

**Trustees' Annual Report (including Directors' report) for the period 1 November 2020 to 31 March 2022**

**Charity registration number 1161174**

**Registered address**

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**Introduction**

This Report and Accounts covers the period from 1 November 2020 to 31 March 2022, a period of 17 months. Trustees decided to change the annual report and accounts cycle to be 1 April to 31 March the following year in order better to reflect the standard reporting year used by funders and partners.

**Objectives and activities**

The purposes of the Trust are as set out in the governing document to mitigate and relieve child poverty in the North East of England by:

- Raising awareness of the issue of child poverty
- Improving knowledge and understanding of the causes and consequences of, and solutions to, child poverty
- Working collaboratively with public services, voluntary bodies, employers and young people to address child poverty.

As reported last year, we were awarded a grant of £95,870 in September 2020 for the period to end March 2021 by the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) under its Covid Recovery Programme. This grant aid followed discussions with Northumberland County Council (NCC) and Leading Link (LL) about implementation strategies. Given the Covid restrictions and periodic lockdowns, LL, acting as delivery partner, adopted a mixed approach to delivery using pop up activities when able to do so, supplemented by digital delivery, particularly at Christmas 2020. Many schools were engaged in this approach and significant health and wellbeing benefits to children and young people were reported.

NECPT commissioned Newcastle University to evaluate the programme, reviewing the data about activities and participation but also engaging with children and young people and their parents about the programme. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and the evaluation report made recommendations for further follow-up to embed the benefits of the programme.

In March 2021, NLCF allocated a grant of £300,000 to NECPT for the three financial years beginning April 2021 and concluding in March 2024. The grant aid was to develop further the model in operation from the Covid Recovery Grant by offering a community and youth led programme building on local partnerships helping to develop local capacity and support for local organisations. The project aim was to maximise the impact the funding could bring and add value to the services provided via the government's pilot Holiday Activities and Food programme delivered through Northumberland County Council. NECPT agreed to partner again with Leading Link and NCC funding activities led by LL and supporting NCC by contributing to the costs of holiday camps to ensure they were accessible to all.

Our main activities during the year, our fifth of operation, continued to focus on promoting activities and healthy eating for disadvantaged children. Activity in the year was adversely affected by the Coronavirus pandemic but in September, working in partnership with Northumberland County Council (NCC) we received grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) to support a 'pop-up' programme across areas of Northumberland in support of our aims.

At the close of the financial reporting period North East Child Poverty Trust (NECPT) had made grants to third parties as allowed in its constitution. The grants were to Leading Link for delivery of the above mentioned Lottery programmes.

In carrying out these activities, Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as required under the Charities Act 2011.

### **Achievements and performance**

The Covid Recovery Programme grant enable Leading Link to organise a range of activities through pop-ups and digital delivery. The number of participants grew across the short duration of the programme:

- At Halloween 2020 the number of partner organisations was 12: by Easter 2021 it was 65,
- Events increased from 20 to 115 in the same period,
- The number of young people reached across the period grew from 500 to 4,500,
- The number of schools engaged grew from 5 to 85, and
- The number of volunteers engaged started at 20 and grew to 80.

The Summer programme funded by the new three-year programme continued this growth with 32 summer camps delivered and some 1600 children participating with 750 of these places supported by NECPT. Almost 20,000 meals were delivered across the Northumberland HAF programme.

The new funding also enabled Leading Link to further develop its innovative Young Leaders Programme with skill development and personal growth at its heart. The Newcastle University evaluation report reported very positively on its outcomes and impact.

### **Financial review**

At the end of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 the Trust had a bank balance of £37,218.

During the 17month period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 the charity received income of £100,000 as part of the three-year National Lottery Community grant and was also given a generous donation of £500 from Waitrose at Eldon Square.

The charity spent £161.6k during the period which was largely made up of grants to Leading Link and Northumberland County Council for delivery of both the Covid Recovery grant and School Holiday activities.

At the period end the charity held unrestricted reserves of £2,820 and restricted reserves of £34,398 totalling £37,218 of reserves. There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern. The trustees are satisfied that the level of reserves is suitable for the charity at this time and will continue to hold small unrestricted reserves pot with most of the reserves specifically allocated to relieve child poverty.

## Structure, governance and management

As reported last year a number of founder Trustees retired from the Board and new trustees were appointed. There were no significant changes to governance arrangements other than the development of a whistleblowing policy and a detailed skills matrix for Trustee training needs and new appointments.

### The Trustees during the 2020-22 period were:

Trustee name	Office
Jim Coulter	Chair
Satty Rai	Secretary
Jane Streather	
Philippa Gardiner	Treasurer
Malcolm Brain	(resigned March 2022)
Katalin Bartos	(resigned January 2021)
Geri Brown	
Amy Richardson	
Siobhan O'Neill	
Lewis Roberts	
Thomas Monaghan	(appointed March 2022)
Jackie McHanwell	(appointed March 2022)

### Funds held as custodian

No funds were held as custodian Trustees on behalf of others.

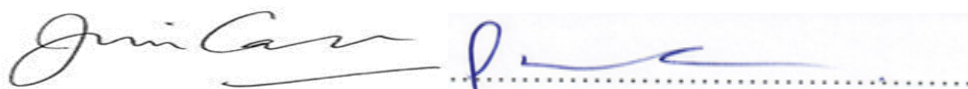
### Plans for future periods

Trustees are keen to use the experience gained from the partnership with Northumberland County Council and Leading Link to extend the range and geography of activities in the three year funding programme supported by the National Lottery Community Fund.

Approved by the board on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and signed on their behalf by the trustees:

Jim Coulter (Chair)

Philippa Gardiner (Treasurer)

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/11/2020



To

31/03/2022

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	-		-	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund Grant	-	100,000	-	100,000	95,870
Waitrose Donation	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	500	100,000	-	100,500	95,870
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	500	100,000	-	100,500	95,870
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grant Leading Link delivery Covid National Lottery programme		90,870	-	90,870	-
Grant Leading Link yr 1 of 3 year National Lottery programme		50,043	-	50,043	-
Grant to Northumberland County Council for summer National Lottery programme		15,080	-	15,080	-
Evaluation	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Administration costs	212	479	-	691	5,039
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	212	161,472	-	161,684	5,039
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	212	161,472	-	161,684	5,039
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	288	61,472	-	61,184	90,831
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	2,532	95,870	-	98,402	7,571
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	2,820	34,398	-	37,218	98,402

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current bank account	2,820	34,398	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	2,820	34,398	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Philippa Gardiner	20/05/2022	
		Jim Coulter	20/05/2022	

## **Notes to the Accounts**

### **Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis of accounting due to the size of the charity.

### **Income Recognition**

The main source of income received during the year was through grant funding from the National Lottery Community Foundation.

Grants received of £100,000 have been recognised in full at point of receipt into the bank. This income is restricted in accordance with the NLCF terms.

Donations received during the year are recognised when received.

### **Donated Goods, Facilities and Services**

The charity received free office space during the year to hold trustee meetings.

### **Activity Related Expenditure**

The above SOFA splits out the expenditure in the year.

### **Apportionment of costs**

There has been no apportionment of costs between funds. All expenditure was directly attributable to either unrestricted or restricted activities.

### **Trustee Remuneration and Benefits**

There were no payments made to trustees or connected organisations during the year.

During 2019-20 the trust made a donation of £810 as thanks for work undertaken in kind by trustee Amy Richardson. The beneficiary was Five Lamps (Amy's employer) to be utilised for charitable purposes. This was agreed by the Board of Trustees.

### **Trustee expenses**

A total of £179 has been paid for an insurance policy with Zurich Insurance plc – part of this amount is to cover Trustees' Liability Insurance.

### **Examiners' Remuneration**

A fee of £240 was paid to the examiners for the 2020 financial statements. The examination this year has been provided pro-bono.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of North East Child Poverty**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2022.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent Examiners statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act: or
2. The financial statements do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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