

A review of the Scurrah Wainwright Charity's grants 2013

Henry Scurrah Wainwright

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 National Assistance Board's advisory committee for the Leeds area. In this capacity, he organised personal interviews for every unemployed man in the city under 30 to help them find work.

The charity's origins

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

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

Administration

In 2013, the charity was run by six trustees, all members of the Wainwright family. The chairman was Martin Wainwright, former Northern Editor of The Guardian. Other trustees were Hilary Wainwright, co-editor of Red Pepper; Tessa Wainwright, teacher of English as a foreign language; Roy Bhaskar, author and philosopher; Penny Wainwright, author; and Hugh Scott, solicitor and former trustee of Manningham Housing Association.

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Investment is managed by Close Brothers Asset Management.

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Abigail Housing, Leeds

£2,000 March 2013

The Abigail Housing Destitution Project began operating in April 2007. It provides supported housing for individuals who have been refused asylum, lost their Home Office support (housing plus subsistence level income) but who believe that they cannot return safely to their country of origin. Anyone in this situation has no recourse to public funds, no rights to work and is forced to rely on charity, friends or family for the means to survive.

The Project supported 26 people in 2013, nearly half of them Iranian.

All but one of them (evicted from the Project for bad behaviour) improved their housing and/or legal status.

The SWC grant was used towards resident support, including buying staple food items, buying bus tickets to important appointments and providing them with a weekly gift of £10 - the only income they received.

In his exit interview, one Iranian resident said: *"I was angry, aggressive and depressed. I have changed a lot, found peace, Abigail Housing saved me from the hell I was in."*



Alphahouse Community, Halifax

£2,500 November 2013

Alphahouse Community was set up by a retired probation officer after finding it impossible to house her clients on release from prison and realising homelessness increased people's likelihood of re-offending.

It provides a supported housing scheme for ex-offenders who have substance misuse and mental health problems.

The SWC grant was used for a gardening project which "enhanced recovery and gave relief to our residents from the 'hard work' of getting well.

"23 Alphahouse residents and 3 volunteers redesigned all of the back gardens to the block of flats they share with 'ordinary' residents, laid new lawn seed, planted trees, plants and shrubs and generally tidied up.

"The lads planted up, and put up, hanging baskets for everybody and looked after them all summer where necessary.

"We planted some veg and had 6 strawberry bags growing so we had a lot of strawberries too. (We would have had more if people could have resisted the temptation to pick and eat as soon as they saw a ripe one). We shared these with neighbours and, together with helping them to enhance their gardens, created a really good community spirit. We repaired the wooden fence at the front of the large front gardens so that the perimeter of the properties was protected which was gratefully received by all of the residents who are not our clients.

"Our properties are in deprived areas so neighbours were very grateful for the hard work and the fantastic results."



Alternatives to Violence

£4,000 March 2013

The Alternatives to Violence Project, Britain, reduces violence in homes and communities by supporting people in disadvantaged situations to manage personal conflicts and build healthier relationships, focusing on people affected by domestic abuse (including perpetrators), in criminal justice institutions and whose mental health has been affected by violence.

The AVP way of working is used in over 50 countries, from refugee camps in Kenya to schools in Australia.

The SWC grant was used towards employing a regional worker to develop regular AVP three-day workshops in the Leeds area.



Barnado's, Bradford

£2,500 November 2013

Barnado's is the UK's largest children's charity, providing locally based services for over 200,000 children, young people and their families, and working to change policy and practice that support many more.

The SWC's grant helped employ a specialist worker, Kev Robinson, at the Turnaround Project, Barnado's child sexual exploitation service in Wakefield.

Over the year, Kev provided direct support for 25 sexually exploited young people, helping them to overcome the trauma of abuse and rebuild their lives. In addition to this he delivered presentations in online safety to 27 high school year groups and three Parents' Evenings. This helps children stay safe and spot the signs of grooming before it's too late. Including parents is also important as it encourages families to talk about these issues and make it easier for children to seek help if they need to.

Kev also advised over 100 professionals over the year on how best to work with young people who are facing sexual exploitation.

BECON (Black Minority Ethnic Organisations Network), Newcastle

£2,000 July 2013

BECON provides services to Black and Minority Ethnic communities across the North East to address disadvantage, discrimination, exclusion, inequalities and racism to allow them to participate more fully and inclusively in the economic, social and cultural developments of their localities.

It is also a network organisation with over 100 members across the regions providing a platform for influence, representation and a voice.

The SWC grant contributed to core office costs for BECON's Newcastle office.

Projects that BECON developed in the grant year included:

New Beginnings: recording the migration of South Asian elders to Stockton-on-Tees.

Looking at issues of language, culture and religion, project volunteers have recorded a personalised account of the migration, settlement and life experience of South Asian elders as they built a new life in the North East.

BME youth provision: in partnership with Middlesbrough Council's Integrated Youth Support Service, BECON developed a safe place for BME young people to explore aspects of integration and social cohesion, working on their own personal and social development.

Burngreave Messenger

£2,000 November 2013

Previous grant: £2,000 March 2009

Local residents who wanted a community newspaper that would support and empower their community started the Burngreave Messenger in 1999. Fourteen years on, local residents continue to produce the

newspaper, which is delivered free to over 9,000 households six times a year.

The Messenger aims to provide quality information about local activities and services, while supporting residents to build their skills and confidence through volunteering to research, write and distribute the paper.

Staff felt the grant had made a significant contribution to the Messenger's work, allowing them to work with more local residents than ever before, and engage a large number of new contributors to the project from diverse backgrounds.

The project engaged and supported 170 local residents as contributors and volunteers; 41 regular volunteers, 38 young people, 35 ESOL learners and 56 one-off contributors. Residents took part in writing, photography, proof reading, decision-making and website management. 60 volunteers were given one-to-one support or attended one of the project's workshops, a further 48 local residents were supported through group activities in schools and local adult learning classes. 113 residents were new and contributed for the first time to the project in the last 12 months.

From the data collected, the ethnic backgrounds of volunteers and contributors were 41% White British, 18% Pakistani, 10% Somali, 6% Yemeni, 25% other Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds (including African Caribbean, Chinese, Chilean, Oromo, Roma Slovak and Multiple Heritage). 22% were under 18, and 11% were over 60. The majority of contributors were female, 67%, and 33% were male.

Feedback from volunteers has included:

"It gives people a feeling that they belong to a community. This comes from feedback from local residents. It has increased my knowledge of the local community." John
"We've learned how to use local studies and archives, how to research projects, about the census, using the microfiche at the library." Saleema, Local History Group
"I have become more aware of and part of the local community." Lydia



The Business Bridge, South Africa

£2,000 July 2013

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world", said Nelson Mandela. This inspires The Business Bridge's work to provide high quality business skills training, advice, mentorship and information sharing to South African small, micro and medium enterprise (SMME) owners. The training is delivered at 8, weekly, half-day sessions by experienced South Africans with entrepreneurial, business school and corporate backgrounds, and in local enterprise development centres, making it practical and accessible to the needs of the students/business owners.

A research project conducted in partnership with the World Bank and the London Business School showed that Business Bridge's training helped entrepreneurs nearly double the number of their employees and more than double their monthly profits. The SWC grant enabled seven grassroots entrepreneurs from township areas around

Cape Town to benefit from the eight-week training course, improving the livelihoods of the entrepreneurs, their employees and all their families.

Janine Titley, Business Bridge's administrator, wrote: *"The grant you gave translated directly into new skills, new confidence and new hope for grassroots entrepreneurs to see and make the most of new opportunities"*.



Christ Church, Armley

£2,500 November 2013

Previous grants: £7,500 '00-'02; £2,500 Jul 12

Meeting Point provides support and advocacy for refugees and asylum seekers in a poor, predominantly white, working class area of Leeds. This was SWC's second grant to Meeting Point, this time contributing to the salary of the Project Worker who is vital for the running of weekly drop-ins, the main focus of the Centre's activities and an ever-expanding list of group activities, including art therapy, adult learning, one to one counselling and a women-only group.

Nearly 300 adults and children have benefited from Meeting Point's support over the grant year.

Project Manager Emma Crossley wrote: *"Your support over the past year is greatly valued and has helped us continue our work with refugees and asylum seekers. The funds have been invaluable in enabling us to not only keep the doors of Meeting Point open, but to expand the number of services we offer. This is quite an achievement, given that both the Refugee Council and Refugee Action have been forced to close their doors this year due to funding cuts, and many other remaining support organisations have had to run a reduce service."*

CRESST (Conflict Resolution Education in Sheffield Schools Training)

£1,000 July 2013

Previous grants: £3,000 Mar 11; £2,500 Mar 12

CRESST is dedicated to helping children and young people gain the skills necessary to help reduce instances of, and resolve, violent conflict in schools and communities. It offers training for staff and pupils and on-going support for schools to help maintain their scheme, including innovative peer mediation work. A peer mediator offers to help other pupils to sort out minor fall-outs and playtime problems. Mediators do not tell people what to do or take sides. They use a simple mediation process that offers all concerned a chance to have their say, be listened to and then problem solve.

During the grant year, seven more primary schools took on CRESST's benchmark of a Whole School Approach to conflict resolution, making a total of 46 schools so far, and the total of trained peer mediators rose to 5,000. CRESST also organised one-off training and networking events to keep the message active.

The project's evaluation shows that 100% of peer mediators enjoy their role, and 99% say that they feel they help other people (82%). Other children agree: peer mediation

for pupils in conflict is completely successful (68%) or partly successful (20%) in the majority of cases.

Children talking about peer mediators in their school:

"They help then everyone will learn not to have an argument all the time".

"They don't get angry".

OFSTED, on outstanding behaviour and safety at Birley Primary:

"[Peer mediation] works extremely well."

Cullen Street Green Harmony Association, Liverpool

£1,750 July 2013

Cullen Street Green Harmony Association provides gardening and well-being opportunities for low-income groups in Toxteth and Wavertree.

The SWC grant was used for CSGHA's 'Energising the Elderly' project, helping dozens of older people avoid the unacceptable need to choose between eating and heating.

Volunteers helped householders with a range of activities: going online to see if it was worth switching fuel suppliers for a better deal, doing mini-assessments of loft insulation, draughts etc, planting edible crops in the nearby community garden to supplement their diets and taking part in draught excluder-sewing workshops using recycled materials. Nearly 100 free draught excluders were distributed and these were very popular – except some people said they would have liked a plain red one (Liverpool football team) or blue one (Everton).

Because of the level of interest in this project, the Association planned to open its office to local residents so they could use the Internet and telephone to search for better fuel supply deal.



Darnall Forum, Sheffield

£3,000 November 2013

Darnall Forum aims to be "a voice for people in Darnall, the 4th most deprived neighbourhood in Sheffield, and to promote community cohesion between the different ethnic, faith and cultural communities living here".

The SWC grant helped pay for two local resident community organisers, Zahira Naz and Nagina Hussain.

Zahira: "The ward has a much larger than average proportion of children, with 28.3% of the population aged under 15 compared to 16.5% in Sheffield, and a correspondingly lower level of persons aged 65+ (9.8%) compared to 15.6% in Sheffield. It has the neighbourhood with the highest proportion of school children who come from BME groups: 95.7% compared to 30.5% for Sheffield as a whole. This makes it an exciting and dynamic place to work. I have concentrated on working with mothers and their older children, because these are the people with the most influence over the shape of the community in the future, but I have also worked with men to address some of the concerns of the whole community about things like litter, fly-tipping, green space and pollution."

As a result of Zahira's work SWAG – Supporting Women and Girls – formed, and continued to flourish organising everything from mental health awareness courses, social history sessions and trips to the seaside.

Nagina: *"I was born and brought up in and am still currently living in Darnall. It is a very multi-cultural area in which there are many good relationships between people from different backgrounds, as well as rivalries. I have carried out listening exercises with people from all of the main cultures represented here and I found that so many of them had similar issues in common which they themselves were not aware of because of the barriers they put up between one another. My aim was help people overcome some of those barriers by working together."*

Nagina helped set up a volunteer-led Girls Action Group that encouraged Bangladeshi, East European, Pakistani, Somali and Yemeni girls to spend time getting to know one another.

She organised a successful meeting with the local MP, police and council officials in Darnall so that residents from all the different cultural / faith communities could talk to them about community safety. The local authority undertook to arrange another meeting since her funding ran out and it was remarked that attendance was much less representative, with officials openly wondering what had been the secret of her success.



Disability Rocks, Bradford

£500 March 2013

Richard Sutton, father of a boy with a rare genetic condition resulting in lifelong disability, and Disability Rocks' Founding Director, wrote:

"Disability Rocks develops programmes of performance, art and music activities that are designed to meet the needs and wishes of the general public but also especially people who live with the impact of disabilities of all types. From working closely with our audiences we know that there is a desperate lack of musical activities for local young people and also adults with disabilities and we have had numerous requests from our service users to increase our activities.

"There are numerous reports that prove the physical (as well as mental and emotional) benefits of music and this is particularly important when considering the many barriers disabled young people face when hoping to access physical activity. The rhythm of music can help to stimulate movement and develop motor skills with the co-ordination of music patterns that are needed for walking etc.

"Disability Rocks used the SWC grant to buy a professional quality marquee, which provided cover for one of the many interactive workshops it ran at its annual festival.

"This particular workshop saw approximately 80 young people take part in a drumming activity. The day itself drew 1,500 people from across the UK but primarily from the Leeds, Bradford and West Yorkshire area.

"The marquee will be used again and again!"



FareShare Yorkshire, Barnsley

£2,000 March 2013

Previous grant: £2,000 Nov 06

FareShare receives surplus food from the food industry and redistributes it to charitable and community based organisations (CFMs) who go on to provide meals and food parcels to the vulnerable. These organisations include, among others, homeless projects, women's refuges, schools providing a free breakfast for vulnerable children and support groups for people with addictions or mental disability.

John Rick from FareShare Yorkshire wrote:

"The £2,000 donation received last time supported our general running costs so it helped cover the costs associated to supporting our 126 CFMs - a 26% increase on last year) - including staff, volunteer and van running costs. From analysis of our results for the year we know we redistributed enough food for 5 meals for each £1 we spent meaning the donation from The Scurrah Wainwright Charity directly enabled us to redistribute food for over 10,000 meals of the 500,000 meals we supplied during the year.

"Also, we provided over 500 days unpaid work placements for South Yorkshire Probation Trust, SYPT and trained over 60 individuals in various employment-focussed accredited courses including; Forklift Truck Operation, QCF level 1 in Warehousing and Storage and Food Safety.

"On average, we saved each partner we delivered food to £12,000 per annum from their food budgets."

Friends of Hlekweni, Zimbabwe

£4,840 March 2013

Hlekweni Friends Rural Training Centre works to provide sustainable livelihood training for rural youth in southern Matabeleland, alongside a number of extension programmes in the rural areas, focused on improving food security.

Lee Taylor, Clerk to the Trustees of Friends of Hlekweni, and regular visitor to the Centre, wrote:

"2013 was a tough year for many in Matabeleland: there were severe water shortages, and regular power cuts, so crops were at risk. Unemployment remained very high (c.90%) so household resilience and entrepreneurship were important for young people.

"Friends of Hlekweni is grateful to the Scurrah Wainwright Charity for the grant towards supporting training at the centre; many committed students are unable to raise enough money to pay the relatively modest fees for the six month courses at the centre.

"Broadly speaking, each course aims to empower its students by providing vocational and entrepreneurial skills alongside training in Alternatives to Violence to help students contribute to their households holding their own at a minimum and improving income and opportunities at best. In some ways, things have not changed significantly since Andrew Wainwright's time at Hlekweni – the core purpose remains the same even if the context has shifted politically and economically."

Nearly 200 students graduated from the



Training Centre in 2013 with a variety of practical skills: sewing and garment-making (particularly school uniforms), agriculture (both crops and livestock), building, welding and plumbing (including well-construction) and Early Childhood Development (particularly promoting the importance of good nutrition to children's ability to learn).



Garden Africa, Zimbabwe

£2,000 July 2013

Garden Africa is a UK based charity that trains communities in Southern Africa, enabling them to create garden and grow their own plants for food, medicine and as a source of income.

Garden Africa was running a two-year project in Mashonaland East, Zimbabwe, to train smallholder farmers to grow organically for home consumption and for local markets. Poor soils and rainfall, mono-cropping high value crops such as sugar and cotton, and population movement into the cities had made it even harder for rural Zimbabweans, 70% of whom rely on agriculture for their livelihood, to survive.

Most of the SWC grant was spent on 40 bicycles. This meant market information, skills training, and quality control support could be more rapidly delivered to the 948 participating farming households than was previously the case. One farming group, the Jerry Association in Hwedza district built a cart which attached to the bicycle to enable them to carry produce to local buyers at the closest urban centre.

As with other assets, each association has drawn up a document as part of its constitution to safeguard their bicycles, which are kept secure by an agreed association member, usually the secretary. Each has agreed that the bicycles may only be used for association purposes, with a log book kept on when it is used, who is using it, and for what. These logs show that those primarily using the bicycles are lead farmers for information delivery to members, and production managers for district co-ordination meetings.

The rest of the grant was used to buy two sets of precision scales for the newly built pack houses that gather, pack and distribute organic produce to waiting markets.

Garden Africa's statistics make positive reading: thousands of people benefiting from organic training and access to good organic food, a more diverse set of crops grown, yields doubled in improved soils, and increased sales resulting in investment in school fees, additional food stuffs, livestock, extending homesteads, solar lighting & radios.



Genesis, Leeds

£4,000 July 2013

Previous grants: £4,000 Jan 05; £4,000 Nov 10

Genesis provides support, advocacy and information to some of the most vulnerable women in the Leeds community with a special project called Isis that works specifically with young people at risk of child sexual exploitation (CSE). SWC's grant was a contribution to Isis' core costs.

During the grant year, Isis workers engaged with 36 young people, the majority of whom were deemed at high risk of CSE. After working with Isis, 67% of the young people demonstrated improved safety, 72% showed evidence of improved life chances and 56% had improved health (sexual, mental, emotional or physical). 61% of the young people showed improved engagement with education. 94% of the young people demonstrated improved understanding of the risk of Child Sexual Exploitation and grooming.

Isis also delivered CSE safety awareness sessions to 1,625 young people in Leeds as well as establishing a community interest company that offers quality training around the country.

Genesis' CEO and project coordinator continued to play a key role in the newly launched CSE strategy and action plan for Leeds.

Gipton Methodists, Leeds

£10,587 March 2013

Due to long-standing family connections with the Gipton community, the Wainwrights made a repeat award to Gipton Methodists Church to cover the salary of Layworker, Grenville Jensen.

Grenville looks after the spiritual and pastoral health of both the church and the wider community.

In the grant year, Grenville led the development of a new style of worship when, once a month, instead of a sermon there is a participatory bible study. This was at the request of the congregation and was greatly appreciated.

When he wasn't leading services and groups in the church, Grenville was out in the community - visiting sheltered housing schemes and GIPSIL (Gipton Single Independent Living), being Chair of Governors at the local primary school and working with the Probation Service, Youth Service and other local churches to support positive activities for many people.

Grandparents Association, Leeds

£4,800 November 2013

The Grandparents' Association's mission is to improve the lives of children by working with and for all grandparents, especially those who: have lost or are losing contact with their grandchildren; care for their grandchildren full time; have childcare responsibilities for their grandchildren; are interested in the educational or welfare needs of their grandchildren.

The SWC grant was used in Gipton. Dave Cousins, Leeds Project Manager, explained: *"I know Gipton very well after over 26 years of links to the area, and have lived and worked there for more than ten."*

“Gipton has a fantastic history of community involvement and positively (or not so) the area has been surveyed to the hilt, therefore the local authority and the voluntary sector have played a massive role in fighting for resources to be placed into Gipton.

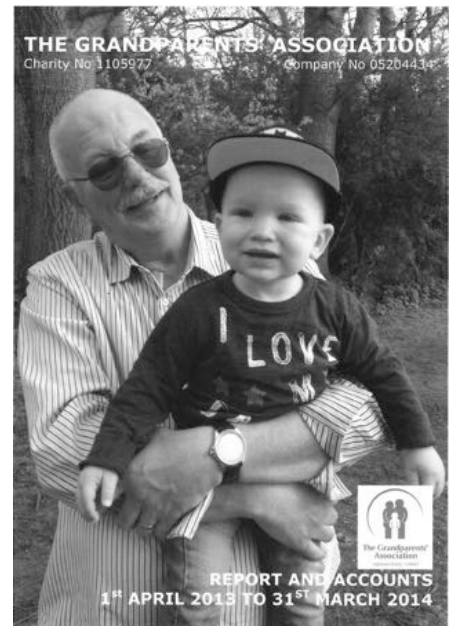
“Despite the wide range of services available to help families in the Gipton area, many grandparents raising grandchildren (Kinship Carers) either don’t know, or fear, using some of these services.

“We have used past and new networking to build up a fresh and meaningful profile of needs for the broken families we have been supporting:

- *Some grandparental kinship carers feel let down by support services*
- *Many need more help and advice with benefit entitlements*
- *Some need support talking to schools about their grandchildren’s difficult behaviour, particularly children whose parents are in prison*
- *Many need help managing food and fuel bills to avoid the poverty trap*

“Our trusted support worker has set up a drop-in support group and the work continues to grow. Many children and their grandparents never get holidays or small breaks and we will be looking at funding for such trips.

*“We believe we have possibly opened a can of worms in identifying the needs of some of the families we have been supporting. Sadly more work needs finishing and developing into a community development approach that Gipton grandparents **need and deserve.**”*



Home Start, Richmondshire

£2,000 March 2013

Home-Start Richmondshire supports families with a child under the age of 5 who are experiencing stresses or difficulties. Trained volunteers visit the family weekly for 2-3 hours to offer emotional and practical help. The organisation has only two members of staff – a full time Co-ordinator and Maria, the administrator who works 20 hours a week. Everyone else within the organisation is a volunteer.

SWC’s grant was used for training and support costs for volunteer; this covers:

- travel expenses to family visits
- training for new volunteers (nine new volunteers joined the project in the grant year bringing the total to 30)
- quarterly support group meetings with guest speakers on relevant subjects eg Autism, the development of a baby brain
- regular one-to-one supervision for all volunteers

Home-Start Richmondshire were given a Quality Assurance audit by the UK parent body. Richmondshire Co-ordinator, Kerry Ellis, wrote:

I am both delighted and proud to say that we achieved a score of 99%, which is the highest score ever awarded to a scheme undertaking its first QA audit. That score was achieved because of the amazing support offered to Home-Start Richmondshire by its volunteers, families, referrers, funders and partner agencies. I think the testimonies given by these people really sum up the value of Home-Start Richmondshire to everyone involved:

"I really don't know how I would have got through the last year without my volunteer. It has been like having 'family' nearby; she calls to check I am okay when the children are ill. I was apprehensive about a stranger coming into my home but the volunteer provided (professional) friendship and concern."

"I am impressed by all aspects of Home-Start and my volunteering role through this organisation is an important part of my life."

"I would like to become a volunteer myself when the girls are at school, I have got so much from it and would like to give it back to someone else."

Humber United Community Forum

£2,500 July 2013

Anti-social activities by the English Defence League and the BNP in Hull in 2013 brought community anxieties into focus and a call from different communities in the area for an umbrella group to formally liaise with official bodies such as the police, the district council, the Jobcentre etc.

Humber United Community Forum was formed to help foster this community harmony. An advertising campaign and well-chosen accessible venue brought 280 participants from 42 community groups together for an initial meeting.

Organisers were proud that their open-to-all policy won them trust and respect from all, including small groups such as Sikhs and South Sudanese who hadn't been very visible in the past.

Mike Matongo, HUCF's Chairperson, wrote:

"The highlight of our project was the fact that the overall police figures of crime has decreased and the relationship between the police and the community is at its best.

"The meetings also managed to generate volunteers for most of the organisations as people found out more about different organisations and what they stood for as well as the impact they had on our communities.

"Thanks to your help we have grown in leaps and bounds and we have opened a small office in Scunthorpe where we have engaged the police and the Lincolnshire council who have all embraced the idea with open arms. We have five volunteers who will continue with the project, as it has been profitable for the community and the statutory bodies as well. We will also keep looking for funding but volunteering is the way forward as the funding pots have dwindled in the last five years!"

Leeds Children's Charity

£2,500 March 2013

SWC's grant helped Leeds Children's Charity take 32 young carers away for much-needed holidays at the Leeds Children's Holiday Centre, Silverdale, in Lancashire.

The charity worked closely with Willows Young Carers

Service in order to identify young carers most in need of respite from their duties and responsibilities of caring for their families. Some of these children were very reluctant to leave their families without the knowledge that support was in place, or to be identified as young carers. It would appear that these children are bullied and picked on by other children because they cannot play or join in games after school and this is a real



problem for the young carers. The children discussed many issues during their stay and this was one of the topics raised by the group that enjoyed a break at the holiday centre.

This break allows the children to receive help from their peers, and also to discuss issues that can be addressed by other support organisations in order to make a difference to a child's life.

The grant also contributed to holidays for disadvantaged children most in need of respite from dysfunctional families and difficult home situations. The month of August is the most dangerous month for them as they have no school or safe place to escape abuse, neglect, or violence. The trustees and staff at the holiday centre are informed of the problems being experienced by these children in order that all their needs can be met, and the removal of the children from their home situations also allows other organisations to carry out their work with the families in their absence.

Unfortunately, some of these children are taken into care during the period when the charity is involved with the family, and they can be emotionally disturbed and in need of particular care.

LGBT Youth North West

£2,000 July 2013

LGBT Youth North West used the SWC grant for travel, stationery and food for their first Northern Young People's Conference. 120 young people from 14 LGBT youth provisions across the North of England attended the day conference at Huddersfield University.

The programme of the day was split across four themes: Social and Political; Health and Wellbeing; Creative; Sport. These topics were selected through consultation with the 14 groups. Some aspects of the programme were fun such as the puppet-making workshop in the creative section and some had a very serious content such as with the health and wellbeing programme with workshops on living with HIV, and on sexual exploitation.

Feedback from young people and youth workers was overwhelmingly positive:

"I know there are people like me and I have made some new friends".

"Making sock puppets and learning how not to get into sexual exploitation."

"Going to start writing poetry. Going to use my voice in politics."

"A long to do list with lots to think about... ultimately in the interest of the young people I'm working with = ENERGISED."

Organiser Amelia Lee wrote:

"We are looking to repeat the event in 2015, because young people said the sense of association and meeting other people was really valuable."

"Four young people from Sheffield who said being in a University environment inspired them, have now embarked on degree courses."

"Young people ran many of the workshops on the day and went on to run workshops and act as young leaders in their own youth groups, accredited through Open Awards."

"As a result of Julie Hilling MP's keynote speech, young people became more aware about politics and four have joined their local youth councils since the conference."

"The collaborative working with Sheena Amos Youth Trust has continued with Young Community Leaders projects, staff exchanges, joint residential trips planned and joint work around trans issues. This increases peer support amongst young people, as well as support between staff."

Lisano Giants Football Club, Sheffield

£655 March 2013

The founding manager and treasurer of this multi-cultural football team, primarily for refugees and asylum-seekers, moved away from the area just before the grant season started and no replacement manager could be found.

Sadly, the club was closed down and the grant cheque returned unspent.

Mixenden Parents Resource Centre, Halifax

£3,588 November 2013

Liz Childs, Mixenden Parents Resource Centre Manager, wrote:

"The contribution awarded to the Centre was to pay for maintaining and extending our Advice Service. It paid for an extra day for our Advice and Support worker, taking the Advice Service up to 3 days per week.

"The Advice Service is an extremely busy part of the Centre and your grant enabled our Advice and Support worker to see up to an additional four clients per day, and for the duration of your grant the service supported and benefited an additional 145 clients, covering a wide range of subjects: Benefits, Debt, Housing, Emotional Support, Tax Credits and Utilities. This enabled our clients to manage financial situations and to understand what they are legally entitled to. This gave the clients confidence and a greater understanding of their issues, and with our help, clients were educated in matters such as door step lenders, loan sharks and the incorrect use of catalogues, thus enabling clients to make their own positive life changes.

"Without your grant the service would have stayed part time and we would have to turn people away: this is not the Centre ethos."

Open Country, Harrogate

£500 March 2013

Open Country's aim is to enable anyone with any disability, including people with physical and learning disabilities, sensory impairments and mental health issues, to access the countryside. It also provides information, advice and training as part of its service.

David Shaftoe, Open Country's Project Officer, wrote the following enthusiastic report back:

"The grant was put towards an Orbit Routier tandem. One of two ultimately purchased during the year, the new additions to our fleet have really galvanised our work, encouraging people with disabilities to enjoy tandem cycling. In the 2014 season, we were able to welcome 92 people (up from 84 in 2012) on 838 people rides.

"With the new tandems we are now able to accommodate more people, both front and back riders, of more shapes and sizes. Our repair bills have also reduced dramatically. The new capacity has also allowed us to be more ambitious. In 2013 we undertook the 174-mile Way of the Roses challenge ride, a cross-country route from Morecambe to Bridlington. The event was so successful that in 2014 we are going to attempt the 215-mile TransPennine Trail from Southport to Hornsea.

"Thank you to you and your trustees for your kind support. Please come along and join us one of our tandem rides!"



Out There – Supporting Families of Prisoners, Manchester

£2,000 July 2013

Out There has worked with over 1,000 families of prisoners in the Great Manchester area since 2006. It is the only organisation in the area offering a home visiting service to families, plus escort to prison. It also runs the only support group for families of sex offenders north of London. It offers information, emotional support and practical help to keep the family relationships intact. Support continues at release.

Moira Bain, Out There's Manager wrote:

Your donation helped cover the petrol costs of 358 home visits, 16 escorts to prison and six Support Group meetings at the office. Many of our family members are elderly, some with additional health problems. We also have families with young children so our activities are a lifeline.

The home visiting is a stress free way to access our casework and enables us to offer a person centred service. We continually assess and evaluate the home visiting scheme we offer. In March 2014 the BBC Outreach Team worked with three of our families and produced a DVD. In this DVD the families comment on the excellent support they have received from the organisation and the impact it has had on their own lives and that of their loved ones in prison.

"I am not sure how I would have coped without this support, given the sudden and drastic absence of my husband. I was upset and emotionally unstable and I lost confidence and emotionally felt overwhelmed. I feel this service is very much needed."
"This is my first day [at the support group for families of sex offenders] and I think I will come again. It is so wonderful to talk to people who know what you are going through, and a great relief to get things off my chest."

The Peace Museum, Bradford

£2,000 November 2013

The Peace Museum, the only one in the UK, seeks to advance public education about all aspects of peace, peace makers and peace movements, particularly through the establishment and maintenance of museums which can resource and inspire innovative community engagement and education for peace. The Museum defines peace as a very broad topic touching individuals, families, communities, countries and the whole family of nations.

In the previous two years, museum staff had developed ground breaking curriculum materials for educational outreach based on the museum's unique collection. However, the Museum's self financing outreach activities and project contracts delivering social cohesion programmes for Bradford MDC needed the core work of maintaining and administering the museum and its collection to underpin them. The SWC grant was crucial to pay staff during the summer of 2014 when five-year core funding had come to an end.

In the first half of 2014 the Museum engaged directly with over 1100 children and adults in activities and public events, including

- Bradford Routes to Peace event in June
- workshops for children and a talk in association with the National Theatre production of 'War Horse' at Bradford Alhambra in June
- a stall at Bradford Armed Forces Day
- WW1 commemoration at the Undercliffe cemetery where three COs are buried.
- The mounting of a four-year WW1 exhibition using objects in the collection to show how people questioned the prevailing drive to war and expressed their opposition by taking alternative peaceful positions.

Staffing was reduced to the minimum required to open just one day a week and a national appeal to Quakers and other supporters, was ongoing.

Trustee Jonathan Fox wrote:

"We can now see our way to survival into 2015, which was an unrealistic goal a year ago.

"We are most grateful for the SWC grant. It helped us to complete work in 2014 to which we had committed, rather than be forced to abandon it. Less tangible, perhaps, but nonetheless significant, we took encouragement from the expression of support for and recognition of the value of our work by the SWC trustees."

Pro-Contact, Salford

£2,000 July 2013

Pro-Contact offers expert services to families where the breakdown of parental and family relationships has, or may, result in separation. They believe quality time is essential for children to engage and form bonds with parents they no longer live with. The SWC grant was used to fund the Sunday Project. This was a fortnightly, two hour session on Sunday afternoons providing assisted contact for children or parents with additional needs such as mental health issues or autism, who required support to make the most of their time together.

Each family was assigned a worker to support them in the session to play together, do arts and crafts and spend quality time interacting with each other. Families were encouraged to move on to the Supported service when they felt able.

Six families attended regularly for the period of your grant.

Caroline Lam from Pro-Contact wrote:

"The Project Co-ordinator and volunteers who ran the Sunday Project felt valued by the grant and were more able to provide a well-rounded service starting with administrative support, induction training, supervision and more importantly to the children using the service, replace old and broken toys and getting Santa to deliver a selection box and small gift for each child.

"In supporting parents to maintain their relationship with their children, we can help to reduce the emotional distress caused by family separation.

"All families reported that they had been given good advice and support to improve contact. They felt the centre had made a significant difference in their ability to sustain contact."

Project Colt, Halifax

£5,000 July 2013

Project Colt is a charity providing addiction treatment for drug and/or alcohol dependents. As part of this work the Project repairs furniture to sell to service users. In 2013, service users hatched a project they called 'Conversion-Version', where they build furniture from scratch using recycled materials, sell it to make money for the project and



send each item of furniture out with a price tag label which includes a little story about themselves and what the project means to them.

The SWC grant paid for a trainer in furniture making to get Conversion-Version off to a good start. 29 participants completed the trainer's eight-week course and made all sorts of pieces – including coffee tables, chairs and sets of drawers, mostly in a 'shabby chic' style.

The courses continue as one of the participants has taken over as trainer, assisted by a member of staff.

The small profits made go back into the fund for paying a trainer and buying materials (*"shabby chic paint is very expensive - £21 a pot!"* said one of the furniture makers).

Rainbow's End, Sheffield

£2,000 July 2013

Rainbow's End is a community charity shop on the main street in Burngreave. It provides free refreshments and friendship alongside volunteering and training opportunities, in a multi-cultural and deprived area of Sheffield.

It is run by local people for the benefit of local people, valuing everyone's identity culture and beliefs. It is staffed by volunteers from a wide range of social, ethnic and faith backgrounds. This encourages important cross-cultural exchanges that enrich the relationships within both the shop and the local community.

The SWC grant was used on a long shopping list of goods and activities. Some, like new mugs, material to re-cover three donated sofas and a hot water boiler, enhanced the friendly atmosphere of the shop. Others, like taking a desperate customer to a supermarket to buy emergency food supplies, and organising a Rainbow's End birthday party that included an awards ceremony for local unsung heroes, benefited the wider community.

Trustee Sister Yvonne Hayes wrote:

"We have been through a period of managerial and trustees change and apologise for the delay in responding.

"We have not forgotten your munificence and without the money we would have been unable to purchase the items on the shopping list, and therefore been unable to help as many vulnerable and needy people as we have.

"The spending will support our aims to help the financially struggling in their need to improve their ability to live on a budget in times of increasing hardship.

"We also know how important it is to show that we value our volunteers and celebrate their hard work and commitment, without which we would be unable to continue our work. For this reason we welcome the chance to put on an evening event to thank our customers and volunteers, as well as raise awareness of our giving and charitable work."

Solace, Leeds

£2,500 March 2013

Previous grant: £3,000 Mar 06; £3,000 Nov 08

Solace was founded in 2003. It provides free psychotherapy and support in the Yorkshire and Humberside region to the survivors of persecution and exile, many of whom have been traumatised by torture, rape, the death or disappearance of loved ones and other atrocities. The Yorkshire and Humberside region has the highest

number of dispersed asylum seekers in Britain.

The SWC grant was used to start paying Nick Edwards, a volunteer whose range of pain alleviation therapies had been helping a lot of Solace's clients.

Andrew Hawkins, Solace's Director, wrote:

"Nick was able to work with 56 clients over the year, offering 582 sessions, on both an individual basis and through group sessions that taught people stress reduction techniques that they could use themselves at home. An acupuncturist working alongside him offered an additional 112 sessions, so our work in pain management has been substantial, as a result of your support. This represents about 25% of our sessions with clients.

"Many clients are in a terrible emotional and physical state, being continually re-stressed by housing problems, uncertainty about their immigration status, and worries about their families. For them their hour with Nick is a brief respite from the pain around them – so all his clients report at least short-term relief, with many clients reporting longer-term benefits.

"One client who has worked with Nick for some 40 sessions said he felt that his health had improved enormously:

"The sessions help me feel much better afterwards than I normally feel. It's not just helpful for pain, but also helped me regain confidence and energy, and I can feel relaxed. If it hadn't been for Nick's treatment I would have been nowhere" "

Subsequently, Solace received three year core funding from the Lottery and some from the Henry Smith Charity. Andrew Hawkins described this as "a great boon".

+ Pic: Nick doing EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy is an integrative psychotherapy approach that has been extensively researched and proven effective for the treatment of trauma)

Women in Exile, Women's Centre, Huddersfield

£2,000 March 2013

Women in Exile provided an essential service for asylum seeker, refugee and migrant women where they could access a 'safe space' to meet, ask, learn, laugh, share and participate in development opportunities for a 'better quality of life'.

The SWC grant went towards employing a sessional therapeutic worker to continue and develop the excellent in depth work that had arisen from three-year Comic Relief funding and towards room hire for the service.

286 women over 40 sessions accessed activities including a walking group, an allotment, counselling, one to one support, a sewing group, clothes exchange, casework and group work to help asylum seeker, refugee, and migrant women to:

- Overcome personal isolation and possible trauma from war/rape/trafficking and female genital mutilation
- Gain unpaid work experience
- Reduce isolation and loneliness
- Develop peer and mentor skills to sustain community life for many asylum seeker, migrant and refugee women who face isolation and
- Interface with other service providers creating communities in the moment.

Louise Warner, Women In Exile Team Manager, wrote:

"It's our belief that these activities help to tackle the root causes of social inequality experienced by the women because they empower them to gain the skills, confidence and aspirations they need to flourish and make a fuller contribution to the social, cultural and economic fabric of society.

“The women were able to talk about their experiences in a safe and accepting environment with expert facilitation and sensitivity. The sharing of aspects of life stories helped women to develop positive coping strategies. From this:

- 274 women reported a reduction in isolation
- 252 women received support around sleeping and relaxation, self care, healthy eating, peer and mentoring training
- 234 women received practical support.

“Feedback from women has included:

“I have had such fun in Women in Exile, being able to laugh about sorrows, with women only, with women from all over the world, this was wonderful for me, and I no longer feel so lonely and crazy”.

“I learnt I am of use - inshallah, I will get a job now ‘cause now I know I can”.”

Women Working in the North Network, Homeworkers Worldwide

£1,600 November 2012

Previous grant: £1,500 Mar 11

The original aim was to support women in Leeds, particularly groups of minority or refugee women, in documenting their lives and work through photos with the aim of facilitating links with groups of women in Tamil Nadu, in India, particularly young women textile and garment workers with whom HWW was working on separate projects.

However, a lack of funding and key support meant work in the UK progressed much slower than expected.

Meanwhile, work at the Tamil Nadu end progressed well. Districts in the western part of Tamil Nadu are the site of a major textile and garment sector producing 'jersey' garments for both national and international markets. Most large UK clothing retailers are sourcing garments - t-shirts, sportswear, nightwear and children's clothes - from

factories in this region which employ a total workforce of up to 700,000. Included in this workforce, are around 200,000 young women workers mainly unmarried women recruited from poor rural areas, most of whom are aged between 14 and 20.

Homeworkers Worldwide worker Jane Tate made valuable contacts with two sectors of young women workers in the garment industry: women in rural areas working from home, a largely invisible workforce whose rights go unrecognized; and women in rural areas that are recruited to textile mills and garment factories as what amounts to bonded and forced labour.

Jane Tate wrote:

“Your grant enabled us to get the basic systems set up.

“With help from local NGOs, the young garment workers started uploading photographs of their lives



and working conditions to our campaign website. But we have not had active participation from women in West Yorkshire yet. The idea has been to give a general picture of the lives and work of women in both areas with a dialogue between the two. "We have, however, been able to use photos extensively in our general solidarity work and we hope this will lead to more active participation through the website in the future."

York MIND

£1,980 November 2013

York Mind provides high quality recovery-focused mental health services in York and the surrounding area. Its wide range of services helps over 700 people a year. The SWC grant was used for York MIND's 'Ways to Work' programme, supporting people with mental ill-health into, or back into, work.

Rosanne Andrews, Service Manager, wrote:

"All clients receive intensive one-to-one support that uses elements of coaching, mentoring and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy to engage and motivate people who would fail to succeed with mainstream services, leaving them at risk of isolation and deterioration in their mental well-being.

"Benefits are transferable and go with participants into the future and continue to help them in the next stages in their lives and careers. The confidence and change in some of the participants has been a hugely positive outcome of the project.

"Individuals have gone on to secure further training opportunities, voluntary placements and employment. These are extremely positive and we are confident the project will continue to have this impact."

Zimbabwe Educational Trust, Leeds

£2,000 November 2013

Previous grants: £30,000 '03-'04; £1,600 Nov 06

The SWC's friendship with ZET goes back many years, as the previous grants demonstrate.

The current grant was a contribution to the salary of new Operations Manager, Stuart Kempster.

Stuart's main area of work was helping vulnerable children in Bulawayo to access identity documents and raising awareness of the socio-cultural factors which prevent birth registration in Zimbabwe.

The lack of birth registration is the result of a combination of cultural, economic and bureaucratic issues. In traditional culture, births and marriages are recognised by the community in an informal, oral manner. Therefore many do not see the need to complete formal registration. This becomes a problem when children reach school age and require a birth certificate to enrol in education. At this point, the legal process can be very expensive and complex, meaning these children often remain excluded from formal education. In the context of the HIV/AIDS crisis and the resulting high levels of orphanhood, these problems are exacerbated as many orphans do not have access to their parents' death certificates, which they need to obtain their own birth certificates, or there is no parental marriage certificate which can further complicate the process in cases where families are disputing inheritance.

In the grant period, 177 children obtained identity documents, over 20,000 people were reached through awareness-raising, and two large Bulawayo hospitals agreed to issue birth confirmation records without requiring poor mothers to pay hospital fees upfront. Stuart also expanded several other pieces of partnership work, including: shipping 50 PCs with a project in Cheltenham that ships IT equipment to African schools; fundraising for a girls' vocational training centre in Harare; and establishing a pilot project to teach school children to grow food in their school gardens, also in Harare.

Scurrah Wainwright Charity Breakdown of grants awarded 2013

Asylum seekers/Refugees

Abigail Housing	£2,000
Solace	£2,500

Children/Young people

Barnado's Bradford	£2,500
Home-Start Richmondshire	£2,000
Leeds Children's Charity	£2,500
LGBT Youth North West	£2,000
Mixenden Parents Resource Centre	£3,588
Pro-Contact	£2,000

Community

BECON	£2,000	
Burngreave Messenger	£2,000	
Christ Church, Armley	£2,500	
Darnall Forum, Sheffield	£3,000	
Fareshare Yorkshire	£2,000	
Gipton Methodists	£10,587	(FAMILY CONNECTION)
Humber United Communities Forum	£2,500	
Lisano Giants Football Club	£655	(REPAID)
Out There	£2,000	
Rainbow's End	£2,000	

Disability/Mental Health

Disability Rocks	£500
Open Country	£500
York MIND	£1,980

Elders

Cullen Street Green Harmony Assoc	£1,750
Grandparents Association	£4,800

Employment

Project Colt	£5,000
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Homelessness

Alphahouse Community	£2,500
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International

The Business Bridge, S Africa	£2,000
Friends of Hlekweni	£4,840
Garden Africa	£2,000
Zimbabwe Educational Trust	£2,000

Peace and violence

Alternatives to Violence	£4,000
BRAVE Project	£2,500
CRESST	£1,000
Peace Museum	£2,000

Women

Genesis	£4,000
Women in Exile	£2,000
Women Working in the North	£1,600