

Chief Executive Overview – October 2023

As always the year goes quickly though we have been very busy delivering on our charitable objectives as well as providing services to local schools and the SEND team at the council with our unique Alternative provision that is supported by Equine Assisted Learning and Earth Education programmes.

In addition, using Bury community investment funds with reserve match we provided 48 free places on our Saturday nature camps to young people in the area who do not usually get the opportunity to work with horses and other animals due to high costs.

This year we were successful with our heritage in Nature project and we have been able to put on 16 events all of which offer free food and refreshments for participants and therefore help with the cost of living crisis for local families. The project has allowed us to grow our relationships with other local organization including Kirk lees Wildlife Rescue Centre, TWIGS and The East Lancs Railway who have kindly donated sleepers after our bid to GMEF was not successful. That has allowed us to continue the landscaping on the carpark even without the additional funds. We have run courses in heritage artworks, foraging, healing herbs several health and wellbeing walks and two mini craft market events. Another is planned for Christmas this year. We have been able to increase the hours employed for our TA who helps provide admin and other services for the heritage project.

Our women's programmes continue to book up really quickly though with 100% of attendees stating they were confident, had better mental health and looking forward to the future with new resilience it's not surprising is it?

We continue to develop and add to our services to meet the needs of the community and we continue to consult via media platforms and in person at events to see what else we can offer. The community needs our services more than ever as they continue to feel the impacts post Corvid , especially with mental health at an all-time high and young people struggling to recovery from the isolation they have experienced over recent years.

The social impact of our work continues to grow incrementally and we look forward to another positive year ahead.



A M Hornsby Founder / Director 14.10. 2023

Background

The Enterprise Centre (TEC) is a not-for-profit company, Limited by guarantee Registered in June 2008 in England company number 6613465
Registered as a Charity April 2012 number 1146938

Trustees are as follows:

- Mr David Wright – A local business man, Director and Treasurer
- Dr Allan Lawrence – International consultant, Co-Founder and Director and Chair
- Ms Alison Hornsby - Founder Equine specialist and QTS
- Mr Jonathan Phillips – A representative from Economy and Skills Oldham Council

Directors of the Company Limited by Guarantee 6613465 include:

Mr David Wright
Dr Allan Lawrence
Ms Alison Hornsby

At a glance 2022-23

We were unsuccessful with the Reaching communities bid and some issues of governance were raised. We therefore worked closely with the charity commission to make some small amendments to our memorandum and articles and secure permission for Dannielle Hornsby a former Trustee to become an employee on the grounds of her specialist expertise and now they are happy that we have strong governance.

We have provided Alternative Education provision for 10 young people, 8 of those hold ECHP and 2 from the Looked after children background. £50,800.00

Bury VCFA community fund – 58 young people attend Saturday club FOC

National Lottery Community Fund- £9,400 Marvelously managing menopause 7 groups of 6 women plus 1 new women's network established

DfFE HAF funds £8,000 192 places of Running wild with Horses during school holidays to free school meals

We have secured a further £4,250 to deliver 96 places during the month of August 2023

St James Foundation awarded £2,500 to provide match funds for our Saturday club

Steel Charity Trust awarded £10,400 to support a women's confidence building programme which included Equine Therapy and Step up to success over a 10 week rolling programme three times over the year. We have delivered one and the following 2 are already booked up and we have a waiting list.

National Lottery Heritage we secured £26,000 over a two-year period to delivery a heritage in Nature project. We have already had several events and workshops and the full evaluation for year 1 will be published December 2023

We received £15,000 for the installation of a ground mounted solar panel system, this is now completed and providing a saving on energy costs of in excess of 50% . We continue to seek solutions to be off grid.

Bids awaiting decision: we have applied for £10,000 to provide 50% match for a new sustainable roof for the Education Unit to cloth workers foundation

Stand together, we have applied in partnership with Wonderful Life Academy to deliver a Saturday programme which covers, communication, leadership, making new friends, life without knife crime and managing self on the internet. £10,000

Next Year's Focus

We continue as activists in the climate change programme seeking funds to inform and educate the community in better practices.

Secret garden continues to provide a Free resource to local schools wishing to use it.

We have applied to Defra for a license to keep 2 goats, this will add to the interests and accreditations that we offer with UK Rural skills

We will hopefully continue our Heritage work ensuring the community get to know and respect their heritage and that of the ancient woodland where we are positioned.

We are looking for other funds to continue the great work on Step Up for women as we have a waiting list already.

We plan to extend the women's network to 2 sessions per month

We will replace the roof with sustainable materials and extensive insulation to minimize our carbon footprint.

We now open the friendship café as an honesty café all week 9.30-3pm. Whilst it does not make money it does provide a service to local walkers and the local nursery uses it often when they pass with the children in Buggies.

We will continue to build up the friendship Hub which will host a variety of sessions during the week including cooking, art work, nature hikes and family fun.

We continue to research sustainable water use; we already have 7 ICB's on site with the capacity for more. We will look into filter systems so that this rain harvested water can be used on toilets and washing facilities as well as with the gardens and animals.

The Charitable Objects of the company are:

- A) *The relief of poverty in such ways as might be thought fit;*
- B) *The relief of unemployment in such ways as may be thought fit;*
- C) *The advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among young people , unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience;*



D) *The relief if those in need in particular by the provision of financial assistance, technical assistance, or business advice or the provision of consultancy in order to provide training and employment opportunities for unemployed people in cases of financial or other charitable need through help:-*

- (i) *In setting up their own business, or*
- (ii) *To existing businesses.*

The Values of The Enterprise Centre

We aim to promote: Social justice for all. To achieve this we will demonstrate:

- Commitment
- Dedicated
- Authenticity
- Fairness
- Creativity
- Innovation
- Passion
- Partnership
- Professionalism
- Caring

The Mission

To be known and recognised internationally as world class leaders in social learning, for young people and NEETS in transferable enterprise skills, self-actualization and confidence. We will develop future entrepreneurs and build a culture of Stepping up to success through action earning using Nature and a range of therapies as a core element of our work.