

Fun Club Hub CIO  
Accounts for the year ending 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022  
Charity Number 1187361

Trustees Report and Financial Accounts

## Trustees Report 2021-2022

The past year has obviously been very difficult for our members, staff, and volunteers, but we managed to continue to provide services for local young people keep going. Due to Covid 19 the start of 2021 we adapted to the government's lockdown rules and stages, which meant that at the beginning of the year we went back to our regular Zoom sessions. This started from the 4<sup>th</sup> January, Where we spent time planning with or young leaders and volunteers.

Fun Club Hub adapted ways our usual way of working during the Spring 2021 lockdown, continuing to work from home, as we had a team of young volunteers and young people who relied on us. Within a week of this planning sessions we had a new way of working through the use of social media platforms. This included competitions, quizzes, zoom meetings, one to one support, and group work support. We have continued to provide a weekly programme, weekly team meetings, and awareness on current issues from Black Lives Matter to Mental Health Awareness.

We have been flexible in our approach and responded to the young people's needs. Delivering 3 sessions of Youth provision over three evenings a week whilst in lockdown, and on call 7 days a week for support.

During this period Fun Club Hub delivered 35 online sessions, engaging with 350 contacts. We decided to plan our sessions monthly to help us to be responsive to the constantly changing situation. We were also hoping to be able to go and re-start detached work as soon as possible. We were able to provide some fantastic activities online, as we had learnt from our experience of working in the pandemic in 2000, were already experienced from last year. These activities ran through January, February and March and included quizzes wellbeing sessions, and work around Chinese New Year. We also delivered 100 wellbeing bags to our regular members, so they were able to have a hands-on zoom experience, doing the activities, while watching us. These included Chinese New Year crafts, pancake making, Valentines Day activities and a range of crafts, talks, quizzes, as well as DJ and Karoke sessions.

During March we delivered the Juniors Young Leader skills sessions. These were on a Thursday and Staffordshire Council for Voluntary Services delivered these to our older group. All the Young People received certificates for their online learning, which of course we celebrated. We supported Molly our apprentice throughout her time with us and also our young people who had left care for the first time, with zoom sessions around wellbeing and support.

We secured funding for projects to start on 21st April in Lichfield and Burntwood called the HOPE PROJECT. The aim of this project was to support our young leaders, members and local community coming out of COVID and provide them with something to look forward to and feel good about themselves. This project was very successful with Art and Graffiti projects completed on the Skatepark in Burntwood and an Art Project in Lichfield, with support from staff. The project was fantastic, and the feedback from everyone involved was that they felt really involved and enjoyed it. We secured funding from the National Lottery. This was amazing news for the project, and we were able to share the news with members and their parents. During this time we started to use part of the funding for Motivations in EDA School and The Bridge Pupil Referral Unit (PRU). The Motivations project was also to deliver sessions and relationships and self-esteem, as well one to one sessions. These were so well received that EDA asked us to provide another day of sessions a week starting from September 2021. Received the funding from the National Lottery, meant more financial stability for the project which enabled Liz to give up her other career so that she can focus on the clubs and Schools work with Kerry.

In the summer holidays we secured funding from SPACE to deliver sessions in our clubs and in outside. Which we were able to do with the support of our Young leaders and volunteers. The sessions were for universal & targeted young people. They were promoted through our social media platforms and various Zoom meetings with partners as well as by members of the Youth Clubs and young people we worked with at The Bridge PRU, Erasmus Darwin Academy and The Friary School who were all part of our targeted cohorts.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

The Fun Club Hub has high levels of good will and respect among those it serves and the whole community. We are a well-respected and fundamental partner in the District supporting a partnership made up of statutory and non-statutory providers with the aim of retaining, developing and supporting colleagues to identify children and young people at risk. Fun Club Hub work in a co-ordinated and collaborative way by liaising with referrers, identifying needs and strengths of individuals and intervening early to ensure engagement and provide targeted support. Working with children's social care teams, schools, police, community safety and community organisations they are key partners who support the delivery of the police SPACE summer scheme, provide universal out of school activities and deliver motivational workshops in high schools with universal groups which deliberately include young people at risk of exclusion. Following those workshops, rapport and trust is gained with additional 'at risk' individuals so that motivational 1-2-1 work can begin.

## **LOWLIGHTS**

We have had some obstacles to the group's programme, regarding access to two venues but we are working hard to try and overcome them. One of our venues of delivery is Burntwood Youth and Community Centre, as we were told it may have to close. Working with local partners and contacts we are hoping to find an alternative base in the locality. Despite many obstacles such as premises and location, etc we do persevere to continue delivery and retain engagement with those most at risk children and young people until such times to look for an appropriate site.

Our commitment to safeguarding has repeatedly seen the teamwork with young

people at risk, well outside of their normal operating hours. Whilst this has never been an obstacle to the group, it has meant that they have supported children and young people at unsociable hours to ensure their safety and enable concerns to be escalated in a timely manner. We continue to deliver above and beyond with complete commitment with no limits to our availability to young people and their welfare.

Treasurer - Liz Bacon

Date 26/10/2021

## Accounts

	2021-2022 £	2020-2021 £
Opening Balance	13,200.05	5,938.51
Income	69,417.89	34,124.99
Expenditure	48,471.17	26,863.45
Closing Balance	20,946.72	13,200.05

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Fun Club Hub CIO

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

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

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 examiner's 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

**Signed:** Debbie Wellecomme (FMAAT) **Date:** 14/11/22  
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