

Support Futures
Trustees Report
Period ending 31st January 2023

The following report contains the Trustees conclusions about the work of the Support Futures Charity for the period ended 31st January 2023

Fund Raising

The charity currently raises funds for its activities in 2 distinct ways

Grants : There have been severable notable grants received from organisations including Wolverhampton City Council, The NHS, The National Lottery and Sports England. These have been supplemented by other smaller grants including ones from The Cadbury Foundation and Tesco's

The grants made up by far the highest contribution to our income with over 90% of income coming from grant providers

Fundraising Events : We have engaged in a large number of fundraising events working with sporting stars including Matt Le Tissier, Kenny Hibbitt, Geoff Thomas, Keith Deller and Mervyn King. The financial results of the events have been unpredictable and vary wildly. Event fundraising currently accounts for less than 10% of the charity's income.

The events have had other non – financial advantages including increasing awareness of the charity and its work as well as encouraging some of the people who have attended to come to our programmes

Engagement with the public

Charity representatives have appeared on local radio discussing the work we do. We have also attended events and taken stalls at church hall, council and college events

Around 30k leaflets have been distributed in the local area promoting our activities as well as adverts in the local newspaper and on social media

At each of our fundraising events there is a stall promoting the charity, literature is distributed and there is a presentation from the stage explaining what we do

Darts players Jamie Caven and Henry Coates have added the Support Futures logo to their shirts and are taking out our literature with them whenever they appear at events around the West Midlands

Delivering Programmes

We have delivered our training programmes in 4 separate locations in the West Midlands. These include the Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre in Dudley, The RG Boxfit gym in Bilston, The Doll House beauty salon in Oldbury and the Way youth zone in Wolverhampton.

We have delivered the following programmes

Introduction to Beauty Therapy

Mental Health and Dance

Fit for Futures

Our next step is to begin using our accreditation with the Open College Network to begin providing programmes which lead to a recognised qualification

Whilst the programmes have not been as well attended as we would have hoped they have had very satisfactory feedback and results with those who took part

Demographics

The demographics for those who have used our training programme makes for interesting reading. Despite having attempted to target a younger age group it would appear that the bulk of our learners are aged between 30 and 50

More than 60% of those attending our programmes have been women.

We clearly need to adapt our approach and find a way of appealing to younger people whilst still valuing the attendance of our older learners

Trustee Engagement

The Trustees have attended several meetings over the course of the year and have taken up involvement in assisting at events and coaching programmes as well as filling all of the roles legally required of the charity by law

Finances and Accounts

At the year end the finances are at an acceptable level but there are serious questions over how we raise enough money to fund our operations past the end of 2023

A continued emphasis needs to be placed of grant application whilst ensuring we continue to find ways to raise our own funds

We have an ongoing issue with the Metro bank which is making our operational functions very difficult. The issue appears to be largely down to certain individuals within Metro bank being inefficient or in some cases deliberately uncooperative. One of our tasks moving forward will be to assess the possibility of improving the situation or moving bank

Conclusion

After a challenging year of operating in difficult economic and political circumstances the charity is in a strong position to move onwards in 2023

Our aims will include

- 1 – Securing ongoing financial stability
- 2 – Delivering even stronger training and coaching programmes
- 3 – Finding new approaches to engaging with the public to gain more participation in our programmes

Support Futures Fin	
1st April 2021 - 31	
Opening Balance	Incoming
£0.00	£30,548.26

Date Charity No.503303	April	May	June
Income			
Grants			
SF Events			
In Aid of Events			
Personal Donation			
PayPal			
Other			
Total £	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Expenditure			
SF Events			
Consultancy			
Project Equipment			
Grants			
Marketing & PR			
Recruitment			
Total £	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Income - Expenditure £	0.00	0.00	0.00

Financial Accounts	
1st March 2022	
Outgoing	Closing Balance
£13,125.79	£17,422.47

July	August	September	October	November	December	January
			£500.00		£9,860.00	£1,000.00
					£50.00	£0.01
					£780.00	
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00	£10,690.00	£1,000.01
						£2,400.00
						£800.00
						£1,539.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,739.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	10,690.00	-3,738.99

February	March
£9,250.00	£8,070.00
£940.00	
£50.00	
	£48.25
£10,240.00	£8,118.25
	£2,700.00
£800.00	£1,200.00
	£15.99
	£2,598.00
	£718.80
	£354.00
£800.00	£7,586.79
9,440.00	531.46

External Audit : Conducted by Martyn Pearsall

Support Futures :

Constitution : Audit Procedural Review.

3). Objects *

3.1.1. The provision of sport, recreational and leisure time activities and facilities.

This is carried out in the interests of showing how students develop their skills, capacities and mental, physical and moral capabilities.

6.3). Payment for supply of goods only *

6.3.1. The amount or maximum amount of the payment for the goods is set out in a written agreement between the CIO and the Charity Trustee or connected person supplying the goods.

10). Appointment of Charity Trustees *

10.1. Apart from the first Charity Trustees, every Charity Trustee must be appointed for a term of office of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees. Refer to outline of convened appointments. (Kristen Douglas. Mark Bloomer, Michael Jones, Richard Ghent, Sarah Foster, Niall Farrell and Timothy Plumber).

31). Interpretation *

31.1. This is defined as primarily but not exclusively, The City of Birmingham, The Metropolitan Boroughs of Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall as well as The City of Wolverhampton.

Support Futures is currently most active at Wolverhampton 'The Way'.

*Evidence, documentation and examples are provided upon request if required.

Signed : Martyn Pearsall.....10th February 2023.... External Auditor.