



Trustees Report

Dear All

The trustees of Antoin Akpom Achievements Foundation would like to thank all those who supported us throughout this challenging year April 2022 – March 23.

Both successful and challenging experiences came our way. Two Key Project leaders unfortunately had absences through unexpected illnesses, which caused a delay in applying for funding. It made better sense to follow on existing projects using templates already evidenced that were productive to delivering successfully. We were able to collaborate with partners and join resources to deliver workshops. The charity was successful in gaining funds (£1,500) from Community Foundation Leicestershire & Rutland, topped up by bringing forward monies from latter 2021 along with fundraising carried out by AAA foundation and donations given. However, we are encouraged knowing that the work carried out by the charity had a positive impact in the community empowering others and implementing change.

Positive feedback from both participants and community groups who were involved in this year's projects and workshops

This year has proved to be yet another challenging year. We were able to bring together our skills and resilience with the support of our community to overcome hurdles and continue deliver to the best of our ability as well as empower those around us.

Despite all adversities we managed to deliver a range of workshops and projects along with community group discussions. Some of the highlights this year were our County Road show where we engaged 2,300 inclusive participants on the project. A further 64 young people involved in workshops.

We did a joint venture program with Leicestershire Cares, involving 20 young people from Highfields and St Matthews. The group visited the Parliament Education Department in Westminster where they were able to attend a workshop involving role play on how debates are carried out in Parliament along with a tour of the House of Commons.

4 young people from the county volunteered in working behind the scenes and the parade of Leicester Caribbean Carnival. 20 young people from NCS took part in making carnival costumes for the first time and took part in a workshop learning about Leicester Caribbean Carnival. 5 young people had the opportunity to volunteer as hosts with Drum Brass at the Curve Theatre. Not forgetting our Art exhibition in Leicester City Centre displaying

young people's artwork, 15 young people volunteered as hosts at the AAA Foundation Award Event.

Online discussions and classroom-based meetings engaging with VRN (Violence Reduction Network) Leicestershire Cares and other community organisations addressing youth violence and knife crime along with discussions on Youth Voice led events. Outreach work with outspoken, Karl in the community, First Contact and schools/colleges in Leicestershire County. The charity was able to develop closer working relationships with its existing partnerships and forge new ones from the second cohort of the VRN Leadership Team Organisations.

Highlight of the year was the AAA Foundation Awards which was presented by Cllr George Cole Lord Mayor of Leicester, Rob Nixon Chief Constable, Cllr Kirk Masters, Cllr Deepak Baja Hi Bailiff of Leicestershire, Romail Gulzar Pukaar Group, Sandi Bogle Goggle Box, Dr Pauling Long BEFFTA Founder, Motivational Speaker, TV Presenter, Mr Balbir Singh Royal Officer, Grace Strong Strategic Director VRN (Violence Reduction Network), Lisa Wilkinson Community & Young Person Involvement Officer. This was an amazing platform in recognising and appreciating young people with in the community along with a platform for young people to demonstrate their skills and artistic talents. Online discussions and classroom-based meetings engaging with VRN (Violence Reduction Network) Leicestershire Cares and other community organisations addressing youth violence, access to opportunities, skills development and access to services. Along with discussions on Youth Voice led events. Outreach work with outspoken, Karl in the community, First Contact and schools/colleges in Leicestershire County. The charity was able to develop closer working relationships with its existing partnerships and forge new ones from the second cohort of the VRN Leadership Team, Organisations from city and county. The charity is pleased to announce that Dr Pauline Long has accepted to be Antoin Akpom Achievements Foundation Patron.

The trustees would like to express their appreciation for the public's continued support and look forward to progression into 2023 - 2024

Yours faithfully
Antoin Akpom Achievements Foundation Trustee

This report is a summary of events of the charity projects throughout the year. Despite limited funds with the support of partner organisations and volunteers we were able to continue to deliver.

Projects

- Award Event
- Art Exhibition
- County Road Show – County Line Awareness
- County Road Show – Well-Being
- County Road Show – Safety/Safe Spaces
- Transition into The New Norm cont'd
- Well-Being Project
- Safe Space/Services
- Carnival Costume Making
- Volunteer Project
- Parliament Visit/Workshop
- Making Local Lives Better

Projecting Workers/Volunteer Training

- Safeguarding
- Mental Health First Aid
- Well-Being
- County Lines
- Level 2 Counselling
- Suicide Awareness Level 2

Support Partnerships

- Leicester/shire Police Commissioner Department
- Violent Reduction Network
- Leicester City Mayor Office
- Leicester Lord Mayor
- Leicestershire County Council
- Pauline Long Enterprise Foundation
- Abbey Sports Fitness & Leisure
- The Trophy Parlour

Affiliated Organisations:-

- First Contact 2.0 – Brian Simmonds
- Sported East Midlands – Steve White MBE
- Karl In The Community - Karl Brown
- St Matthew Big Local – Ish Latif
- Leicestershire Cares – Neetu Squire
- Unspoken – Rukhsana Hussain

Well-Being/Safe Spaces – April 2022 – November 2022

To Explore and understand Emotions impact of:

- Isolation & the impact of Covid-19, Health & Wellbeing, Healthy Self-esteem & Positive self-talk, Understanding triggers & Developing positive coping mechanisms
- Taking responsibility & consequential thinking, Challenging behaviours, Victim awareness, County lines
- **Significant factors leading to the success of the project were:**
- Ability to offer our service for this project to a wider audience, including accessing new schools.
- We were able to create awareness for young people to access support and have a voice.
- Outcomes for children and young people in their learning and in their lives often
- improve when they are actively involved in decision making. The increasing
- recognition of rights of children and young people to be heard, to have their views
- taken seriously and to be involved in decisions affecting their lives is expressed

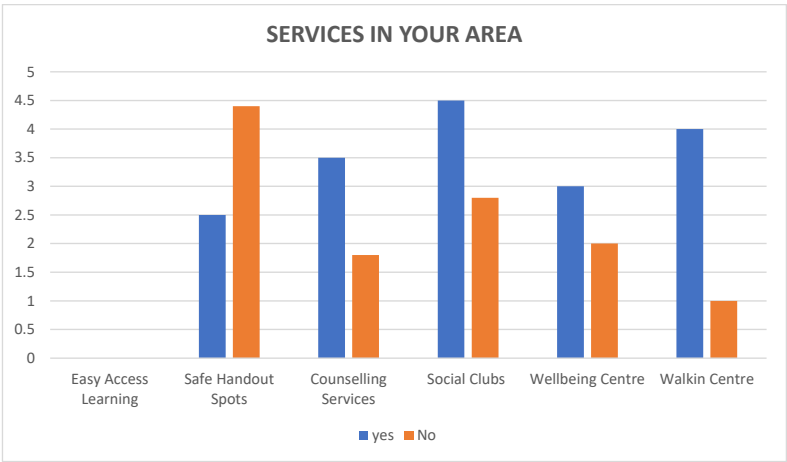
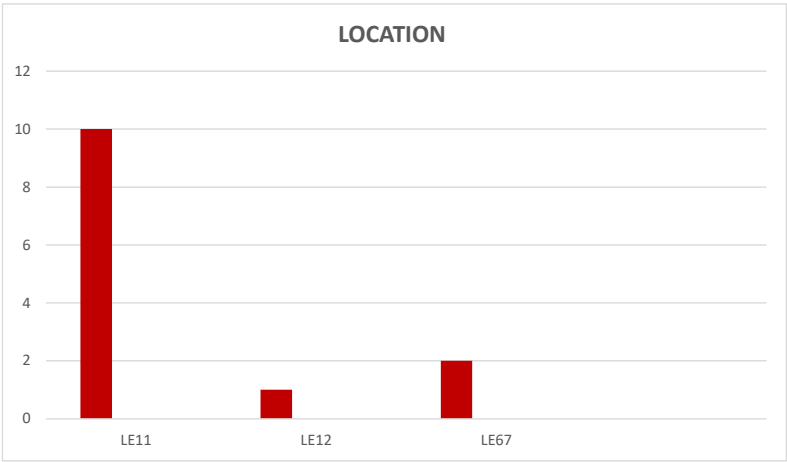
Making Local Life Better - November 2022

Deliver a workshop building a package of training for young people which initially includes modules in:

- Confidence building (working with the public)- Event planning (venue bookings, guest numbers, costings etc)
- Catering skills for events

Survey STATS

SAFE SPACE SURVEY



Participant comments

The work that AAA Foundation does is so important within the communities of Leicester and Leicestershire. The award event that took place in memory of Antoin brought communities together from all over Leicester and Leicestershire to celebrate his legacy whilst celebrating the success of young people and leaders in the community. The event involved skills development and work experience training for the young people who served and hosted at the event, whilst also recognising the success of other young people's hard work and achievements within their communities through the awards ceremony. The event is a great example of community cohesion and one that truly brings everyone together thanks to the fantastic work of AAA Foundation.

Lisa Wilkinson
Community and Young Person Involvement Officer
Violence Reduction Network
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

The AAA foundation provides a great service to the local and wider communities of Leicester and we have been a witness of this via the award show they had in November 2022. We were able to first hand see their work and efforts put into the community and being awarded by them allowed us to use such credibility to curate firm relationships and a enhanced network within what we do.

The AAA foundation definitely inspires the young generation and we have no doubt they'll continue to shine throughout the foreseeable future. We appreciate the support and help they have provided us as young community mentors

The Waves of Positivity Team

I have always struggled with anxiety since secondary school. The pandemic made this worse as I was unsure of my grades and how my college experience would be. Throughout my A Levels, I had been quite reserved and did not enjoy it too much. This changed when I began to help out in the community and started volunteering. It helped me so much. I learnt how to be confident, how to work well under pressure, how to lead a team, organisational skills etc. I'm so grateful for that because I would not be how I am now without all of that experience. Now, I do not feel like an imposter on my degree course, I have had loads of amazing experiences, and met the most inspiring people and I will forever be grateful.

Madina Ibrahim

AAA Foundation has helped a lot of young people. Some of the people who took part in the project were friends I brought in". It was good experience to help us get jobs as it's allowed us to gain work experience we can put on our cv—

I recently went for an interview, now working part time in hospitality"

Destiny Polin 16yrs

"The work we have done during the projects, made me more responsible and made me be ready to be an adult".

Grace Gusha 16yrs

Funding Breakdown

Award Event Volunteer Project

Funding b/f spent in August - November **£2,400.00**

Making Local Life Better Project - Community Foundation
Leicestershire & Rutland **£1,500.00**

Other Funds

Transport for Parliament visit	
- Leicestershire Cares	£980.00
AAA Foundation	£300.00
AAA Foundation Ticket Sale	£1,700.00
Outspoken	£100.00
Lottery	£32.55
Donation	£100.00

Sub-total 2022 incoming funds

£1,500 + £3,212.55

£4,712.55

Bank Balance January 10th 2023

£524.67

EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
Grant – Making Local Lives Better - £1,500	Community Foundation Leicestershire & Rutland	
Volunteer Staff Expense		£500.00
Volunteer Involvement Fee/Expenses		£500.00
Volunteer Training Cost		£500.00

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
Donation – Leicestershire Cares – Parliament Education Visit - £980.00	Coach hire Leicester to Westminster	£980.00
AAA Foundation	Refreshments & meals (20 young people and 5 staff)	£300.00

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
AAA Foundation Award Event - £1,700		
Trophy Parlour	Trophies for nominees	£400.00
Loraeos Events Ltd	Venue decor – letters, balloon hoop & flowers	£320.00
Zifit Fitness Performance Lifestyle	Travel cost Performance at the event	£50.00
Ultimate Personal Security Services	Security staff for award event	£90.00
Abbey Sports Leisure Centre	Venue prep-setting up, table & chair cover, table centre pieces, memory ladder, DJ	£424.16
HKP Marketing	Photography	£100.00
AAA Foundation expenses	Travel expenses project coordinator to Leicester from Wellingborough & Accommodation stayover for event (2 days) cost needed due to disability	£315.84

EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN CONT'D

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
Donation – Unspoken - £100.00	Carnival craft Workshop	£100.00

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
AAA Foundation Charity Lottery - £32.00	Used towards participants refreshments	£32.00

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
Donation – Public - £100.00	Used towards participants expenses	£100.00





Project Sponsors



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