

**Trustees:** As a team we have limited time and energies. We have done fantastically over the past years to get the project up and running. I think we now need further assistance to build upon and develop our successes. Subject to everyone's approval, I would suggest we now prioritise recruiting further trustees with the skills, energy, enthusiasm, expertise and commitment to work with us to take our work forward. E.g. Trustees to complete funding application forms/run fund-raising events/manage future projects/build further community links.

**The future:** In continuing towards our aim of providing books to every child in Hastings and St Leonards let us keep in mind the number 3600. There are approx. 1200 live births per year locally. If we sign up 60% of Hastings chn there would be approx 3600 pre-schoolers signed up in Hastings and St Leonards, so to sign them all up with need 3600X25 each year. (£82,000 for just books). (Yr 1: 720 chn/£10,000) (Yr 2: 1440 chn/30,000) (Yr 3: 2160chn /£46,000), (Yr 4: 2880 chn /64,000) (NB These amounts are approx – depending on the cost of books etc)

**Impact of receiving the books 2017-2018) (Soundbites collected by Veronica from Turner House residents who receive books to share with their pre school children)**

- "At first he just looked at the book but now he sits in his cot and looks carefully at the page as if he's reading it."
- "I'm dyslexic. I went to 11 schools. Because I am dyslexic, I have always felt thick. I mucked around at school. I didn't get any help at school because of my bad behaviour. The books I receive from Imagine Nation help me to read. I read better now."
- "I sit and read to her after bath time. It's part of her bedtime routine."
- "Now he won't go to bed until I read him a story, he points things out and names them."
- "My partner can't read. He looks at the books with our child. It helps with their bonding."
- "My Mum didn't really read to me but my son loves looking at books and will sit for an hour looking at a book."
- "I never get any post so it'd lovely when a book arrives."
- "We are all hard up so it'd lovely to get books free."
- "My son isn't very cuddly. He doesn't really like to be touched but whenever we read a book he comes and sits on my lap so it's helped our relationship."

*Annalise Elam, Founder of Imagine Nation, May 2018*

*Approved by the board on 19 November 2019 and signed on its behalf by:*

*Tom Freer-Smith, trustee*



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