



Trustees Annual Report 01-04-2021 – 30-06-2023

The objects of the CIO are:

To relieve the needs of Neurodiverse children and young adults in West Yorkshire (without attached funding or diagnosis necessarily) by providing grants to assist with the provision of specialist equipment to aid and enable their access to education and the curriculum. For the purposes of this clause 'Neurodiverse' refers to the different ways the brain can work and interpret information. Neurodivergence includes, but is not limited to: Attention Deficit Disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD), Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia and Dyspraxia.

The year this annual return covers has been equally challenging whilst still in our infancy as a Charity. Fundraising has still very much been carried out in a virtual manner up to June 2022 and the lack of in person events has hampered our ability to raise large amounts of funds at one time. Therefore, we have held much smaller fundraisers online in order to keep our ability to meet application requests going. As a charity, the interest and support from West Yorkshire is slowly but steadily growing and given the current financial climate and circumstances we still find ourselves in, we continue to feel privileged that we are garnering support out there, although fully appreciate it takes time to establish. We were extremely excited to design a poster and have our charity details on several lorries from Brocklehurst Transport, to spread the word across West Yorkshire

and beyond. A few local businesses are now also housing our collection pots.

In this time frame, we have managed to hold 4 applicant windows and have had 11 applications through for various specialist pieces of equipment including a tablet, laptop, speech to text software, weighted items, ear defenders, and an E reader pen. All 11 applications met our criteria and could provide evidence from an AHP/SpLD teacher as to why they were needed to access their education. We have added value by now asking for feedback from applicants as to how they have found the process and any changes they would make, in order for us to continue to offer the ease of service we want and to grow and learn from any negative feedback received. To date all feedback has been very positive. One recurring application was rejected as they didn't meet our criteria, this was explained fully to them.

Fundraising, as mentioned, has again been challenging to engage with our supporters in a virtual manner, we have however done well in attracting more support as the year has progressed. We have not been defeatist and have continued to think outside the box. Our fundraising has been through virtual quizzes, auctions (knitted and felted items) and raffles, which have gone down amazingly well, knitted Christmas tree treat socks were donated and sold last Christmas. We have also had 2 virtual balloon races and two events where we sold scratch card squares (Halloween and the Jubilee) We have been amazingly lucky with the kind generosity of people supporting us and donating items or their time to host the quizzes for free and have again been supported by the local round table, Amazon Smile and Tesco. This has meant

all the monies raised we can honestly tell people go on our applications. We have raised £2420.33 ourselves which for such a small charity and given the year again people have had, is wonderful.

On a negative note, we did have to cancel a planned in person quiz for June due to lack of uptake. This was a huge setback both financially in order for us to boost funds and as a way of continuing to gain the momentum we were starting to have following Covid. We learnt from it and moved forwards, with pre planning and more advanced notice of bigger events.

Looking to the next year we have planned ahead an event in the summer to publicise the charity and spread the word with an open afternoon and an in-person quiz night at the end of the year, alongside our regular online fundraisers. All trustees agree that we absolutely must prioritise events that enable us to spread the word about our charity further across West Yorkshire and get out and about to encourage engagement and use.

Having had our AGM, we have agreed to continue with 3 applicant windows a year, through the months of March, June, and October, to afford us time to fundraise in between. We have also agreed to continue for now, prioritisation of up to 3 items per applicant. However, it is made very clear in the criteria and application form that these items are not guaranteed and it will depend on funds available, and we are always very honest with what we can and cannot commit to. We are once more excited and buoyed for the coming year and cannot wait to tackle it head on.

Nicky Bament

Charity founder and trustee.

## Charity Accounts

IN					OUT			
DESCRIPTION	DATE	Crowdfund	Events	Donations	DESCRIPTION	DATE	Room Hire	Stationary
Balance Carried Over		£2,001.13						
quiz ticket	4/13/2021			£10.00	application order ear defend/ cushion	3/21/2021		
quiz/raf tickets	4/13/2021			£40.00	application order lap pad	3/22/2021		
raffle tickets	4/13/2021			£2.00	posters for lorries advertising	4/23/2021		
quiz/raf tickets	4/13/2021			£10.00	quiz night prize	5/4/2021		
raffle tickets	4/14/2021			£10.00	quiz night prize	4/4/2021		
raffle tickets	4/16/2021			£5.00	application equipment	6/2/2021		
donation	4/16/2021			£25.00	Application equipment	6/9/2021		
donation	4/19/2021			£5.00	appliacion equipment	6/10/2021		
donation	4/19/2021			£10.00	appliacion equipopment	6/10/2021		
raffle tickets	4/20/2021			£3.00	Application equipment	7/5/2021		
raffle tickets	4/20/2021			£10.00	application equipment	7/14/2021		
quiz and raffle	4/21/2021			£10.00	amazon prize voucher	9/17/2021		
rafle tickets	4/28/2021			£8.00	website host	9/28/2021		
raffle tickets	4/29/2021			£10.00	application laptop	10/18/2021		
quiz and raffle	5/4/2021			£10.00	application, ipad, pen and case	10/19/2021		
donation	5/5/2021			£10.00	application, dragon speak software	10/19/2021		
amazon smile	5/24/2021			£18.97	VM money cashback correction	11/5/2021		
virgin money	6/14/2021			£0.09	prize vouchers	12/6/2021		
virgin money	7/13/2021			£3.46	virtual balloon race	1/31/2022		
donation	7/26/2021			£10.00	prize vouchers	2/15/2022		
donation	8/3/2021			£10.00	laptop application	6/9/2022		
paypal donations	8/9/2021			£11.04	Download dragon Speak	6/9/2022		
paypal donations	8/9/2021			£70.07	amazon prize voucher	6/6/2022		
amazon smile	8/17/2021			£17.15	17 charity collection pots	6/10/2022		
virgin cashback	8/18/2021			£2.56	table logo banner	6/14/2022		
donation	8/25/2021			£25.00	business cards	6/16/2022		£20.30
donation	8/26/2021			£22.65	publicity material	6/30/2022		
balloon race	8/27/2021		£105.60					
paypal	8/27/2021	£153.65						
auction money	8/31/2021		£5.00					
auction money	8/31/2021		£5.00					
auction money	9/1/2021		£8.00					
donation	9/27/2021			£1,000.00				
event	10/7/2021		£3.00					
event	10/7/2021		£5.00					
paypal	10/7/2021			£21.48				
event	10/8/2021		£3.00					
event	10/11/2021		£10.00					
virgin cashback	10/14/2021			£0.71				
event	10/29/2021		£3.00					
event	10/29/2021		£3.00					

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TOTAL	£4,421.46	£2,154.78	£805.50	£1,461.18		£3,200.72	£0.00	£20.30
BALANCE	£1,220.74							

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£136.68	£0.71	£265.24	£0.00	£2,777.79