



FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE
Building Communities from the Ground-Up

Report of the Trustees

Foundation for the Future

26th September 2019 – 31st March 2020

Registered Charity Number: **1185521**

The Trustees of the Foundation for the Future Charity present their annual report and audited accounts* for the year ended 31 March 2020 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

- **There are no audited accounts for the period covered by the report as the charity neither received or distributed accounts in this period.*

Foundation for the Future Annual Report

1. Our Aims

The Foundation for the Future Incorporated Charitable organisation was formed to support and advance the prevention or relief of poverty for individuals and communities through the provision of opportunities, grants and resources targeted as those most vulnerable to improve their life chances now and in the future.

This report details the objectives of the charity, its governance and management for the period 26.09.2019 through to 31.03.2020.

2. Our Objectives

The Objectives of the Foundation for the Future are, for the public benefit,

- a. To advance in life and help young people aged up to the age of 30 through the provision of support and activities including overseas volunteering, which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals
- b. The prevention or relief of poverty anywhere in the world by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, work placements and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

3. The Foundation Funds

The Foundation for the Future gained charitable status in September 2019, we then applied to the Cooperative bank for a bank account, this was held up several times, as a result we entered lockdown due to Corona Virus in March 2020 still without a bank account.

During this period we handled no money and delivered only one activity:

Recruitment of Volunteers

We advertised for volunteers to act as coaches/mentors for young people who would be taking part in the vocational training and placement. Twenty who were applying to be team leaders and mentors for young people from disadvantaged estates and coach them through vocational training in the UK, overseas work placement and post placement vocational work back in the UK. Over a two day selection event we worked with the volunteers to identify appropriate coaches and mentors for the project. this took place just days before dull lockdown in the UK.

The Trustees had decided to begin delivery of the Foundation objectives in April 2020. The main aspect of the work was working with disadvantaged communities in the UK and overseas to provide skills and experience for increased employment opportunities.

- Due to restrictions imposed through the pandemic none of this work was able to proceed.
- Furthermore, the bank put on all hold all applications for accounts due to the uncertainty caused by the pandemic.

The bank has now told the Foundation that its application has gone missing and we will have to re-apply. The Foundation is now in the process of re-applying for a Bank Account.

The Trustees are all still fully committed to the Charity, however due to these delays and to the pandemic, there are no accounts for the Charity for the period Sept 19 through to March 20. There was also no activity that warranted budgets.

Due to the impact of the pandemic the Trustees took the decision to suspend all services through the Foundation until we could operate safely.

4. Plans for the Future

Through April 20 till the current date (Feb 21) the Charity has been basically non-operational. This is due mainly to the main types of activities the charity supports. In that we offer support for educational and vocational training and a key part of that is work placement at charities overseas. This work has obviously not been able to continue during this period of the pandemic. Furthermore, Bolton has been particularly affected by the pandemic and has virtually been in some kind of lockdown throughout this period.

We are currently in the process of exploring the options for restarting the charity deliverables. We have re-applied for a bank account (until recently Banks were refusing applications for accounts due to the financial complications brought about by Covid) and are currently pulling together publicity and marketing material to recruit local people onto the opportunities.

We have developed a website (which was also suspended but is now in final stages of completion.). The Foundation Trustees have stated their commitment to continue with the charity including the work placements abroad despite Brexit and managing the impact of the pandemic.

We believe that we will have a bank account in place by April 21. The Trustees are meeting to plan the work of the charity for the rest of the year, which will include:

- Programme of vocational training developed for people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods.
- Provide access to educational support for people considering placements.
- Development of a digital offer to ensure people can access the offer either in person or electronically.
- Placement of 10 – 20 people in one of three partner countries before the end of the financial year. (Romania, Slovenia and Hungary)
- Management of all aspects of placement and post placement work.
- Marketing and Communications plan.
- Placement of funds up to £40K for the management of activities once the Bank account is opened.

5. Structure, Governance and Management.

The Foundation for the Future is a CIO and is governed by its constitution, it currently has a body of nine trustees who provide direction, leadership and governance. There can only ever be a maximum of 12 Charity trustees.

We have not recruited any new Trustees in the period covered by this report. However, once the Foundation recommences operations we will actively recruit if we feel the need for additional skills on the Trustees Board.

Trustees

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This is a true representation of the operation of the Foundation for the Future 26/09/2019 – 31/03/2020.

Signed

Jonathon Lord Chair Person

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Date 22/02/21