

2017/18 Report & Accounts Chairman's Statement

Building4Hope ("the Charity") was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) by the Charity Commission on 7 March 2017. This report covers the first period of operation of the charity from 7 March 2017 through to 31 March 2018.

1. Charitable Objects:

The objects of the CIO are:

"To relieve the needs of young people and adults in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage within the West Midlands by:

- a) The provision of construction related training in accordance with a nationally recognised curriculum (diplomas and NVQ via CSkills or equivalent);*
- b) Awarding to such persons scholarships, maintenance allowances or grants tenable at the Charities Training Centre or any other accredited centre;*
- c) Providing grants to support beneficiaries to find employment"*

2. Funding:

During this reporting period the Charity has been in receipt of funds of £29,609. These funds have been a mixture of gifts from individuals and grants, including £9,966 from The Big Lottery Fund. Expenditure during the reporting period was £13,154 of which 96% was spent on sponsoring the training of students, the remaining 4% was spent on publicity. All the administration in support of the charity is provided pro bono by volunteers.

3. Outcomes:

During this reporting period six students, between the ages of 18 and 25, were sponsored by the Charity to undertake training with the Birmingham & Solihull Construction Training Centre ("BSCTC"). Prior to enrolment none of these students had achieved the qualifications necessary for entry to any of the local further education colleges. All of the students had experienced life challenges which made it difficult to learn as part of a large group. None of them could afford to pay course fees. By the end of the current reporting period all six students had successfully completed: NOCN-CSkills: Certificate: Award Level 1 in Carpentry and Joinery (ref: 600/8811/4); British Safety Council approved qualification in Health and safety in construction; CSCS accreditation; driving test theory. They had also received extensive one to one and small group coaching and support with study skills and in making positive life choices. All the students had received personal protective equipment and a basic set of woodworking tools.

At the end of the period all six students were in paid employment, with four of them being in construction related roles. All six have attested to the way in which their lives have been transformed through the training and support they have received.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity has met its Charitable Objects during this reporting period.

4. Financial management:

The Trustees have implemented a Service Delivery Agreement between the Charity and BSCTC. This agreement defines the services to be delivered, quality criteria, and specific verifiable milestones along each student's learning journey. BSCTC invoices the Charity as each milestone is completed.



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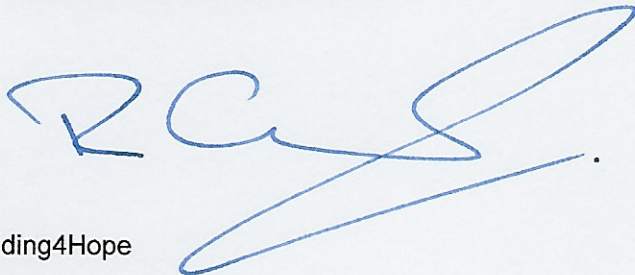
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Payment is authorised against the milestones. Controls are in place to ensure that payments can only be made against the signatures of two Trustees.

The Trustees only authorise the BSCTC to register a student when they have sufficient funds to support the whole learning journey to NOCN-CSkills, Certificate, Award Level 1, for that student. Those funds are then recognised within the management accounts of the Charity as committed monies and are not used for any other purpose.

The day to day operating costs of the Charity are extremely low. The Trustees have taken the decision that maintaining a financial reserve of £100 is prudent.

Signed:



Craig Wood
Chairman, Building4Hope
16 July 2018



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