



The Trustees would like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to all members of the Company past and present, whose ongoing generosity has enabled the Charity to make over 40 grants to deserving causes in 2022-2023.

None of this would have been possible without you.

We share below some of the wonderful stories from the grant recipients.



We have continued to deliver alternative learning in motor mechanics to disadvantaged children and young people from across Surrey, both at our workshop near Albury and with the use of our two fully-equipped mobile classrooms, at venues across the county.

In the academic year to end of August 2022 we worked with over 300 young people, delivering over 1,521 teaching hours. This was a 13% increase on the previous year. Now in the 2022-23 academic year we are increasing our service delivery further, in response to high demand. We are delighted that more schools and other partners have returned to us or are working with us for the first time, although this increasing demand is also a sad reflection on the educational inequalities exacerbated by the pandemic, with many more children being excluded from school, or becoming school 'refusers'.



Staff from Gosden House School commented in November 2022 - "The GASP staff are brilliant and so knowledgeable and really empower and enable our learners. Students grow in confidence, learning and developing new skills such as problem solving, creative thinking, trial and error, all in a safe and nurturing environment as well as learning to work together."

Financial Smarties programme concentrated on making a difference to the lives of 60 young women and girls from deprived families helping them to get a grip on their lives and secure themselves financially stable and promising futures.

Through this programme women and girls gained simple budgeting skills and received financial advice and coaching to understand legal paperwork terminology. They also received digital literacy support for using online services and met with a finance coach to assess their personal financial circumstances which helped them set a long-term objective financial plan.

Sarah shared feedback: Through attending TCH's Financial Smarties' programme I have truly seen a change in the way I handle money. Until I attended the programme, I had no idea what it meant to 'spend within your means'. Now I am able to budget effectively and have created a financial forecast so that I can plan ahead. I see myself managing my future finances with greater understanding and skills.

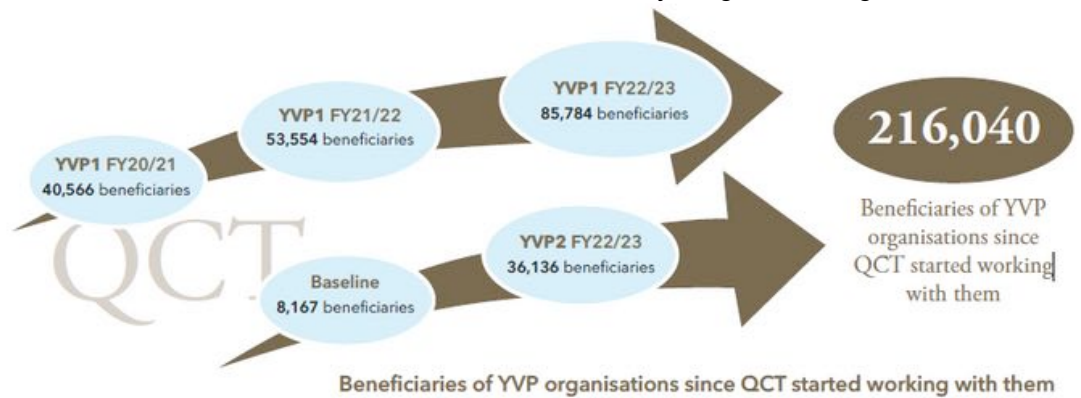




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Youth Ventures Programme (YVP): This is our signature two-year programme. It provides young leaders and their social impact organisations with three key elements: flexible funding; practical tools and tailored support; and access to a vibrant network of over 850 young leaders aged 18–35 who are able to support each other and access insights and resources to further their work and impact. We sometimes refer to YVP leaders and YVP organisations, meaning the young leaders and their social impact organisations respectively.

The substantial increase in the number of beneficiaries reached by both intakes of the YVP clearly demonstrates the positive impact of the programme. This increase is sustained even after the young leaders graduate from the programme, as shown here:



### Changing Lives: one young person at a time

So far this year 265 disadvantaged young people from across the UK have been through our employment programmes in Law, Digital and Customer Services. 93% agree that they feel more employable following their bootcamps and 153 have already moved into sustainable employment.

### Madalina secures paralegal apprenticeship

Madalina grew up in a deprived part of Birmingham and lives with her parent's both of whom work, one in a warehouse and the other as a driver. No-one in her immediate family has been to university.

Madalina is bright and achieved good grades at school, she enjoyed law and had tried to gain more experience and insight into it however found it hard as she didn't have any anyone within her family or networks with legal connections. She applied to join the Leadership Through Sport & Business (LTSB) Legal programme in February 2023 and was a fantastic candidate, after successfully completing the programme she applied for a number of legal apprenticeships roles but was rejected either at this stage or at the interview stage. With our support she persevered and learnt from her feedback and her confidence grew. On the day of an interview with DAC Beachcroft, she remembered all that she had learnt, practiced with her LTSB Employment Manager and went on to do brilliantly in her interview and secure the position.

She is starting her paralegal apprenticeship, which will then develop into a solicitor apprenticeship, at DAC Beachcroft in early September 2023. She said: "The LTSB programme has helped me a lot in gaining the confidence I need to pursue a career in the legal field and has equipped me with a lot of skills along the way such as communication, team working and resilience".



**Finance skills for charity Chairs**

With your support we developed and piloted two new online sessions for Chairs on finance. These were well received and we plan to run them again. There is clearly interest in resources aimed at Chairs on finance, so we would now like to develop a short non technical guide for Chairs focusing on essentials.

We formed a small working group to develop our thinking on the particular role that Chairs should play on finance, and the knowledge and skills most needed. (We were keen to build on existing work and signpost to existing offerings on more general finance skills for trustees).

We developed a consultation document which we shared with a range of key stakeholders including ICAEW and Charity Finance Group. We had good engagement, a welcome for the intended approach and received constructive feedback (including from Hilary Linday).

We used the feedback, and discussion with Chairs to develop two workshops (each 2 hours long) and to curate a list of useful resources. (We kept the sessions short as many Chairs are time poor).

2022 marked our 30th anniversary.

We work across the West Midlands and help over 5,000 disabled people each year.

The mission of our charity is twofold.

- Empower disabled people to take control of their lives and futures.
- Provide opportunities to help disabled people achieve their full potential in mainstream society.

**Feedback from a recipient:**

“I was the very fortunate recipient of help from your organisation, having never asked for help before this was not an easy thing for me to do but as my situation was worsening, I really needed help. To say that the assistance you provided has been life changing is an inadequate description”.

Your support will enable us to transform lives through sailing – thank you so much.

The Andrew Simpson Foundation is continuing the legacy of Andrew “Bart” Simpson, an Olympic Champion and America’s Cup Sailor who tragically died in 2013. Andrew passionately believed that everyone should have the chance to try sailing and enjoy the many benefits that it brings. Absolutely everything we do is driven by our belief that all young people have the ability to excel and succeed in life and work.



supporting disabled people for over 30 years.



“Sailing took our children out of their comfort zone and provided them with a platform to explore new surroundings and experiences. In the beginning, some of our children were very nervous about trying something new. They were fearful of the water and ever-changing weather conditions.

However, as the weeks went by, the children begin to feel more relaxed and positive about themselves. They began to show more resilience and were able to cope better when faced with problems. None of our children would have been able to get out on the water without the support of the Andrew Simpson Foundation – thank you!”





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# APRIL 2024 THANKS



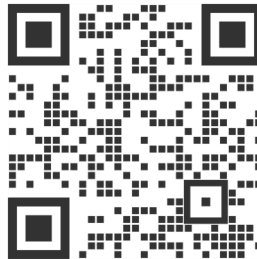
The Children's Literacy Charity is extremely grateful to the trustees of the Chartered Accountants' Livery Company for their kind support in 2022/23. With your support over the year we supported 1,045 children to gain vital literacy skills.

Overall, over the academic year (2022-23), as a charity we supported 1,045 pupils through a range of programmes. Of these, 246 were supported through our expert Literacy Lab programme across 12 primary schools in disadvantaged areas of London and Manchester.

The UK is facing a huge literacy challenge. The skills gap is apparent at just five years old, where even before the pandemic, our poorest children were starting primary school 19 months behind their better-off peers in language and vocabulary and struggling to catch up from then on. Currently, 57% of children from disadvantaged backgrounds leave primary school without reaching the expected levels in literacy and maths.

Over the year we provided 9,188 literacy sessions in total, including 3,062 over the summer term, of which 110 were generously supported by the Chartered Accountants' Company (each session costs £40 less the school contribution @ 32% = £27.20 per session). The teaching model we use is a holistic, multi-sensory, phonics-based programme that focuses on all aspects of literacy: reading, writing, comprehension, speaking and listening. The charity believes this form of phonics-based literacy intervention gives those children who are most behind a crucial and potentially life changing step up.

The Accountants Livery Fund supported us with setting up our Youth Worker Executive post, I cannot express enough our gratitude and the success we have gained from taking on Kim Webster; you can find out more using the QR code with the PR we received, she is a unique person out to make a difference.



Interfaith Glasgow is extremely grateful to the Chartered Accountants' Livery Charity for supporting our Weekend Club (WC) for refugees and asylum seekers. The grant has been a lifeline during a financially extremely challenging year for Interfaith Glasgow, following the loss of our Glasgow City Council funding.

Glasgow receives more asylum seekers than anywhere else in the UK. Forbidden to work, living allowances scarcely cover essentials and, even once status is granted, refugees often remain on very low incomes. Going out to make friends or do something fun with the kids is an unaffordable luxury for many.

Working with a diverse and committed team of volunteers (including refugees), the club delivers free (travel expenses reimbursed), family-friendly monthly events which help refugees build social connections, get to know Glasgow and Scotland better, practise speaking English, share a meal, and enjoy fun activities with others, fostering a sense of belonging: "I feel like I have met a big family for the first time in UK"; "It has really helped me to integrate well in Glasgow ... I no longer feel lonely"; "the WC allows us to discover Glasgow, to meet new people"; "It is very helpful for your wellbeing"; "we have financial problems which makes it difficult for us to take the children out... The WC is everything"; "happiness, enjoyment, friendliness, many information and interesting places"; "[We feel] connected ... and supported".



The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch relies on the generosity of so many people. Your support is a vivid demonstration of the shared perspective we have of the professionalism and bravery of those who have served and who currently serve in His Majesty's Armed Forces, and the importance of our three single service charities in providing support and encouragement to these brave men and women and their families to help them into employment in the civilian world.



John Cutting  
ABF The Soldiers' Charity Beneficiary

"Attending the 2023 Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch in Guildhall London, in the presence of TRH The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester alongside so many individuals dedicated to supporting veterans like myself in our time of need, has been the most humbling and emotionally uplifting experience during my association with the ABF The Soldiers' Charity. The bursary I received to enable me to engage in Fine Art Higher Education with the confidence to undertake a Master's Degree in Fine Art, is only part of an ongoing lifechanging process.

Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder has been a very debilitating, isolating experience of manipulating journeys into entering worlds of selfharm, potential suicide, and barriers to social interactions. To be able to meet, communicate with and witness the commitment of individuals, of which I have no previous knowledge, to support myself and many other veterans, in, such a selfless manner, has been overwhelming."

With your generous donation we were able to keep continuing to provide the very best environment in which our students make "excellent progress". Ofsted praised our staff for being very "ambitious for students" and for creating highly individualised programmes that prepare students for the next stage in their lives.

"All students engage with activities enthusiastically, make swift progress and develop a strong understanding of how their needs can be met in the future." None of these wonderful things would be possible without the ongoing generosity and support from the Worshipful Company of Chartered Accountants.



Tabitha, a school student has been benefiting from using the Emego switch. These switches offer a dramatically different access method of communication and technology for our students.

They work by using very small electrical signals from limited muscle activity to wirelessly trigger a switch and control a communication aid or computer.

Tabitha's therapists approached Assistive Technology for them to look at different switches as her current setup was no longer working for her and she was getting very fatigued using her communication aid.

The Emego switch offers Tabitha a completely different option. A sensor attaches to her arm with a soft strap and activates on the electrical impulses of the bicep muscle. The settings can be adjusted according to the tone in her arm, which makes it suitable for long term use. After a successful trial using the Treloar's library Emego switch, we have since purchased her one of her own. Tabitha is able to access her communication aid with far less fatigue and is able to consistently communicate with the people around her.





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**Mansion House  
Scholarship Scheme**

MHSS is first and foremost an educational charity. Our scholarships are awarded to future leaders and influencers to enable them to study for a Master's Degree or equivalent professional qualification at a UK university in a financial or related professional services subject. We expect our Scholars to have a good first degree and some work or relevant experience before they can be awarded a scholarship.

Our scholars come from around the world and from the UK regions. We have appointed over 200 scholars since 1998 and 50% of them have come from developing countries.

The UK is an open and global financial hub. Our Scholarships support of the work of the Lord Mayor as an international ambassador for the City of London and the UK's financial services sector.

The Lord Mayor's international visits programme was still affected in 2022 by the Covid pandemic, but we were eventually able to appoint seven new Mansion House Scholars from overseas, selected from those countries where the City has particular interests and which had been on the Lord Mayor's provisional visits list. These Scholars are now coming to the end of their one year study programmes. We also appointed two scholars from within the UK with the help of the Livery Company of Wales and the Guilds of Chester. The overseas scholars came from Brazil, Chile, India (2), Mexico, Poland and South Africa. We continue to give preference to scholars from countries defined as developing by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

**Food connects us all**

Sharing food – nourishing others – is one of the simplest, most powerful ways of showing we care. And City Harvest is committed to doing just that, across London and beyond. In doing so, we help solve some of London's biggest problems: Waste. Inequality. Isolation.

By re-distributing food that would otherwise be wasted, we make businesses more sustainable and more impactful. We take food to grassroots organisations that feed some of our most vulnerable and deserving fellow Londoners: The oldest. The youngest. The newest arrivals and the people with the deepest roots in the city. We connect communities. Our drivers become the lifeblood of a network that connects people from all walks of life and makes for a happier, healthier, safer city for all.



**Our mission & vision**

**Our Mission** - To reduce food insecurity and protect the planet by diverting quality, nutritious, edible surplus food from waste and redistributing it to those facing food poverty.

**Our Vision** - Cities where all people have access to fresh, nourishing food and no good food is wasted from within the food supply chain.

Last summer, having raised the funds needed for our Livery Food Initiative Van, we began to raise funds for a larger Truck that could go further afield to collect more much-needed food. We launched the request in earnest in December and are delighted to say that we have already raised over £125,000 of the £270,000 needed to keep the Truck on the road for three years. Yours is one of over 30 Livery Companies and Charities who have helped us reach the current total of £125,000.



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# CITY OF LONDON THANKS



**MAKING LONDON A BETTER PLACE FOR  
OUR PRECIOUS AND ESSENTIAL POLLINATORS.**

PLT was created with a specific mission: to create spaces in central London where all the natural pollinators can thrive, and their habitats can be enjoyed with everyone, starting in the City of London.

The longer-term vision is to create a template for change and action through leadership that can be implemented in urban environments across the UK.



“PLT is so vital. With the support of livery companies and the City of London Corporation, PLT has already achieved a great deal in its short life.”

Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Nicholas Lyon



The CA Livery Charity has given St Paul's a grant to enable them to put on an orchestral mass. We helped fund their first one since the pandemic last year and this is the second. They will be performing Haydn's Nelson Mass. We sat right under the dome and just across from the orchestra.  
**Amazing!!**

After the service we were invited for drinks in the Chapter House as a thank you for our generous support.





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# MAJOR PROJECT AWARD THANKS

## BEYOND food

It has been a great start to this financial year. Hitting the ground running with our first CALC funded cohort which commenced on Monday 4th September. We received 94 applications, 67 delegates arrived on day one and went through the three-week programme. 22 delegates went on to complete four weeks work experience.



Our second funded cohort commenced on 6th November for which we have received 33 applications.

The funding support has covered to date:

- 1 x Chef Trainer salary,
  - 1 x Front of House Trainer salary,
  - 2 x Support & Progression mentors salaries.
- These roles support programme delivery.

It has also covered material resources costs, lunch and travel costs for beneficiaries and hardship support funding for one beneficiary – Robin.

Robin joined our September 2023 Freshlife programme. Having struggled with drug and alcohol addiction for several years. As a result, he lost his home and became financially broken. Robin resourcefully secured himself a tent, adamant to pay off his debts, while being rent free. Robin has worked on his mental health and enjoyed understanding nutrition and the benefits of good food. Robin has had 10 sessions with our support and progression mentors and with their intervention and support he has subsequently moved into a room with his own kitchen space...and slept in a bed for the first time in two years!

