the generous support of the Scurrah Wainwright Charity and I am pleased to be able to provide our final report on the way that the grant was used. Your funds contributed towards the salary of a new Teaching Assistant (TA) to deliver a range of development activities and support for young people with learning disabilities and other complex needs including physical and sensory disabilities. Although we sought a £5,000 contribution towards 6 month's salary for the new TA, the grant provided enabled us to immediately recruit a new TA, Hannah pictured below, in order to meet the considerable demand for our work whilst we sought match funding from other sources.

Your support enabled us to extend our capacity so that we were able to provide essential developmental support for 15 vulnerable young adults between September 2020 and February 2021. All of the beneficiaries have learning disabilities and other complex needs and have been particularly affected by the pandemic. The support provided to beneficiaries included engaging activities to improve confidence as well as bespoke structured training sessions to help them develop skills in line with their needs and aspirations. The activities delivered ranged from cookery sessions (which enabled participants to develop their independent living skills), to woodwork (which enabled specific vocational skills to be developed) as well as opportunities to engage and care for animals as well as sports and recreational activities which focused on developing health and wellbeing.



The grant made a huge positive difference. As a result of the sessions delivered, we saw improvements in the confidence, self-esteem, health and wellbeing of all participants, as well as improvements in their levels of independence. We were also seeing young people from our target group smile for the first time in a long while which had a positive impact on other aspects of their life, including their behaviour, mental health and wellbeing.

A key characteristic of many young people when we first contact them is a lack of hope. Hope that anyone beyond their immediate family really cares about them and for a positive future where they can achieve their potential and lead happy, fulfilling lives. For many, the highly personalised support we provide is life changing and gives them hope in a world where they have become even more isolated and vulnerable. One of our greatest successes is the speed in which we can provide beneficiaries with hope. This has an immediate and positive impact on their confidence, anxiety and mental health and behaviour, and enables them

to engage more effectively with their personal development. Thanks to your support, we were able to give hope to our beneficiaries.

Our Head of Education and Training has been working tirelessly during the past year and a half, during which time she has not been able to take any annual leave due to her commitment to our beneficiaries. Your funding helped her extend our provision and showed her faith that other people and organisations are there to offer support for our much-needed work. Thanks to your initial donation, we have been able to raise additional funds from other sources (including the National Lottery Community Fund and The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust), which has enabled us to retain this post and thus deliver support for even more beneficiaries.

## KICKBACK RECOVERY

*Amount: £3000 Date: November Purpose of grant: Core costs for a drug and alcohol rehabilitation project*

The funding we received from yourselves for our 'Staying Stopped' project has been invaluable to us to help us achieve our goal of taking service users successfully to 12mths of abstinence. The project has seen the number of people on the scheme rise from 26 to 75. Of those who joined, 73% are achieving their longest significant period of abstinence and 21 are now over a year clean and dry from drugs or alcohol. In 2021 as a whole we supported 153 individuals and saw 127 newcomers join us, a significant number of them referrals from local NHS drug services.

The money you granted for the 10-week period allowed us to pay for a Substance and Recovery specialist who facilitated four group therapy sessions weekly, delivered one-hour Recovery Education online and in person sessions weekly and carried out six 1:1 wellbeing clinics where people work on a personal recovery plan every Friday. The money also allowed for us to pay any costs/overheads our 42 volunteers might face when attending the above sessions and supporting the work we do. At all our group therapy meetings we also provided a snack and drink for our service users (healthy option given as well). Finally, we used some of the funding to pay for car parking when we took 20 service users to Derwent Dams Bike Riding - pictures above.



### Testimony from Chris, age 48:

*"I sought help from KB due to my addiction and the impact it was having on my life. I then learned that KB also offers support to people who have a mental illness which is clinically known as a 'dual disorder'. This is where I feel KB specifically helped me more than other support groups that I had previously tried such as AA by supporting me through bipolar disorder as well as alcoholism.*

*Throughout my time as a user of the service and joining the Staying Stopped Project my life has improved considerably. I have had my first long period of quality sobriety and I am much more stable in my mental health. This is not to say these problems are still not challenging though as there is no cure for either illness. Just a daily reprieve by working the programme and in my case taking medication.*

*The support I have received from Mick Hartley and other KickBack members has been nothing short of amazing. We have 4 meetings a week which I regularly attend every week and they work by providing 'group therapy' and I also attend the well being clinic each week which provides one to one help and support which is invaluable. I also join in with the exercise programmes, walking groups at the weekend and been on lots of trips, biking, to the coast and fishing. All have helped my addiction and mental health.*

*I think the group works by offering support to each other and we create a 'herd instinct' as it's known in the natural world by sticking together and moving forward as one. We are friends, we feel like family.*

*Without KickBack Recovery I would be isolated. This in turn would have a devastating effect on my mental health and my addiction and my ability to function as a member of society. This may sound dramatic, to me it is not. My alcoholism and bipolar need the treatment KB provides in order to live a normal life.*

*Through the personal experience I have had and continue to have with KickBack, I cannot think of a more deserving charity to have received this funding. It's saving my life!"*

## KINDLEWOODS

*Amount: £4350 Date: November Purpose of grant: Sustainable countryside skills training for people with mental health issues to create a commercial service to maintain the project's income*

This funding has proved to be fantastic for the project, both in terms of the timing and the direction it's enabled us to move in as an organisation, making us more resilient during the pandemic with new contracts and giving us a platform to build on going forward. During the course of the last 12 months it has enabled us to start



contracting out our hedge laying services for the first time, laying 3 hedges for different landowners totalling 350 metres and planting 600 hedgerow trees last season, and have bookings for this winter already. We have also coppiced and thinned 2 acres of woodland, providing us with a source of firewood which will be seasoned ready to be sold on. We have been able to ensure our volunteers have had the correct PPE and the right training as a result of this grant. In addition to hedgelaying we are now also able to add in a hedge trimming and grass cutting service with the purchase of a brushcutter and hedgetrimmer.

**Case Study** We have provided particular support to one of our volunteer team members who started with us as a client and had a number of health challenges accessing employment. We have provided training and qualifications in the use of brushcutters and hedgetrimmers through company Lowe Maintenance and Training, and taught skills in house with the support of Andrew Kirkwood, a current national champion in Hedgelaying. This team member has now also gone on to work part time locally with an arboriculture company and plans to continue to build his skills with us going forward. The funding has also vitally enabled us to carry out woodland management at our 6 acre woodland near Thirsk which we took on in January as a base for the project, maintaining the hedgerows, grass cutting and keeping the paths clear with the purchase of the new equipment and the training we provided staff and volunteers.

**Beneficiaries** We directly trained two team members as a result of this funding (one as described above, and one an established staff member). It has increased their confidence, skill and capacity to take on new contracts and we have been able to demonstrate our duty of care as an organisation to both our staff and the clients we work with. As well as boosting the skills directly of the staff attending training, by developing our countryside services it has supported the project financially, enabling us to continue our work more broadly with both adults and young people experiencing mental health challenges. We have focused our work particularly this year on young people not attending school with ADHD and Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

Developing the countryside services this year has been a vital shift for us due to the pandemic, enabling us to continue work when events and group work has not been possible. In addition to this, being able to maintain the woodland at Thirsk ensures the individuals who have been able to come to our sessions can access and enjoy the woods safely. 70 adults, children and young people have accessed our wellbeing sessions since Nov 2020, and we have also worked with 8 volunteers who taught heritage skills through workshops and demonstrations to over 250 members of the public at the Great Yorkshire Show this year.

## MAYA PRODUCTIONS



*Amount: £3000 Date: September Purpose of grant: Two arts projects in Sheffield: stories from the 60s of ethnically diverse groups of people, and migration/heritage stories from young ethnically diverse groups*

The grant from The Scurrah Wainwright Charity contributed to the delivery of two participatory arts projects in Sheffield, *Routes to Roots* and *Talking about My Generation*. The grant was used to support the fees of our artist facilitators, Charu Asthana who delivered workshops for both participation projects, Annabel Weeden who worked on *Routes to Roots* and photographer/visual artist Laura Page who worked on *Talking about My Generation*.

**Talking About My Generation - Older persons groups (TAMG)** There were 12 participants across two community groups including one group of Bengali women and one group of Pakistani women. The women participating were aged between 40-60 years. Postcode areas collected for participants included Sheffield postcodes S9 and S13.

**Routes to Roots - Young persons groups (R2R)** There were 12 participants in the group, all attending Handsworth Grange Secondary School, Sheffield. 11 identifying as female and 1 identifying as male. They were a mixture of year groups, made up of a larger contingency of students in Y10, with two Y11s and one Y7. The students were Black British, Bangladeshi, White European, Romani, Slovakian, Honduran and Moroccan

A series of 10 workshops was delivered by the artists for each group. The workshops using Maya Productions show *Benny and the Greycats* as a stimulus for exploring themes of migration, identity, home, and belonging. The facilitators used their various specialist art forms notably dance, theatre and visual art to enable participants to forge their own creative expressions while working on a performance for a showcase event at Migration Matters Festival. The project culminated with a celebration event as part of the Migration Matters Festival which brought the Handsworth Grange School students together with the participants from Roshni (Sheffield's Asian Women Resource Centre) in the same space, to share all their performances on a professional stage (at Theatre Deli) and public exhibition of their artworks. Staff, artists and members of the 'Benny and the Greycats' cast commented on the pride and elation participants emitted throughout the day and particularly the value in this intergenerational aspect of the project highlighting the universality of the experiences of migration throughout time.

*"One of the biggest achievements of the project] was the two groups' willingness to come and perform on stage for an audience. They showed courage and enthusiasm" (Charu Asthana, Artist)*

**Impact of the grant (Did the grant make a difference?)** At the beginning of the project all participants completed a baseline questionnaire trying to identify their confidence levels in various areas, their areas of interest and how important it was to be able to share their migration story with others and see themselves reflected in the world around them. For **R2R** the majority of students stated that they would "disagree", "strongly disagree" or expressed "neither" to the statement "I am a confident person" while the participants in **TAMG** generally felt confident in themselves. When it came to using platforms like 'zoom' however there was a lack of confidence and a sense they might do something 'wrong'. Over 70% of **R2R** students agreed or strongly agreed that there they had never had an opportunity like this before, likewise the members of **TAMG** had also not experienced many opportunities like this.

Across the project the participants successfully:

**Learned** how to devise/create their own artistic response to the themes of family, history and migration

**Developed** creative skills, eg in creative writing, storytelling, spoken word, visual arts

**Supported to:** have a voice, build confidence, raise aspirations

**Built** transferable skills such as problem solving, communication skills, imaginative thinking etc

**Showed pride** in their development and achievements by being part of a high quality and well organised sharing of work.

**Experienced enjoyment** through the process, being creative, reducing isolation and supporting health and well being.

**Felt** culturally represented

Artists working with the younger persons group fed back that some students spoke very little English, with a project success being that of having a key consistent staff member with experience working with the group and skills in translating and communicating for the students, where necessary. This lack of confidence with English and particularly in creative activities also resulted in initial shyness from the group; however, artists commented about how receptive the students were to the session.

For **TAMG** All participants that completed the questionnaires strongly agreed or agreed that they had increased in confidence and that the project had made them feel positive particularly in reference to sharing their stories of migration “memories of my family and food”, “talking about my country” and “I felt happy”. Throughout the course of the project, participants reflected on how they were feeling and the impact the project was having on them individually, as a group and how they anticipated it would impact beyond the project. The **TAMG** sessions started online and some relationship-building had taken place between participants and artists and their peers, artists’ fed back that these feelings very quickly changed. In turn, the change of feeling created a safer space for participants with an increase in laughter and joy.

**R2R** students really thrived when sharing their own cultures and teaching the other members of the group traditional and cultural dances. The key teacher noted the importance of the group being able to share and compare their own migration stories: *“It’s just I think that opportunity for them to share that experience which you don’t really have in everyday life. It was nice to see when they realised how actually they have very similar experiences...so they could kind of share and compare which was really good.”* (Teacher, EAL Support, Handsworth Grange School)

Feedback gathered after the experience of performing at the Migration Matters Festival includes the following:-  
*“Boosted pupils!! Confidence and brought them closer together. Thank you.”* (Teacher, Handsworth Grange School)

*“It made me happy because I made amazing friends” “Yes because I know I am not alone”*  
(Students, Handsworth Grange School)

*“I was able to perform whereas before I could’ve never done this”* (Student, Handsworth Grange School)

*“I will remember this project because it changed my life”* (Student, Handsworth Grange School)

*“Memories, tearful, feel proud, amazing connections” “Not feeling shy, I can achieve my goals”*  
(Members of Roshni Group)

We would like to once again thank The Scurrah Wainwright Charity for supporting our work, and enabling us to make a difference in the lives of our participants and inspire the artists, workers and audiences of the future to be more representative of the diversity of our society.

## MHA COMMUNITIES

*Amount: £3500 Date: November Purpose of grant: Transitional befriending scheme for older people coming out of Covid-19 isolation*



The money was spent on implementing transitional befriending for our existing and new members which allowed us to assign volunteer befrienders to individuals to escort them out of the house to places of interest and also covered the cost of starting a walking group for members as part of this. As we started to re-introduce our face to face activities befrienders also assisted to help members to build confidence in attending groups. We also recruited a number of volunteer drivers to help with this.

The grant made a massive difference in helping to engage our members and assisting them to build the confidence to re-engage in their local communities after prolonged periods of isolating. We also worked closely with local social prescribers who referred isolated older people into our service for a befriender.

Over 150 visits were made to our members (We have 200+ altogether). Our members, existing and new, were the main beneficiaries, however other local individuals also benefitted as more volunteer opportunities were created.

## MOPANE FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL SHEFFIELD

*Amount: £5000 Date: November Purpose of grant: livestock farming project – goats and laying chickens - for a boarding school for vulnerable students in Bulawayo*

This small organisation has not fully met our reporting requirement and is therefore unlikely to be considered for future funding. However, trustees bear in mind that it is not a large organisation and it did send an early interim report which included the essential reassurance that the proposed poultry run at Kids Richmond boarding school had been installed, cages bought and birds installed, some of which had started to lay. The project is intended to help the school to be self-sufficient as well as to enhance the skills of its 12 pupils (out of 37 supported in Bulawayo). Pictures were included. Later stages of the project were to include creating a kraal enclosure for goats.

Mopane at the time of writing (March 2023) had raised very little in a GoGetFunding appeal and was almost a year behind in reporting to the Charity Commission. However, trustees are well-acquainted with the dilemmas over funding small organisations in Zimbabwe and do not wish to give up on that. This entry will remain open in the hope of further news which has been requested several times.

## OPEN COUNTRY

*Amount requested: £3500 Date: March Purpose of grant: Core costs to provide conservation activities for disabled people*

Our original application was made in late 2019, and we proposed that your grant would specifically cover the cost of accessible transport for four months of our Conservation groups, of which we run three from our main base in Harrogate and one from our outreach project in Wakefield. (We often travel quite a distance and so our projects can benefit locations right across North and West Yorkshire). However, due to reduced activities due to the pandemic, your grant actually covered these costs for most of 2020.

In ‘normal’ times, every week throughout the year, each of the four groups consisting usually of members who have learning disabilities, will visit a location identified as needing conservation work. As well as our own staff member, the groups are also supported by trained volunteers to ensure safety and to help the team, some of whom also have physical impairments in addition to their learning disability. Each visit is one full day, and we provide accessible transport to/from each location. The Covid-19 pandemic hit us at just as your grant was issued, and hence we needed to suspend all of our activities, including the conservation groups. However, we were very conscious that our members are generally an extremely vulnerable cohort, and are very reliant on the support that they receive from Open Country to support their physical and mental wellbeing, but also to avoid loneliness and isolation, which has been a major issue for all of our beneficiaries during the pandemic.

We therefore set up “virtual” activities where possible, to partially replicate the activities that we normally offer face-to-face, and retain a countryside theme. We were fortunate to receive emergency funding through National Lottery and some other funders that enabled us to achieve this. This was essential, because our regular activities are income-generating (with participation fees paid by disability budgets provided by social services) to cover some of the cost, but this does not apply to virtual activities. We also needed to purchase various items of equipment and technology to lend to our members, many of whom do not own their own PC or tablet for example.

For the conservation groups, we were able to do some online nature study groups, which included activities that members were able to do from their own homes – one example being a sunflower growing competition which was very enthusiastically participated in by many of our members. Wakefield member Jacob is seen here (left), standing proudly in front of his sunflowers! From around July of 2020 we took the decision to re-start our conservation groups, as the restrictions in place at that time permitted face-to-face activities under the “rule of six”. This meant that although we weren’t able to support a full group (which would normally consist of up to ten disabled members plus staff member and up to three volunteers) we were able to make day conservation group trips with four disabled members supported by one staff member and one trained volunteer - with full social distancing in place of course. We also decided to offer formal activities at our allotment in Harrogate, which although not what we would normally include under the description of “conservation” work, was offered to those conservation members who weren’t able to join the main group due to restricted numbers. At our Wakefield site we also have sole access to a large poly-tunnel area in which conservation members were also able to enjoy activities such as seed planting, and growing vegetables etc.



We had to suspend all face-to-face activities once again in November 2020, and have only been able to resume intermittently since, although we have recently been able to re-commence limited conservation activities. With all relevant staff and volunteers having now been vaccinated at least once, we are confident that we can move towards resuming our full conservation groups in the near future. Although the restrictions over the last 12 months have inhibited both the number of conservation trips we have been able to make, and the numbers of disabled participants in each one, we were still able to make 36 day-trips to undertake conservation work at external sites. This is in addition to 31 face-to-face days at our own sites, and around 50 online nature group sessions for the benefit of our Conservation group members.

Most participants tend to be regular attendees each week, and hence we would normally be able to support around 12 disabled members in total on each group – around 48 in total, with each member attending most weeks. Because of the way we have shared participation in on and off-site activities and online participation during the pandemic, we have been able to support the same number of individuals, but with a lower number of total individual participations over the course of the year.

In our application we commented:-

*The work done varies immensely, but is always with a general aim of improving both the environment, and access to the countryside for disabled people – which has the knock-on effect of improving access for all. Activities include the repair of footpaths, clearing of invasive weeds, planting of trees & wildflowers, creating new accessible paths, hedge laying, creating or maintaining ponds, scrub clearance and litter picking – to name just a few.*

*Many of our members live in supported accommodation, and without the activities we offer, most would be unable to get outside of the built-up area in which they live. Most members are at very high risk of loneliness and social isolation, with some finding it very difficult to even get out of their own homes. The camaraderie that our Conservation Groups offer can often be the only meaningful social interaction that some members enjoy each week, while the physical aspect of the activities also has an extremely positive impact on their overall wellbeing.*

We feel confident that we have achieved these personal and environmental outcomes over the last 12 months – albeit with lower overall participation numbers and a lower number of work days at external sites completed than we would have achieved without the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. In common with many small charities, the last 12 months have been incredibly challenging for Open Country and so we are extremely grateful for the grant received from The Scurrah Wainwright Charity, to support our Conservation work. We would like to thank the trustees very much indeed for agreeing to provide this grant, which has enabled us to continue to provide support to a vulnerable cohort of people during a time of great anxiety and uncertainty for them.



# POLISH MIGRANTS ORGANISE FOR CHANGE (POMOC)

*Amount: £3000 Date: September Purpose of grant: a two-day online programme for 20 marginalised, underrepresented Eastern European women to train in political education and running for office in the UK*

Polish Migrants Organise for Change (POMOC) was founded in 2019 to improve the lives of Polish and Eastern European women living in the UK through direct support, grassroots organising and political education. Our charitable mission is rooted in advancing citizenship and community development to amplify collective power and build progressive migrant leadership. By bringing Polish and Eastern European women in solidarity with other migrant communities, we strive to promote antiracism, equality and diversity at local, regional, and national levels.

Through a £3000 GBP grant from the Scurrah Wainwright Charity, POMOC piloted RiseUp: Women's Political Education and RiseUp: Europe's Future, the first peer learning and political education programmes led by and created for Eastern European women in the UK. We partnered with Shout Out UK, a multi-award winning political literacy education platform to design a programme which empowered Eastern European women as political leaders and active residents in the UK. The first cycle was co-designed with and coordinated by Alunica Lepadatu, who identifies as a member of a Moldovian Roma community. Our two cycles of three-day, high intensity online programmes countered marginalisation and inequality by training 25 Eastern European women in voting rights advocacy, UK's political system, workers rights, media and communications literacy, and strategies for campaigning and contacting representatives. Through the programme, participants received:

- One-to-one mentorship and networking throughout the programme
- Opportunities to put skills into practice during the local elections in May 2021 and #SolidarityKnowsNoBorders actions
- Multilingual resources to take back to local communities
- Certificate of programme completion
- Post-programme mentoring sessions that centred on their needs and aspirations
- A nurturing community that continues to provide support even after the programme

RiseUp complemented our She Votes / Ona Głosuje campaign to mobilise low-propensity Polish voters in the UK, which was funded by JRRT's UK Democracy Fund. We used £1000 from an existing grant from Paul Hamlyn Foundation's Ideas & Pioneers Fund to compensate Shout Out UK's trainer. Additional funding was secured to cover Facebook ads and a graphic designer's time.

The Brexit transition and expansion of Hostile Environment policies have fuelled political apathy, sowed fears of disenfranchisement, and deepened uncertainty over residency status and voting rights among Eastern Europeans living in the UK. For women, this has been compounded by high rates of domestic violence, workplace exploitation, and limited access to multilingual mental health resources -- all barriers that keep women out of public life. With so few Eastern European women councillors, MPs, and leaders of advocacy organisations, there remains widespread scepticism towards democratic social change. Many women are not aware of their basic rights in the UK as migrants, including their voting rights or worker's rights.

During our nonpartisan She Votes campaign, we found that information produced by the local and national authorities often did not reach Eastern European communities. This barrier to democratic participation is further exacerbated by language barriers and widespread misinformation (e.g. Covid-19 vaccines or refugees). It leads to marginalisation of Eastern European communities, who are often perceived as non-voters and not taken into account when political parties draft their programmes. Eastern European women, who are from ethnic, religious and sexual identity minority groups are particularly affected by this marginalisation and often become targets of discrimination.

Yet, from freedom fighters in Belarus to abortion rights protestors in Poland, we have witnessed the power of women-centered organising. In the UK, Eastern European women are pivotal to activating their communities. However, our community research shows that many of these women do not know how to navigate the complex UK's political system and access power. Those interested in pursuing political careers or joining British NGOs

feel unequipped. Others are inspired by protests and campaigns, such as Women's Strike in Poland, or environmental campaigns and would like to engage their communities, but do not understand how to run successful social campaigns. While we recognise that women are pivotal to activating their communities and families, they also need adequate support. By investing in their political leadership and helping them understand and exercise their rights, we are in turn helping to build a more inclusive and democratic society in the UK.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the programme took place entirely online through Zoom. It consisted of two cycles designed for differently curated groups of participants. Each cycle spanned three weeks and three courses: each week included a two-hour session on a distinct topic.

**Understanding the political system in the UK** To immigrants navigating a new context, the UK political system can often be perceived as complicated and distinct from their home countries. In this opening session, participants learned the ins and outs of UK government, devolution, Parliament and avenues for influencing state apparatuses.

**Media Literacy** Participants learned how to equip themselves with the skills needed to navigate our digital age. They learned to identify and address the spread of disinformation, misinformation and mal-information, as well as understand social media companies use algorithms to dictate our digital lives. Discussions and debates focused on everything from privacy online to comparing misinformation in the UK to that of participants' countries of birth.

**Campaigning and contacting representatives** Many of our participants were keen on making a difference in their communities, but many were unsure of where or how to start. This session covered hands-on skills from how to pick an issue you are passionate about to understanding campaigning, activism and lobbying. This practical session offered skills to get involved in crafting solutions to big problems. Participants left the session with a set of action points to start solving a problem they have identified in society.

Our organising team has deep community roots and direct lived experience around the issues we tackle. Many of us have been immigrants and undocumented, identify as queer or nonbinary, are survivors of sexual violence, and have worked in precarious work sectors. The team working on this project included:

- Alunica Lepadatu is an international human rights activist and Roma woman from Moldova. She is working with Roma Support Group and Luton Roma Trust.
- Magda Fabianczyk is an internationally recognised multidisciplinary artist, activist and educator, and the co-director and co-founder of POMOC.
- Marzena Zukowska is a London-based organiser, communications strategist, and co-director and co-founder of POMOC.
- Lucie Spicer is the Head of Education and Technology at Shout Out UK.

The programme was widely advertised on social media, across our partner networks and through direct community outreach. Alunica Lepadatu personally got in touch with Roma leaders, Roma charities and members of Roma communities in the UK to invite women to participate. We promoted the training through paid Facebook ads and posted in over 100 Polish, Romanian and Lithuanian language Facebook groups (e.g. "Polacy w Leeds", "Romanians in the UK" or "Lithuanians in the UK"). We also ran ads in Romanes, targeting areas in London, Manchester, Glasgow and Sheffield with high concentrations of Roma communities. Alunica and POMOC have extensive expertise in media and communications, and identified that, alongside digital flyers, video promotion would be the most effective way to convey our message and motivate our communities to participate. This was particularly important in reaching out to the Roma participants who may not be able to read in English, but understand spoken words. The scripts were written by Alunica and Anna Drewniok, a young Polish immigrant student leader in Liverpool. We believe that the lived experience of these two women leaders amplified their messages and contributed to over 2,500 views and 1100 engagements. We also produced a film summarising the experiences of participants from the first cycle of RiseUp, which generated 900 views and 150 engagements.

Finally, POMOC commissioned Anna Drewniok, who participated in the second cycle of RiseUp, to create a series of bilingual, educational posts to promote the course content to a wider audience. These posts reached over 7,880 people on Facebook and 1,400 people on Instagram. We learned that posts in Polish were much more popular than ones in English with the same content. For example the Polish version of our "How Does the UK's Political System Work?" generated 338 post clicks while the English version of the same post only 3. E-flyer promoted on Facebook and Instagram.

Twenty five Eastern European women joined the RiseUp programme and 19 completed the training. They attended in two cycles:

- **RiseUp: Women's Political Education:** The first cycle of the programme was attended by 10 women, 7 of whom completed the full course. These were mostly community leaders, who wanted to better understand and navigate the political system in the UK, meet like-minded organisers, and incorporate the learnings into their own work. Three participants identified as Roma, one as LGBTQ+, one as Muslim community, and one as Christian. They identified their nationalities as Romanian, Polish and Slovak and held diverse political views.
- **RiseUp: Europe's Future:** The second cycle of the programme was attended by 14 Polish nationals and one person from Romania. This group consisted mostly of young women, who were already interested in activism and who wanted to learn how to organise campaigns themselves. Several months later, one of the participants was elected as the president of the Polish Student Society in Liverpool, and was hired as POMOC social media coordinator.

It was crucial for POMOC to work with Alunica, who speaks Romanes, to generate participation from the Roma community. By being a member of the community, she recognises that this group requires additional support and trust-building in social and political integration, caused by centuries of discrimination and abuse faced by Roma people in Europe. Alunica holds expertise in defending the human rights of the Roma people at national and European levels, and focuses on countering mistrust and fear of getting involved in any mainstream society activities. Due to a high volume of applicants and our limited availability for 1-2-1 mentoring sessions, we had to shortlist candidates for both programme cycles. However, we now have a list of people awaiting the future programmes, and are currently developing the next cycles based on participant feedback. Our ability to deliver programming will depend on future funding.



Participants were sent the same survey before the start of the programme and upon completion to measure the impact of the trainings. We have found out that their knowledge of the British political system improved on average by 2.5 points (on a scale of 1 to 10). 50% of those who responded were more likely to contact their MP in regards to an issue they wanted to discuss. Meanwhile, 60% communicated that their knowledge of the political system in their home country also improved.

POMOC facilitated deep listening sessions with participants in the first RiseUp cycle to understand their lives and work, and to devise a tailored mentorship programme for each participant. It focused on professional development and career opportunities in the field of organising and activism. Mentors supported participants in expanding their professional networks, providing them with new contacts and supporting them with reference letters and job applications.

One of the participants described the programme as *“Absolutely amazing. I felt lost at the beginning, because I did not know many things that people were talking about. But later on I learned a lot, about the voting system and its importance, for instance. After the training I realised that we can choose people that can represent us, and different types of information. The stakeholders mapping was very useful, I will be using it in my further work. I can help other people after this training.”* Another participant commented that *“It was really good to hear people’s different opinions, barriers and challenges they face. The most important is that I know if I have a question I can send an email to you and ask for help or even refer people to your or other organisations; provide with different contacts and expand our network”*.

The mentoring process was evaluated for the second cycle of RiseUp, where we decided to encourage peer-to-peer learning and collaboration. Participants were invited to ‘[speed-mentoring](#)’ sessions, where they had the opportunity to receive mentoring from both their peers and experienced mentors, and also explore their own abilities to be mentors. We received positive feedback from all of the participants who took part in such sessions and found them more effective than traditional mentoring, since they offered multiple views on a problem and were able to strengthen relationships between women in similar fields of interest.

## PREMIER LEARNING

*Amount: £2500 Date: November Purpose of grant: English lessons and life skills for BAME communities, refugees and asylum seekers, adapted to partly teaching online.*

We would like to again thank the Trustees for the donation of £2500 which they made to us December 2020. The money was used towards our increased admin costs which have occurred during the pandemic. As we faced January 2021 lockdown, we were not prepared to go online again. However, there we were within a day back to online classes for the next three months again. Online classes take extra administration ensuring that everyone is online, can access classes, and understands what to do. There was also the extra work needed for our lowest level students who are both digitally excluded and do not have the language skills to always understand. That was yet another immense challenge. During this time we have supported around 80 students to learn English, reduce isolation and stay engaged.

Thankfully, we have returned to the classroom on a rota bubble basis, and which has helped immensely. Students were able to take exams for the first time in 18 months in June 2021 and there were some pleasing results. Please be assured that your money is making a massive difference to people's lives. Without this funding we would not have been able to support these students in the way we have given them a consistent and quality provision. If any of you or the Trustees are in the area and would like to meet and see our provision, you are more than welcome once all restrictions are lifted.

## SCIENTISTS FOR GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Amount: £5000 Date: November Purpose of grant: Careers information for university students about ethical work opportunities in STEM – science, technology, engineering and maths*

In September 2020, thanks to grants from the Martin Ryle Trust and Scurrah Wainwright Charity, SGR began a new project to provide careers support and advice to students at university and school – 'Globally Responsible Careers in STEM'. The project builds on our successful ethical careers programme run during the 2000s, by producing updated and expanded web-based materials. We have determined key ethical issues related to STEM careers based around the Sustainable Development Goals, a self-assessment questionnaire, a number of career paths options for STEM Globally Responsible Careers, and ethical STEM career case studies.

We have worked with The Argument by Design, who have produced the branding, web pages for the project, booklets and downloadable materials for schools, students and careers professionals. The parts of this project for which we requested funding from Scurrah Wainwright Charity were the design of the career options and the booklets for the website and the downloadable pdfs. The STEM career options were identified and developed by the project worker and included in the website by The Argument by Design. This grant has made a difference in that we were able to commission The Argument by Design to design and produce sections of the website and design the pdf documents to support this. The website was launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> November (see [Announcing Globally Responsible Careers in STEM – new online resource | SGR: Responsible Science](#)) so we do not have figures yet for people accessing the website or for downloading resources. We have promoted the resources through social media, the education press, STEM Learning offers to educators, and through our networks. We will also be using the resources at careers fairs for universities and secondary schools. We would like to warmly thank the Scurrah Wainwright Charity for this funding for our work as we believe it can make a real difference to those seeking a globally responsible career in STEM.

## SHARAKAT PROJECT

*Amount: £5000 Date: July Purpose of grant: Four 'places of welcome' provided jointly by four churches in the Manningham area*

In 2020 we made plans for a Place of Welcome project across the four church centres in the parish where our project is based. At the time it was hard to know when our project would be able to start due to lockdown restrictions. We are very grateful to The Scurrah Wainwright Charity for a grant of £5000 towards this project, without which it would have been difficult to begin the project and secure further funding. In January 2021 we slowly began to establish the project across the parish beginning with community pantries and activities with restricted numbers, growing into drop-in café style spaces as restrictions have allowed.

**St Philip's Place of Welcome** In January 2021 we launched our first community pantry. The first week we opened we had a queue of 17 people at the door waiting to get in, by the end of February our numbers had gone up to over 50 people using the pantry. Families with children at local schools receiving free school meals were referred to our project and so the majority of people who came to shop at the pantry were buying food to support a whole family. The average family size that use the project is 5 people. They come from a mix of backgrounds, Pakistani heritage, Roma, Slovakian, British, refugees and asylum seekers. Our pantry offers low cost healthy



food to the whole community. We partner with Storehouse who deliver intercepted food to us each week that would otherwise go to landfill. We also receive donations and a number of smaller grants to support the project. Customers pay £5 and can choose 10 tinned/dry items along with fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, cheese and bread. We are linked with Credit Union and so if people choose £1 of each shop can be saved in their credit union account so their shop only costs £4. The pantry has been a lifeline to many in the community who are struggling financially. Coming to the pantry provides dignity as people can choose the food that their family will use and enjoy rather than being given food that their families won't eat. The pantry also helps families to be more financially independent rather than relying

on free handouts, the pantry provides an affordable opportunity to use their money wisely. It now also has a range of clothes available alongside food.

Also at the beginning of 2021 we began an on ESOL class on zoom. Around 7 ladies joined the class each week, many of whom had previously attended classes at St Phillips. The ladies enjoyed the class and we covered a range of topics including new words we had learnt during 2020 such as pandemic and isolation. The ladies were mostly of Pakistani heritage with some of the ladies having lived in Spain and Italy. Over summer we organised a number of coach trips for our project users including two coach trips to Whitby and a trip to Skipton and Kettlewell for afternoon tea. We took over 150 people to Whitby and 40 people to Kettlewell. The trips were enjoyed by everybody, for most it was their first day outside of Bradford for a long time. For some of the children it was their first trip to the seaside. It was lovely to see some of the families we had been working with enjoying themselves. We visited the church in Kettlewell who allowed us to use their garden for afternoon tea, we hope to visit them again in 2022.

In September we extended our opening hours and changed the focus of our activities to a drop-in instead of the pantry. The pantry continues to run alongside the drop-in but now people can stay and have a cup of tea before or after their shop. Women often bring younger children with them and we have toys available for them to play with. We also have a craft group that meets after the pantry and so women are welcome to stay and join in with the craft activities. As our Place of Welcome continues to become established we hope to include some gardening and 'men's shed' as activities for people to join in with. We are building good links with the local community with many new families coming in that we hadn't met before lockdown. The church has a history of working with the local Pakistani community but reaching the Roma and Slovakian families has been more of a challenge. It is encouraging to see people from the whole community using the project and they will be part of shaping the direction of activities as the project grows.

**St Martin's Place of Welcome** Similar to St Philip's, we have been running a holiday hunger project at this centre for over a year. In May half term we changed this to a community pantry model and have kept the pantry open each week since then. Around 5 families came to the first pantry and now there are 15 families regularly coming to shop. The pantry works in the same way as St Philip's with a choice of items and £1 being saved with Credit Union after each shop. In September we began to open more fully with a café style area available for



people to come and have a chat, a cup of tea and read the paper. Some people come just to the café area and others come to use the pantry and stay for a cup of tea.

We are growing teams of volunteers at each Place of Welcome, ideally from the local community. This is working best at St Martin's. A community library has been running at St Martin's for a number of years staffed by local volunteers and the church community. These volunteers are now keen to be involved with the Place of Welcome and have been involved with the community pantry. They can often be found making live videos on social media for their friends and neighbours to see what food has arrived at the pantry that day! The people that attend St Martin's are a mix of families of Pakistani heritage, Indian and white British. People from St Martin's Place of Welcome also came on our summer coach trips.

**St Paul's Place of Welcome** In spring 2021 we began seated aerobics, socially distanced in the church hall. We ran two sessions and limited numbers to 15 people in each group. Around 25 women attended each week, they were glad to have an activity to go to outside of their homes and enjoyed seeing their friends again. We also began a small creative group to support women struggling with their mental health, ten ladies attended this session, and it ran for 6 weeks. Women from these groups also came on our summer coach trips with their families.

In September we extended our opening hours and reduced our aerobics sessions back to one session a week. We were able to re-book the access bus to bring women to the group who otherwise wouldn't be able to get there. Similar to the other Place of Welcomes we offer a café style area for people to chat, read the paper and have a cup of tea. People can choose to join in with aerobics or some craft activities later in the afternoon. Around 20 women come to this group each week with a smaller number of men attending.

**St Barnabas Place of Welcome** In spring 2021 we began seated aerobics on zoom for a group of people who used to meet for aerobics at St Barnabas. The group stopped in June as the instructor was unable to continue, however people joined us on our summer coach trips. We hope to develop work at this centre in the coming months as we grow our teams of volunteers.



We are looking forward to our Places of Welcome growing and becoming fully established over the next year. We are seeing good relationships forming between our volunteers and the people that attend. As we get to know people we can better shape the project to meet the needs of the community. For many that come to our project it is a lifeline, whether that's to receive food or just a friendly face to talk to. One lady reported that her children look forward to Tuesday to see what food she has come home with, they used to receive free food parcels but they didn't like any of the food. A man came to talk to us at the end of pantry and thanked us for our work, he said for two weeks he had lived off the food from the pantry but now his money had come through he wouldn't need to come anymore. One lady said she looks forward to coming to our project all week as it's the only time she has friendly people to talk to who she can trust. Alongside food and activities at our projects we are able to offer signposting and support, many people need housing support, benefits advice or just help with day to day phone calls. This work is growing as

people begin to trust us with their stories and so over the next year we would like to employ an advice worker to be at each of our Place of Welcome days. Many thanks again for your support which has been vital to the start of this project.

## SHAREWEAR

*Amount: £4,000 Date: November Purpose of grant: Opening up a referral centre in Sheffield, sourcing and distributing second hand clothing etc to people that need it*

We are delighted to say that despite the current circumstances, we have kept very much on track with our proposal, opening our Sheffield branch on time with unexpected speed as we were fortunate to be able to secure premises rent free until Feb 2021 and were also successful in our application to the People's Postcode Lottery,

which along with the funding from The Scurrah Wainwright Charity and additional funds raised through our Aviva crowdfunder, enabled us to achieve this in such a short timescale.

The money awarded by the Scurrah Wainwright Charity towards paying rent on our premises will in fact cover the Service Charge (£2,700.07 p a) and our share of the Buildings Insurance, (£797.69 + VAT), most of which will be covered by the £3000 applied for. We hope that your Trustees will find this an agreeable use of the funds, as although we are fortunate to not be paying rent this year, these significant costs are indeed necessary for us to cover, in order for us to have secured a lease on this premises.

We are currently in the process of linking up with several partner organisations within South Yorkshire and beyond and will soon be making our regular deliveries to Sheffield based organisations with whom we have existing partnerships, from our new base. So far we have made several trips from Nottingham to Sheffield with clothing in our van, to stock our new base so the £1000 allocated towards fuel will also greatly assist our distribution work. Indeed, on our first day of opening this week, we have already helped the first of what we know will be many thousands of clients referred to us in Sheffield alone.

Despite the current restrictions, we have supported a total of 2140 people with clothing during January and February alone, both onsite with contactless collections and also through bulk out-reach to partner organisations including Ben's Centre in Sheffield and Brigg Food Bank in North Lincs. We have also supported several projects in Hull, Re-Uniform, Hull Community Church and Hull Help for Refugees. In Sheffield and Rotherham we have also begun to support several local partner organisations including The Cathedral Archer Project, Snowdrop Project and Rotherham Rise with our high quality donated clothing.

We carried on getting busier and busier throughout 2021 and in the period from November 2020, Sharewear Clothing Scheme has provided free clothing and bedding to over 24,000 recipients, which has been a massive achievement for us. The funding granted by Scurrah Wainwright enabled us to pay our rental costs in Sheffield throughout much of the year and also helped keep our vans running, taking deliveries of clothing to our distribution partner organisations through South Yorkshire and beyond.

As the biggest organisation of our kind nationally, we understand the positive impact that our clothing support has on the lives of our recipients, from allowing children to attend school in suitable uniform and footwear, providing clothing for newborn babies, smart clothing for people to attend job interviews to appropriate day wear for patients in hospital. Our work is far reaching and has the potential to make huge changes to the lives of those living in clothing poverty. We would not have been able to carry out our vital work without the generous support of the Scurrah Wainwright Charity. We have been able to put fuel in our van and pay the service charges on our leased premises with the money awarded and the remaining funds (approx £1300) will allow us to continue to fund this part of our core costs until June.

## ST ANTHONY'S, CLAVER HALL

*Amount: £4,000 Date: March Purpose of grant: therapeutic gardening project*

We had 21 residents involved and 2 volunteers. The gardening project was vital during lockdown as often it was the only place where our residents could go and have an activity. We had problems having just one large barbeque because although the gardens are very large and social distancing was easily met during the June easing of lockdown, some people were still cautious, so we had 2. You will notice that we only overspent slightly, this was due to people bringing food items themselves and we got a large donation of fresh fruit from the local Tesco.



We also got a letter from the Highways department, strangely on the day we started the garden project, saying that our hedges were hanging over the bridleway to the side of our grounds. Because of this grant we were able to buy sturdy hedge trimmers and get the job done. We were a bit late planting a lot of the vegetables, but we had a lot of radishes and a few beans come up. The point is, it is all ready and set to create a good harvest for this year. Because of this grant we have managed to get the gardens into a great shape, and apart from all the mess that is created every year from the cherry blossom trees, it will be easy to manage and continue with this very important therapeutic activity for our residents.

The benefits from this scheme were incredible, it gave the guy's purpose and meaning when almost all their other activities had been closed to them. They particularly missed the gym so valued the exercise and prior to this they spent too much time in their rooms playing on X-box and ordering take-aways. Confidence returned and camaraderie was enjoyed. In addition, they learned some amazing life skills and were particularly interested in growing veg and learning about having a vegetable patch.

We had many visitors to see the gardens as they told their relatives about it and they came to view.

The residents shown in the photos have given their permission to send you their photos, though for some, (primarily due to mental health issues), many who had their photos taken declined permission. Along with the improvements to the gardens, the exercise and the barbeque, we also planted 6 strawberry bags, (left over from a previous grant from you for cooking/nutrition project) so we had a lot of strawberries too. We are adjacent to St John's Roman Catholic Church, so we also made them a couple of hanging baskets. Although many opportunities for our clients were affected due to Covid, we do have a particularly good success story, that is Mark who began working in a bicycle repair and upcycling charity gained paid employment there and just 3 weeks ago moved out to go and live with his girlfriend in Newcastle. We wish him all the best on his journey. We are very grateful for the help we have had from Scurrah Wainwright and a big thank you from residents, staff and volunteers. Lockdown would have been much more dismal without your grant and the effects on the mental health of the residents would have been more severely affected.

Description	Anticipated Cost	Actual Cost
Tools, Lawnmower, wheelbarrow, spades, Garden shed, barbeque etc	£1,500	£1,477.98
Materials, plants, seeds, timber, compost bin etc	£500	732.55
Gardener for overhaul /large skip	£1000	899.00
Garden furniture	£300	350.67
Gardening tutor x 12 sessions including trips to garden centres	£1440	£1,445
Celebration costs food, barbeque fuel etc	£260	186.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5000</b>	<b>£5,082.97</b>

## ST CHRISTOPHER'S FAMILY CENTRE, BRADFORD

*Amount: £4930 Date: November Purpose of grant: a young carers' support project on the Holme Wood estate*

According to the most recent definition, a young carer can be a person that lives in a household with a family member that is either disabled, has learning difficulties, is chronically ill, has mental health issues or has an addiction. The last two years brought our carers many challenges due to the pandemic.

The Family Centre had to adjust its activities with families and young people due to the lockdown that lasted from January 2021 until March 2021. We were able to run support groups for the most vulnerable children face to face, which included our children and young people identified as young carers. The session took place once a week and was an invite only group. The children and young people did different activities, cooked together, played games, and enjoyed spending time with each other. The children are created a booklet about themselves and learned, what to do in an emergency and whom to contact. The sessions are also about sharing the burden and learning, which responsibilities can be passed on to an adult. Many children are reluctant to leave the home after school because they don't want to leave the person that needs care on their own.

We had to postpone our plans of going into local schools and host awareness assemblies about young carers and run provisions there. Those did take place from September 2021, and we are currently in 5 local primary and secondary schools to support children and young people that have been identified as young carers by their teachers. The grant from the Scurrah Wainwright Charity helped to pay the salary of the youth workers and purchasing resources for the groups and contributed towards paying rent for the Centre.

St. Christopher's Family Centre is situated in one of the most deprived areas of the UK but despite that, there is no young carers provision in the whole of the BD4 area. Your grant helped us, to create a safe space where young people could get together, have fun, find support and realise that they are not on their own. Our future plans are to become an advocate for young carers and to raise further awareness. Up to this date, we are working with 48 young carers and are hoping that we will still grow. With all restrictions now lifted, there are plans that young carers will go on trips and maybe on a residential if we can raise enough funds to do so.

Here is a bit of feedback from some parents and young people:

*"Thank you so much for letting D come to your support sessions. He has struggled with isolation and feels so anxious. When he found out that he can come to your sessions, I have seen him smile for the first time in a long time."* (Mother of a teenager)

*"I love coming to youth club (carers group), it's great fun and I make friends"* (young person)

*"I want to become a youth worker because of what you are doing."* (Young person)

During 2020/1, we have supported a total of 199 people – 19 adults who came to our parent and toddler sessions – a low number is due to Covid restrictions but we are getting new enquiries to join our session every week and will hopefully doubled this figure by next year; 25 children aged under five, 96 primary schoolchildren and 59 secondary schoolchildren.

## SAFE WELCOME AFTER PRISON

*Amount: £5,000 Date: March Purpose of grant: DIY Life Skills programme for offenders resettled in Halifax*

Thanks to the grant awarded by Scurrah Wainwright in March 2020, we were able to put together a DIY training programme. Due to the impact of Coronavirus, we were unable to implement our project exactly as planned, we were however able to adapt the project to allow us to implement it in a Covid-safe manner.

We employed a DIY trainer to work with several of our Service Users on multiple small DIY projects in our Service Users' residences, as well as one larger renovation project in the laundry room of the Support Unit, where our more vulnerable service users are housed.

The grant made a significant difference to both the living conditions of our service users and their overall wellbeing. In addition, there are two service users involved in the project who have since decided to pursue education for careers related to the training they received – one in plastering and one in decorating. Combined with the relief of isolation brought by the pandemic, we considered this project a huge success thanks to the grant we received.

The total number of service users who were involved in the project is 16 – which is significantly lower than what was originally intended due to social distancing and risk mitigating procedures.

Those directly involved with the project benefitted from learning a wide range of property maintenance DIY and decorating skills as well as improving mental health, self esteem, teamworking skills and reducing feelings of isolation brought by the lockdown measures imposed over the last 12 months. However, as the work for the

DIY project took place in the residences of our service users, the beneficiaries of the funding extend far beyond those directly involved in the project. Renovating the laundry room at the Support Unit has so far directly affected more than 40 service users and this number will continue to increase as more service users move through our recovery programme.

In addition to this, several of the self-contained stage 2 flats where our service users reside have received property maintenance and decorating including painting, repairing walls, repairing plumbing fixtures, replacing doors, hanging curtains and blinds, flooring, cabinet fitting and some simple electrical repairs. This work has taken place in 9 flats in which 14 service users have resided to date. Again, this number will increase as more service users progress through our programme. Whilst the 16 individuals directly involved in the project benefitted the most, a large number of our service users have benefitted from the improvements to the properties where they reside. Everyone at SWAP is hugely grateful to Scurrah Wainwright for making this project possible and enabling us to work towards improving the lives of our service users and helping them through this difficult time.

## SY ARTS

*Amount: £900 Date: Purpose of grant: art therapy projects for 15 refugee/asylum seeker women*

We were delighted to receive funding for Women of the World project from yourselves and the J G Graves Charitable Trust. Our hosts at The City of Sanctuary worked with us to recruit participants and our first session was held at the start of the Covid 19 Pandemic but unfortunately it was not possible until Autumn 2021 for us to begin to recruit participants again. Then our taster sessions before Christmas 2021 were well attended and we were able to gather participants for the project which finally began in January 2022.

We planned to meet at the City of Sanctuary for 6 sessions and we were successful in engaging women, who had emerging English skills, in a variety of activities. They were refugees or asylum seekers from Pakistan, Iraq, Somalia, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Syria and Eritrea. We also had several women who had experienced being trafficked to the UK, referred to SYArts by The Snowdrop project. In total we reached over 20 women throughout the duration of the project.

We were unable to hold our final Celebration and Exhibition in 35 Chapel Walk as planned, as it closed as a gallery during the pandemic in early 2020. However, the City of Sanctuary were delighted to host this for us and we were able to use a space on the ground floor which is accessible to all visitors. The participants were involved in the presentation of their work and placing it in the space provided. The exhibition looked wonderful.

The aims of the project were to prevent social isolation, provide the opportunity for people to make new friends outside of their culture, improve people's confidence in a social setting, introduce people to new experiences, learn new skills and support people in regulating/expressing their emotions. We planned the craft, art and exhibition to cover cross culturalism via artistic activities, communication and connecting to others – (the activities framed the ability for us to do this in a non-invasive way) and a safe place for the ladies to explore feelings/memories. Here's the timetable:



**Taster week 1:** Mandala exercises- Introduced ladies to different cultural takes on how to create mandalas. Encouraged ladies to think about colours and shapes that feel personal to them. Discussed repetition and



meditation (practised as a containment exercise that delivers a clear beginning middle and end to help with trust/containment).

**Taster Week 2:** Interactive Hand exercises – Provided a dynamic and fun activity that reinforced creativity and play. The hands hold up the world made out of a collage to symbolise women coming together to be part of this project.

**Project Week 1:** Object Relations – Ladies picked objects that remind them of something personal to them. As a group we spent time exploring the objects talking about the colours/textures and begin to sketch/paint or sculpt in response to the object in reflective art making. Towards the end of the session each person talks about why they picked their object what it made them think about/feel. Usually during this exercise group themes can be established and this helps to establish trust and understanding in a group environment.

**Project Weeks 2 & 3:** Mask Making/ Based on the Japanese theory of three faces - The Japanese believe we all live with three faces. The first face, you show to the world, this is how you choose to present yourself.

The second face, you show to your close friends, and your family- (this can also be the face your family expect you to be). The third face, you never show anyone, it is the most vulnerable side of who you are and represents your truest self. Each person chooses a mask according to the three-face theory and expresses who they really are. This activity was dynamic, captivating and the ladies seemed excited and engaged by it. There is a lot of scope to develop this area of the project- head dresses, portraits, larger scale masks that all focus on identity and say 'I am here' 'I exist' which is something the ladies really connected to.

**Project Weeks 4 & 5: Doll making** – 'My Future Self' - The ladies each choose a hand made doll ethically appropriate to how they see themselves. The idea is that with each stitch and choice they make about their doll, how it might look, dress, feel etc. They are also making that choice for themselves. By nurturing something and caring about what the doll looks like, they are subconsciously and or consciously beginning to imagine a future for themselves. This activity was maternal, evoked strong emotion and felt very powerful. The ladies began to live through the dolls speaking to each other using the dolls as puppets and referring to each other as 'my sisters'.

**Project Week 6:** Bringing it all together – The final week reinforces that it is the end of the project. We provided the ladies with a chance to finish off incomplete work. Ending in this way allows the ladies to feel a sense of control over things coming to an end rather than them interpreting it as another loss. We noticed a feeling of escapism, playfulness and joy among participants, conversation shared about loss and other problems, and connections between the women became closer as the weeks went by. For the future, we are considering how expectations were met or not, women's involvement and why it is important and creating documentation so that others can see the evidence of its effect.

## TICKETS FOR GOOD FOUNDATION

*Amount: £3000 Date: March Purpose of grant: increased access to arts/culture for socially isolated people*

At Tickets for Good we know that attending arts events is beneficial to mental health and emotional wellbeing. That's why we give away free event tickets to people who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford to attend, or who have other barriers which make getting out and about difficult. For the past few years we've been working with charities to get free tickets to their beneficiaries, more recently via our spare ticket online marketplace. We undertook research with Dr Miriam Silver and her team at LifePsychol into how beneficial attending an event can be for mental wellbeing. Based on our pilot sample of ticket recipients (who had significant mental health and emotional wellbeing needs), our data suggests that receiving a ticket and attending an event has a positive impact on mood and wellbeing

By enabling people to access events we can help people to improve their mental wellbeing, reduce their isolation and loneliness, support social integration by helping people to meet new friends and develop networks,

and encourage social mobility by helping people access a world of arts and culture that they may have previously felt excluded from. It has already been widely established that social exclusion can damage mental health and social well-being. Exposure to the arts and social events can make a positive contribution to a person's mental health as they develop autonomy and personal growth, improve confidence and self-esteem, and foster new friendships and social inclusion. Research has found that for participants with mental health problems the main factors that impact their involvement in community events were barriers such as their financial situation, access to transport and having a network of support.[\[2\]](#)

Our event attendees have indicated that they feel more connected to their communities. Emma from Rotherham Ethnic Minority Alliance (REMA) had this to say after visiting Sheffield Theatres with some of her service users. We know that our approach works; we're gathering data and testimonials from people who have not had the chance to attend events before and who've found the experience life-changing. The benefits don't stop there; by giving people access to events, we're also supporting venues to meet their capacity (which will be especially important now they're starting to reopen), and we're helping them to improve their audience diversity and fulfil their corporate social responsibility objectives. We're also helping our charity and public sector partners to increase their own capacity by taking a preventative approach to mental wellbeing. We collect valuable data that helps them to demonstrate to their funders that they're being proactive about improving wellbeing and resilience within the communities they serve. By taking a preventative approach, we hope to reduce the pressure on the health service by supporting people to improve their health and wellbeing, and to build their resilience.

**COVID-19's impact:** Covid-19 has created barriers for everyone but these are compounded for people who already face disadvantage and social exclusion. The new challenges it presents, mixed with self-isolation, trauma, and a persistent threat to our physical health really shows us just how vital it is to feel part of a community. Although we have seen all our live events cancelled during lockdown, we haven't let this stop us trying to break down these barriers. We've created a digital event platform to ensure that we can still provide access to events for our ticket recipients, to try and keep them busy and well during this difficult time. We've also been working on a project to give our NHS and social care staff access to free tickets to say thank you for all their hard work and sacrifice during this period.

**The next phase:** Now we've seen the impact that events can have on people's mental health, loneliness, social integration and social mobility, we've decided to expand our reach and venture into the world of social prescribing and social care. We've been working with the DigitalHealth.London Launchpad, and our mentor Yasmin has been helping us prepare our business to be ready to promote event attendance as a social prescription for people who are seeking help from their GP for mental ill-health, social isolation and/or loneliness. We have started to work with GPs and link workers who can prescribe their patients a ticket to an event using a social prescribing approach. We believe that experiencing arts and culture through attending events can form part of a holistic approach to health and wellbeing, and we are really excited to be piloting this with a select group of GPs across the country. We are looking forward to the next phase of our research pilot, where we'll be developing our methodology and evidence base, so we can even more clearly demonstrate the link between going to an event and feeling great. We're actively looking for partners of all shapes and sizes, who can help us. If you're a GP, a link worker, a social care provider, impact investor, or if you can help in any other way, please do get in touch. We'd love you to be part of this journey. We have been working on creating a sustainable business model through consultancy service, creating a Foundation-specific website and evaluating our work in more detail with relation to its social impacts.

## UK DEMOCRACY FUND

*Amount: £10,000 Date: November Purpose of grant: contribution (matched by the Andrew Wainwright Reform Trust) to a general fund to bolster and enhance democracy in the UK under the leadership of the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust.*

As of December 2020, the Fund has committed £570,999 - 109% of the total income for 2020. This includes £100,000 set aside for work to progress the democratic evidence centre in 2021. Grants account for 64% of

overall spend, with research projects and convening an additional 28%. The Fund has raised income of £510,000 for 2021. The following grants were awarded since the last report:

I have a voice	£26,445	Online workshops in 60 FE colleges and 30 youth clubs to support 16-18 year olds to engage in local elections, with social media campaign (target 9,000 register to vote; 650 turnout).	Local elections in England in May 2021
The Politics Project	£93,240 over 2 years	Development of platform for election learning resources, alongside teacher training and schools support network of democratic education organisations.	Trial at May 2021 elections; focus GE 2024
the3million	£25,000	Voting rights and mobilisation campaign for EU voters (target register to vote 3,000 in local areas, 10,500 through social media)	Elections in May 2021. 3 target areas: Corby, Northampton, Peterborough
<b>Total</b>	<b>£144,685</b>		

### Progress against objectives

#### Objective 1: Ensuring everyone can vote

(<1% of expenditure on grants and projects in 2020; total spend: £1,050)

Parliamentarians and campaigners are keeping attention on the need to modernise the registration system. The Joint Committee on Human Rights in their [Black people, racism and human rights report](#) highlighted low levels of democratic participation among Black people and other ethnic minorities as a threat to Black people's rights, and recommended government consult on the introduction of automatic voter registration. The [Parliamentary Constituencies Bill](#) – which details changes to boundary reviews – saw attempts to introduce provisions for automatic registration. Members of the House of Lords led by David Shutt succeeded in passing an amendment requiring that the government lay before Parliament 'proposals for improving the completeness of electoral registers for purposes of boundary reviews'. This set out examples of automatic registration or prompts to register when young people are issued National Insurance numbers. After a period of ping pong when the Commons rejected all non-governmental Lords amendments and attempts by the Lords to reinsert amendments, the Bill passed without those provisions. Toby James, who led the AVR research we commissioned, worked with ERS to ensure MPs were aware of relevant amendments to the bill and their importance for participation. The Fund has connected ERS to a number of youth organisations and voter participation group to support the campaign.

#### Objective 2: Restoring and extending the franchise

(39% of expenditure on grants and projects in 2020; total spend: £203,797)

*Introduction of Votes at 16 in Wales:* In Wales, applicants have hit the ground running, with staff hired and projects already underway. Welsh grantees have met three times already, and will meet monthly until the election to coordinate efforts, particularly on outreach to schools and organising hustings. The research collaboration we supported is working closely with grantees, which strengthens the Fund's evaluation. This research will reveal additional data on the efficacy of different interventions as well as lessons for the introduction of votes at 16 in other parts of the UK. Through the Fund and convening by ERS Wales, grantees have built strong connections with Welsh Government, particularly for work in schools, as well as the Senedd and the Electoral Commission.

#### Objective 3: Increasing participation of everyone in elections

(61% of expenditure on grants and projects in 2020; total spend: £317,276)

*Elections in May 2021.* The UK Democracy Fund now has 15 grants and projects active at the 2021 elections, targeting Welsh Senedd, Scottish Parliament, Mayoral (especially in London and Greater Manchester) and local elections. Connections across the UK continue to be built between different voter participation groups.

In Scotland, the Scottish Refugee Council have secured an agreement to co-produce the Electoral Commission's information resources for newly enfranchised foreign nationals, and are working closely with all local authorities on targeting different communities across the country. Lara Spirit, who led Vote For Your Future, and Chris Cookson, whose digital agency provided the campaign with pro bono support, led a training for Fund

and JRRT grantees on digital ad campaigns. Follow up sessions have been agreed with Fund grantees to strengthen their individual digital campaigns for 2021. A series of seminars with US organisers and campaigners is being planned for the New Year for Fund grantees and others. These will aim to draw out reflections on the effective tools and methodologies used to increase registration and turnout at the election, as well as lessons for campaigning in the context of the pandemic.

*Gathering and sharing evidence of what works.* Preliminary discussions have been held with the Fund's academic partners, the Electoral Commission and relevant academic networks (including the Political Studies Association) on a conference on 'What Worked?' to increase democratic participation at the 2021 elections. The Fund has also provisionally agreed to work with the British Academy on an event or series of events in 2021 drawing out understandings of political inequality. This is a good opportunity to strengthen and promote the Fund's analysis of under-representation and grow support for an evidence centre. The British Academy have also offered their support and expertise for the Fund's planned collaboration with the Electoral Commission, which aims to establish the evidence base on democratic participation.

**Strategy and Planning** The Project Board is in the process of discussing the details of a new strategy for 2021-24, based around the framework proposed by the Advisory Group. This will form the basis of strategic plans and fundraising documents, to be finalised in the New Year. These will be shared with the Advisory Group for discussion and input.

**Funding** Several current Fund donors have decided to continue support: the Tinsley Charitable Trust has made a further donation, and the Andrew Wainwright Reform Trust and the Scurrah Wainwright Charity have agreed to continue their support. We are very grateful to all those who continue to support the Fund into its next phase, and know it gives us a strong platform from which to grow the work. The priority for 2021 is to secure funding from new donors, including picking up conversations disrupted by the pandemic. A series of private briefings is being planned with potential donors, themed on aspects of political inequality. New research is being commissioned by the Fund to better understand the participation of young people and black, Asian and ethnic minority voters, and will form the primary inputs for these meetings.

**Staffing** At the end of March 2021 the current Head of Fund, Jessica Kennedy, will step down to have her second child. Recruitment is currently underway for a new Head of Fund and we aim to have the new post-holder in place in the New Year to enable a handover period. Recognising the ambitious plans for the Fund over the next year, the role has been advertised at higher capacity (from 150 days a year).

## VOICE OF THE LISTENER AND VIEWER

*Amount: £5000 Date: September Purpose of grant: campaigning on equality of access to public service broadcasting*

VLV was most grateful for the grant of £5,000 from the Scurrah Wainwright Charity which VLV received in December 2020. VLV applied for this funding as a contribution to its work campaigning for equality of access to public service broadcasting.

**How the grant was spent - Policy submissions:** Between December 2020 and May 2021 VLV has been working on its response to a number of consultations which relate to the government's Review of Public Service Broadcasting, due to report later in 2021. The funding received from SWC contributed towards VLV's policy work during this period. This included a number of policy submissions to Ofcom, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and the BBC which highlighted the importance of greater transparency and accountability in the process of regulating and funding public service broadcasting; the importance of ensuring that citizens had adequate opportunity and guidance to respond to public consultations; the importance of the universality of access to free to air high quality broadcasting which includes trustworthy news and information, as well as educational material and entertainment. These submissions, which are all available on the [VLV website](#), included the following: BBC consultation on returning BBC Three as a broadcast channel, Ofcom's PSB Review, an Ofcom review of the Terms of Trade for the independent production sector, a DCMS

consultation on the renewal of the DTT licences and Ofcom's spectrum strategy until 2030, both of which ensure that free to air television remains available to everyone.

**Holding broadcasters to account:** VLV has had a number of meetings with the BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and Ofcom during the past four months. We have a number of concerns about the BBC Annual Plan 2021-22 which we have sent into the BBC and we await a response from the BBC to them. Alex Mahon, CEO of Channel 4, spoke at the VLV Spring Conference and members of the audience had the opportunity to ask questions of her directly, challenging her on a number of issues, including whether Channel 4 commissioning processes were accessible enough and whether Channel 4 delivered content for a range of audiences. ITV has responded to VLV's PSB Review submission, challenging us on a number of issues because ITV wishes to have its PSB responsibilities reduced, and we are in discussions with them currently.

**Spring Bulletin:** VLV published its spring bulletin which featured a range of articles by experts in broadcasting. It is available to download from the [VLV website](#) and is sent out free of charge to those signed up to VLV's mailing list as well as policymakers and key parliamentarians.

**Events:** VLV ran its Spring Conference on 29 April 2021. This was well attended by policymakers, members of the public and by a number of key parliamentarians. We had 145 attendees in total, approximately 50% more than our usual face to face conferences would attract. There was a range of press coverage for the event. The speakers were Alex Mahon, Chief Executive of Channel 4, interviewed by Lord Michael Grade, former Chair of Channel 4 and member of the government's current PSB Advisory Panel; Lord Terry Burns, who recently stood down as Chairman of Ofcom, the session was chaired by Dame Colette Bowe, former Chair of Ofcom; and a panel of experts who discussed whether UK impartiality regulation is still fit for purpose chaired by Mark Damazer, former Controller of Radio 4.

Issues which were highlighted during the event were whether Channel 4 remains financially sustainable as the government threatens to privatise it, the importance of universality if public service broadcasting is to fulfil its purposes as set out in law, the independence of Ofcom from government and how crucial it is for public trust to be maintained at a time when disinformation, especially online, is challenging democratic processes as well as the ability of governments to effectively manage the response to the Covid pandemic. We were forced to hold both events online because of the Covid pandemic. In our original application we said we planned to hold an event to highlight funding negotiations between the BBC and government. In light of the sensitivity of the negotiations and in a wish to avoid prejudicing them, in its place we decided instead to arrange an event where members of the public could directly ask questions of John Whittingdale MP, Minister of State DCMS, who is leading the government's work in this area. We are due to hold an event with Mr Whittingdale online.

**How the grant made a difference** As a result of the Covid pandemic VLV has been unable to hold face to face conferences which are key opportunities for VLV to raise funding which supports its core activities. While we ask for voluntary donations when booking to attend online events, the income generated by online events is less than that which we traditionally raise by face to face events. The funding by SWC contributed to VLV's core funds for 2020-21 and enabled it to continue its full range of work to promote citizen interests in broadcasting during a key period when the government is considering whether new policies should be developed to support public service broadcasting in the UK. Without the assistance from SWC VLV would have had to reduce its work and its impact would have been reduced.

**Who benefited?** VLV works to ensure that the needs of all UK citizens are being met by scrutinising the performance of the public service broadcasters and representing citizen interests in the policy debate. In this way, VLV hopes that all British citizens benefit from its work. We also announced the VLV awards online on 10 May to celebrate high quality public service broadcasting content. These awards are nominated and voted on by VLV members. We focused the launch on Twitter which is the most popular platform among policymakers and broadcasters. As a result of the Tweets posted – one celebrating each award – we had 566,000 tweet impressions and 2,301 profile visits.

WAKEFIELD ELIM



*Amount: £3730 Date: March Purpose of grant: coffee morning/Junk Food Café serving three under-resourced estates*

Due to the Covid pandemic, we were unable to use the grant for our café as we were not allowed to open. At the start of the pandemic, we partnered with “The Real Junk Food” (TRJF) and “Bear Kitchen” to provide isolation packs for those in our area who were forced to isolate due to the Covid Virus. Our volunteers were able to use part of the grant to purchase essentials such as toilet rolls, cleaning products, personal washing items etc and then pack them up ready to be delivered to The Real Junk Food where food parcels were added to our isolation packs. These were then distributed and delivered to those in need through Bear Kitchen.

We continued partnering with TRJF and Bear Kitchen for a couple of months providing 50 isolation packs each delivery. These included packs for individuals, couples and family packs. TRJF Project then had an influx of volunteers due to people being on furlough etc so we redirected what we were doing to enable us to help those in our area who were struggling to make ends meet because of loss of jobs or working less hours etc due to the Pandemic. At the same time (2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2020) in Wakefield, one of our biggest employers of people in our area: “Speedy Bake,” set on fire and due to the damage, the whole factory had to be demolished with a huge loss of jobs. This had a huge impact on our local families as there were not many job vacancies being advertised due to Covid. We worked alongside our local school: Flanshaw Junior and Infants School who referred families to us who were in need. Initially we were able to use the grant to provide food and other essentials to 25 families on a weekly basis. Word soon spread and we were being asked to help out many people who were either in isolation or who did not have enough money to buy food. By the summer of 2020, we were providing 68 food parcels every two weeks to individuals and families (this included people of all ages, race and backgrounds.) In addition to this, we provided one off parcels as the need required.

Your grant meant more than just providing money for food, it brought a smile and sometimes a tear to so many faces as our volunteers stood and chatted to people on their doorsteps. In some circumstances people were at breaking point and we were the only people they had spoken to face to face for some time. Late one evening I received a text from one of our single dads who has three children. They were desperate for some credit to be put on their gas and electricity meters. He had not been able to cook tea for the children and had been unsuccessfully trying to get help all evening. I was able to go to a local garage and pay for some credit and also get the children some snacks to put a smile on their faces. When I arrived back at their house the dad and his children were waiting outside for me. As I got out of my car, the children ran and flung their arms around me saying they didn’t think I would come out and help at that time of night. We all shed tears as even the 13-year-old boy joined in the hug, (no social distancing that night!)

The school lent us their minibus whenever needed so we could use it to buy food and then deliver it to those in need. Whenever the children saw the bus pull up outside their house, there was often squeals of laughter and excitement wondering what they were going to get to eat and what little treats they would find inside the bags. It also gave us the chance to spot when things weren’t right eg we were asked to deliver to a single man in an upstairs flat. When we approached, his front door only had a small piece of wood over the door window which had been smashed. He had mental health problems and had barricaded his stairs with objects so that people could not get into his home. We were able to report this to the council who immediately put things into action and had the door repaired and the man received help.

Because of the food parcels, we were able to reach out to several families who had moved into the area and needed furniture because they had had to flee their previous property due to domestic issues. We were also able to help several expectant mums with baby items which they couldn’t afford to buy. Wakefield Council came on board with us towards the end of 2020 and also gave us grants for food which meant that we could continue to help those in need. They in-turn also started to refer people to us who needed help.

In February this year, we partnered with Wakefield Street Kitchen who because of an influx of food from local supermarkets offered to take over our food deliveries and deliver meals that they cook on site to those in need in our area. This has enabled us to redirect our project back to focussing again by helping our community in other areas. We have been able to reopen our café and other services as restrictions were lifted. Our café is now called Connect Café – because now more than ever, people need to connect once again with each other. We have also refocussed our Tots Group to reach out to new mums with babies born during lockdown as they have missed out socially and emotionally on all levels. Each family has their own socially distanced mat with a box of toys for each child. We are also now in the middle of running “Family Fun Days” on a Sunday. We meet in a local park

for a picnic and family games. When the weather had been bad, we have met inside and had games and crafts etc.

So, the question is how many people have we been able to help because of your very generous grant? I honestly have no idea but what I can say is that every penny has been spent and used to impact somebody's life for the better! It has put food in tummies, warmed hearts and put smiles on faces. We have been able to reach out to a broken community and help to bring a bit of relief in desperate times. You have been as much part of this project as we have who have been on the ground. We have been thanked many times over the past 18 months and so we in turn we pass those thanks onto you. Thank You!

## WE RUN YORK

*Amount: £1940 Date: March Purpose of grant: training four people to lead a running group for people with misuse problems, homelessness and just out of prison*

The grant enabled us to train four people to be qualified in leading group running events, first aid and health and safety. This then enabled us to launch the group in June 2020 as the lockdown restrictions were lifted. The planned group activities changed over the course of the year as restrictions changed. Originally we had planned to offer a group running event for a large number of people, followed by an opportunity for social interaction at the end. Due to the pandemic, we have had to constantly adapt to the changing environment. We were able to start group running events over the summer when group exercise was allowed by the government. During this time we engaged with 28 people. These people benefitted in terms of the physical and mental health.

Due to the pandemic, we found it hard to engage with agencies that had previously expressed interest in working alongside us, as they stopped undertaking face-to-face appointments or had policies that restricted their service users and staff from taking part in activities. When lockdown restrictions changed, we adapted the group and began one-to-one runs, which is where it became especially useful to have four trained run leaders. This meant we could still reach 12 people per week throughout lockdown 2 and 3. During this time, each of the volunteer run leaders were completing 3 runs each per week.

This grant made a vital difference to us. Without the grant we would not have been able to undertake any activities, as this training was essential to allow us to work. The group has not launched as we hoped due to the changing government restrictions over the last year. We are continuing one-to-one runs for the time being, and hoping to launch group activities again in the coming months as lockdown restrictions are lifted again. As I mentioned above, we are extremely grateful for the grant as this enabled us to launch the group. We are all looking forward to the next year as things return to normal, to relaunch our running group in the way originally planned.

## WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

*Amount: £4600 Date: November Purpose of grant: soap-making workshops to give young women a way of making an income and avoiding child marriage*

On 29 October 2020, the Women Advocacy Project (WAP) received financial support in the amount of US\$ 5,740.00 from the Scurrah Wainwright Charity/Andrew Wainwright Reform Trust(UK). The sum was the conversion of the approved grant in the amount of £ 4,600.00 (four thousand, six hundred Great Britain Sterling Pound) to United States Dollars, sent to WAP through World Remit Money Transfer by Mel Chits Care &



Training Limited (WAP's sister organisation, based in the UK). The purpose of this funding was to support the implementation of Clean Girl project aimed at strengthening poor young women and girls single mothers in Epworth and Chitungwiza by empowering them to make and sell household cleaning products (soap) and generate income. The target was to directly support a number of 40 girls' victim of child marriage and those exposed to the risk of getting into one, and are also accompanied by their mothers and guardians who are helping to manage the project.

In mid November 2020, WAP launched a soap training program for 40 impoverished girls in the communities of Epworth and Chitungwiza – picture above. We also invited Girls' mothers and guardians to participate in the training programme. However, in order to contain covid-19 virus from spreading, we decided to divide our participants into small groups of 20 each. In total WAP trained a number of 78 people altogether. See a picture below.

**Child Marriage and Poverty in Zimbabwe.** Although underage marriage is illegal in Zimbabwe and local organisations have been fighting against it as an economic transaction, the long term financial meltdown continue to worsened the situation. About one in every three girls in Zimbabwe is married before the age of 18, which is the legal age of consent according to the government of Zimbabwe. In many communities, economic opportunities are severely limited, especially for girls and women. Families therefore see little value in educating their daughters and instead marry them off to fulfil the role of a wife and mother

Zimbabwe has for many years been facing an acute shortage of cash and, as basic commodities disappear from the shelves, families' disposable income has been exhausted. Child marriage, outlawed by the Zimbabwean constitutional court in 2016, has spiralled in most part of Zimbabwe both in urban and rural areas. In some of the communities, girls as young as 16 are deemed too old, so they need to get married. Poverty plays a role in these child marriages and with disposable incomes depleted from galloping inflation, poor families are more likely to exchange their daughter for very little.

The implementation of the Clean Girl liquid soap making project by Women Advocacy Project in Epworth and Chitungwiza is being described as a positive move towards the economic empowerment and lifesaving for vulnerable and marginalized girls and women in Epworth and Chitungwiza. They have begun to gain hope to life and self-assurance through engaging into manufacturing and selling dishwashing liquid soap, an income generating project that will help them sustain their households, enrol back to school and reduce the prevalence of forced, early child marriage.

During a regular monitoring exercise in Chitungwiza, a 15 year old young single mother who is a member of the "Give us books, Not Husband" girls club which was initiated by WAP and a beneficiary of the Clean Girl project told WAP that, *"at the age of 14 years, I was the brightest student in my class, I was impregnated by a man who is three times my age –sugar daddy- lied to me that he was going to take good care of me. By then my father was a farmer, very poor. He had promised to fund my secondary education, but when the time came, he could not raise the money. Marrying me off was the only quick fix he could think of. From that day, my life changed from bad to worse. The man my father forced me to marry refused me and turned me back to my father's house. I endured the pain of nursing the pregnancy until I gave birth. Later my father took ill and remains weak that he can no longer do anything. My mother is a vendor, she cannot manage to send me to school and support my child at the same time. However, I am happy today, I can now find hope again through the clean girl project. As we are selling our soap, I used my share to enrol myself back to school. I also hope I can now be able to supply the little I can to my child."*

In addition, the project is regarded by many as an initiative that will bring hope to various young women single mothers and girls who have previously dropped out of schools because they did not have money to pay school fees. They now have the confidence and determination that one day they can return back to school. It has also helped the disadvantaged young women and girls to socially and economically broaden their perception of women's roles as leaders in their families and communities by helping improve self-esteem and leadership potential.

The Women Advocacy Project engaged a qualified trainer, Mr. Meshack From T.K Pvt, Ltd who provided weekly training sessions and monitored production process for a period of two months. The training was carried out at different places. The first group (Chitungwiza girls) were at WAP 's office in Marlborough, while the second group (Epworth girls) class took place under trees in a compound in Epworth. The brand name for the soap being produced is "Clean Girl". The product is a standard domestic liquid soap suitable for hand washing all kind of kitchen ware and other items such as clothes. See a picture below.

#### **Procurement of Material and Equipment**

The Women Advocacy Project secured most part of the materials and equipment which were required to start the implementation of the project using the money received from the Scurrah Wainwright Charity/Andrew Wainwright Reform Trust(UK) and part of its local contribution. The items includes:

- Processing equipments:
  - we bought two electronic processing machines on \$ 500 each.
- Initial Material:
  - 550kg of Sodium Lawel Ether Sulphate (SLES),- \$ 4.60 per each kilogram
  - 500kg of Sulphonic Acid, - \$ 3.40 per each kilogram
  - 70kg Caustic Soda, -\$ 2 per each kilogram
  - 50kg Soda Ash, - \$ 2 per each kilogram
  - 3kg of green dye, - \$ 60 per each kilogram
  - 3 Ltrs of lemon perfume -\$ 30 per each kilogram
  - 270kg Salt - \$ 2 per each kilogram
  - 300kg Urea- \$ 2 per each kilogram
- Packaging: we bought 7000 of 750ml bottles at \$ 0.25
- Labelling: we initially printed 6000 stickers for 750ml dishwasher bottle size on \$ 0.13

In total we spent US \$ 8, 270.00 on material, processing equipment, packaging and labelling.

**Soap Production** After the training program had been completed in December 2020, our plan was to start soap production in early January 2021. However, because the second wave of the Corona outbreak, we could not manage to move on with our work. The government of Zimbabwe had declared a lockdown which lasted a bit longer. We then were able to resume our work on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021. From February to end March, girls managed to work so hard and were able to complete the first round of production which filled 6,050 bottles of 750ml. The bottle were all sold at the price of \$ 1.20 each. Girls were able to generate US \$ 7, 260 in their first circle of production and sales. The sales took about three months- from early April to end June 2021. the money was then shared between WAP and girls- 50% (\$ 3,630.00)for re-investment was given to WAP to purchase new material and the other 50% (3,630.00) was shared among girls equally. Each girl received US \$ 90 at the end of June 2021. see picture for money sharing below.

**Second round of Soap production** After the sharing of the earnings by girls at the end of June 2021, WAP staff and went to procured a new set of material in July. The following material were purchased.

- 260kg of Sodium Lawel Ether Sulphate (SLES),- \$ 4.60 per each kilogram
- 180kg of Sulphonic Acid, - \$ 3.40 per each kilogram
- 40kg Caustic Soda, -\$ 2 per each kilogram
- 3kg of green dye, - \$ 60 per each kilogram
- 3 Ltrs of lemon perfume -\$ 30 per each kilogram
- Packaging: we bought 4000 of 750ml bottles at \$ 0.25
- Labelling: we initially printed 4000 stickers for 750ml dishwasher bottle size on \$ 0.13

In all we spent US\$ 3, 590.00 on our second round of production which added to the remaining part of material which was left in the first round. Girls have managed to fill up 4, 930 bottles from the month of July. Most of these have been distributed in the market and are currently being sold. In total we have been able to make 10,980 bottles of soap (750ml) since the production began in February.

## **Clean Girl Soap Project – a Solution to unemployment and the plight of Child marriage.**

As unemployment remains high in Zimbabwe, poverty has taken momentum to the level where daughters are sometimes married off by their families to reduce their perceived economic burden with the bride price (lobola) used as a means of survival. When asked to give an account of what impact this project has brought in girls lives, Evelyn Sachiti the ambassador in Chitungwiza and Trish Makanhiwa who leads the other club in Epworth said *“The Soap making project has created self employment for girls and reduced child marriages in our communities”*. *“We are now able to work as girls using our own hands and have improved our income. The sales of soap have made it possible that we can now take care of ourselves and help our families to attain basic needs which were hard to access in the past before the start of the clean girl project”* said Trish.

Evelyn added that *“before we began the project, many of us had no occupation; we used to wonder around, with some ending up in unplanned relationships which led many of our friends into unwanted sex, unplanned pregnancies and early child marriages. Many thanks go to WAP for initiating this very significant project which has equipped us with important skills that have remained central to our lives. We now have a job that keeps us busy, producing, packing and marketing our product. It has helped us not to fall into the traps of boys, hence reducing child marriages.*

*WAP has truly empowered us as girls. We have gained skills, knowledge and income and are in fact grateful. The soap making project together with the weekly educational sessions are factual bid to ending early child marriages. We can see a reduction in the number of girls who were at risk of getting into child marriages. Though facing some challenges due to our economy, the project has helped us a lot to cater for our immediate need including accessing our sanitary wear”*.

The Clean Girl project is not only helping to end child marriage, but also becoming a response and one of the key strategies that provide a powerful mechanism for young people’s job creation, particularly young women and girls who are a vital resource for the national economic and social development. We do strongly believe that extending this project will promote development and empowerment for the young women and girls. It will also encourage their full participation in the economy.

**Covid-19 pandemic:** the outbreak of corona virus has been a major impediment for not only WAP, but the entire world at large. In Zimbabwe we have had several lock downs with very strict measures that have led to the delay in the project implementation process and limited access to market. We have also not been able to hold most of our regular weekly sessions in most of our communities as people were not permitted together in numbers. However, despite these challenges, our girls are trying their best to work hard within the given limited space of time and produce results.

**Conclusion:** In a nutshell, we want to say a million thanks to the Scurrah Wainwright Charity/ for enabling us to train and equip these young women and girls with economic tools. Today they are becoming confident that they can meaningfully contribute to personal, family and community development. We thank you ten million times for your partnership, and help to our work and activities.

## **Grants by area of interest and involvement**

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

### **Arts**

East Leeds Project £4500  
Tickets for Good Foundation £3000  
Total: £7500

### **Asylum seekers/Refugees**

Barnsley Bright Nights £1500  
Premier Learning £2500  
SY Arts £900  
Total: £4900

### **Community**

Advice at Hart £4940  
Batley Community Outreach £5000

Gipton Methodist Church £11450  
Havelock Park Residents, Redcar £2000  
Holy Trinity, Idle £3000  
Sharakat Project £5000  
Sharewear £4000  
Wakefield Elim £3730  
Total: £39120

### **Democratic reform**

UK Democracy Fund £10000  
Voice of the Listener and Viewer £5000  
Total: £15000

### **Drugs and Alcohol Recovery**



Kickback Recovery £3000

We Run York £1940

Total: £4940

#### **Disability/Mental Health**

Federation of Disability Sport Yorkshire £5000

Fun-filled Days £1100

JPC Community Farm £2500

Kindlewoods £4350

Open Country £3500

St Anthony's Claver Hall £4000

Total: £20450

#### **Education**

Independent Research £3400

Scientists for Global Responsibility £5000

Total: £8400

#### **Employment/Training**

POMOC £3000

Safe Welcome After Prison £5000

Total: £8000

#### **Ethnic minority**

Globalmama £3000

Humber All-Nations Alliance £3000

Maya Productions £3000

Total: £9000

#### **Homelessness**

Cleveland Housing Advice Centre £3000

Total: £3000

#### **Legal and Benefits Aid**

City Evangelical Church Leeds £5000

Ecumenical Council for Social Responsibility  
£3000

Total: £8000

#### **Older people**

B.friend £1725

MHA Communities £3500

Total: £5225

#### **Southern Africa**

Based UK £2000

Global Vision International £4500

Group of Refugees Without Voice £2000

Mopane Foundation International £5000

Total: £13500

#### **Women**

Filia £2000

Women's Advocacy Project £4600

Total: £6600

#### **Young people**

Affinity £3000

Barnsley Sea Cadets £3000

Home Start Bradford £3000

St Christopher's Family Centre £4930

Total: £13930

**Total Grants Paid: £167,565**

## **Previous Annual Reports**

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

Getting on with it 1991-95

The work goes on 1996

Wider still and wider 1997

Boules to Beijing 1998

Water, water everywhere 1999-2000

Campaigning and continuity 2001

Big – and other – issues 2002

Keeping the vision in sight 2003

Review of grants 2004

Lightening the load 2005

Seeds for change 2006

Resources for change 2007

Same streets, parallel lives 2008

Bright ideas – bright futures 2009

Rising to the challenge 2011

Create, inspire, change 2012

Together for change 2013

Helping others help themselves 2014

Ending Isolation 2015

Teamwork 2016

A Massive Thank You 2017

Adventures in a Challenging Time 2018

Swimming in Spaghetti 2019