

STATE OF THE (Q4CL) NATION
2024-25:

IMPACT REPORT



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Q4CL 2024-2025

Quilts for Care Leavers (Q4CL) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
Registered Charity Number: 1207069

YEAR IN REVIEW

Maggie's Message



Maggie Lloyd-Jones, Founder and Chair of Trustees with poet Lemn Sissay, inspiration behind the Q4CL charity, in Edinburgh, March 2025

Our first year as a charity saw incredible changes for Q4 with donations spreading much further than previously. Whilst the number of Christmas Day Dinners reduced in 2024, we increased donating to LA's and agencies including *The National House Project*, *Pause* and 1st year university students who are care leavers. The Little

Massingham Project concluded with the church "hug" covered by local press and BBC radio. The hugs have been distributed through leaving care teams in Norfolk. We also increased our giving to include quilted hot water bottle covers and more Morsbags.

Legacy bequests of fabrics and destashing provide a significant amount of fabric for our makers, for the cost of postage. It also helps significantly for our monthly block drive.

I went to many events and made many contacts, especially at The National Benchmarking, and National House Project conferences. We know from agency/personal advisor feedback that Q4 is a grand idea, but we also know that the young people appreciate our makes. I am now following up on an incredible number of valuable contacts which will support our 2025-2027 goal of doubling the number of young people we can offer quilts to. Now we just need to get making! **Mel-j**

Acknowledgements

Quilts for Care Leavers would like to thank all of those who have contributed time, fabric and money to our efforts this year. We were grateful for a space at Festival of Quilts in July/August 2024 which enabled us to raise funds and awareness for the project and also to those partners and potential partners who have given their time to listen to our story, and to share it with others who might benefit. As well as those who participate in our crowdfunders and Easy Fundraising we receive a number of much appreciated regular donations.

‘24-‘25 in Quilts

We are seeing increased awareness of and word-of-mouth recommendations for our project across different sectors including local authorities, educational institutions, agencies and not-for-profit organisations working with Care Leavers. Quilt numbers donated in 2024 were the highest ever.



‘24-‘25 Projects/Events

2025 saw the conclusion of the Little Massingham project. A total of 150 quilt tops were made for Care Leavers in the Norfolk area. Remaining fabric has been packed up and will be made available to makers for orphan block quilts in future.

The team have attended events such as Festival of Quilts, QuiltFest, and been involved in Sewing Days supporting Q4CL held by members across the UK.

‘24-‘25 Accounts

Copies of the accounts for 2024-2025 are available on request from the Registered Office (email your details to q4cleavers@gmail.com) or can be viewed online via the Charity Commission Website.

‘24-‘25 Funding

We estimate that each quilt costs around £150-£200 to get from maker to care leaver. The majority of this cost is donated in the form of fabric, time and postage by our fabulous team of makers. However, we incur costs including postage, storage, batting and backings, insurance and web services amongst others.

During the year 2024-2025 funding was received from: Crowdfunder approximately £2000, Easy Fundraising approximately £1000, Festival of Quilts approximately £2000. Other donations approximately £2000. We are now registered with HMRC for Gift Aid.

2025-2027 PLAN

Goals for 2025-2027

Double the number of quilts produced and donated

Strategy

- Recruit makers through Facebook and events, including long armers
- Build on Block of Month programme
- Build a solid and sustainable admin team supported by systems and policies
- Comply with Charity Commission Guidelines
- Increase fundraising efforts to include online donations, regular giving, corporate donations and grant funding to enable us to meet our target.

OUR PEOPLE

Volunteers


There are over 3300 volunteer makers in our Facebook group, we have a growing Fabric Friends Team who collect, sort and distribute fabrics to our makers, our phenomenal Admin Team put in many hours behind the scenes to ensure quilts get from maker to Care Leaver and our Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the Charity is governed well and meets its aims. We will be looking to grow these teams in the next 12 months.

Admin Team


Ruth Shadrack (Admin Lead)
Kathrin Waite
Maggie Lloyd-Jones
Esther Pollard

Trustees

Maggie Lloyd-Jones (Chair)
Esther Pollard (Secretary)
Mark Nye
Simon Ruding (Treasurer)
Tom Loan (from November 2024)

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Quilts for Care Leavers (Q4CL)			1207069	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	19/02/2024	To	05/04/2025	
Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
4000 - Sales - Products	7	-	-	7	-
4001 - General Income/Donations	7,211	-	-	7,211	-
4002 - Income for Wadding	150	-	-	150	-
4003 - Income for Postage	1,014	-	-	1,014	-
4004 - Income for Long-arming	2,493	-	-	2,493	-
4900 - Other income	6,209	-	-	6,209	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,084	-	-	17,084	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,084	-	-	17,084	-
A3 Payments					
5000 - Cost of Sales - Goods	1,120	-	-	1,120	-
5001 - General Expenditure	333	-	-	333	-
5010 - Purchase Discounts	136	-	-	136	-
5020 - Cost of Sales - Materials	1,173	-	-	1,173	-
5021 - Purchase of Wadding	7,269	-	-	7,269	-
5022 - Purchase of Backings	2,439	-	-	2,439	-
5070 - Packaging Materials	89	-	-	89	-
7510 - Postage and Carriage	3,252	-	-	3,252	-
Overheads	1,840	-	-	1,840	-
Sub total	17,650	-	-	17,650	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	17,650	-	-	17,650	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 566	-	-	- 566	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,367	-	-	10,367	-
Cash funds this year end	9,801	-	-	9,801	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Paypal MLJ	216	-	-
	Natwest bank account	9,585	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,801	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Simon Philip Ruding		11/09/2025