

The Shed Foundation **(Charity Number 1169736)**

This is the Annual Report of the **The Shed Foundation** as required by the Charity Commission. It covers the financial year 2021/22. The Shed Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which was first registered on 18th October 2016. The principal office of the Foundation is 162b, High Street, Hythe, Kent CT19 5JR.

The Trustees at the time of writing are:

Monica Springett, Lydia Springett, Keith Groombridge, Maria White, Adama Mahone, Heather Hoare, Diane Marley (a new appointee) and David White. Zoe Golding resigned during the year. There are no external organisations which may nominate Trustee positions.

What the Shed Foundation Does

The Shed Foundation exists to support the work of the Shed facility, it's workshops and outreach work. The objects of the Shed foundation are:

“ To reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with mental health issues and learning difficulties. To increase the life opportunities available to people with learning difficulties, poor mental and physical health and well being. To reduce social isolation and offer recovery and support services to people with learning difficulties and mental health issues”

The core Shed activities

The main Shed Building:

This provides a continuous 5-6 day continuous programme of accredited learning in sports, craft, drama, arts community and environmental activities. Occasional outdoor and other venues are used. During the pandemic restrictions, activities were limited. However through home contacts and other outreach work various activities were maintained.

Strategies for the year:

The Foundation developed the following Sub Strategies:

To continue to raise awareness of The Shed in the wider and local communities.

To seek out additional funding channels.

To improve mobility between sites and students.

To continue to diversify and organise events which support the Shed.

To support the students and programmes as the pandemic restrictions are relaxed.

Finance:

The new relationship with the Charities Aid Foundation bank has worked well. The annual accounts submitted with this report indicate the areas of income and expenditure.

Achievements:

As last year the pandemic has had a major impact on activities. However contact with regular funders has continued and a number of new income streams sourced. The sponsorship arrangement with a local licensee continued to be fruitful with a substantial sum raised through a second sponsored cycle ride. This money was largely used to purchase a wide range of sports equipment for the students. A new activity is now garden and allotment based and an active arrangement is in place with Hythe Cricket and Squash club. Other student activities include pottery, cooking and decorating, woodwork and digital based learning.

Raising awareness, finding new funding areas, event organisation and strengthening the Trust

As reported above several new funding areas have been sourced including local retailers, new donors and legacy donors. Outside events were curtailed for the first

part of the year due to the pandemic. However as the restrictions were eased a number of fundraising event have been organised. The Trust appointed an additional trustee who has been valuable in sharing her commercial and business expertise. The Trustees have met regularly through the year with all formal meetings minuted.

End of year summary:

The easing of the pandemic has allowed the Shed to get back to "Business as Usual". The trustees took a positive role in providing financial and personal support throughout the period and there is every reason that this will continue.