

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

### **Activity during 2020**

#### **Trustees**

There has been a change to the trustee status this year. Alan Strachan has retired and was replaced by Gill Gray. The total number of trustees remains at 19 with representation from 16 Wallsend schools.

#### **Wallsend Online**

Thanks to Big Lottery Fund we have been able to create an online platform to reach our community during COVID-19 restrictions. The platform hosts local providers to provide Physical fitness, counselling, parenting, wellbeing, both mental and physical. Safety over 180 young people and families have signed up to use Wallsend Online.

#### **Summer Programme**

In July 2020 we designed a summer programme for 50 children over a 3 week period. This was extremely successful and allowed children to re-socialise after isolation. It had a positive impact on young people, specifically with regards to their happiness, how they felt about themselves, and their confidence. WAFY joined funds with Wallsend Children's Community to enable all children to receive a hot, cooked meal as part of their day. This was important as many of these children had only eaten packed lunches as part of the free school meals programme during Lockdown. We also co-funded a third week with Linskill Centre.

#### **Support for Wallsend primary schools**

WAFY has been able to continue to support local primary schools by funding a number of after school sessions, including a Drama group, homework clubs and a range of sporting activities.

#### **Young in Wallsend Programme**

Funded by the Big Lottery Fund this programme has delivered a range of activities using 9 local partnerships. Partners include Barnados/ YMCA/ Prometheus/ Family Gateway / Local Churches / Local Schools/ St Pauls Community Centre/ NE Youth. Over 400 young people have benefited from these activities. NE Youth have run workshops and training events for the partnership.

#### **Tennis**

The thriving community tennis programme continues to run with WAFY support at Churchill Community College tennis centre.

#### **Successful Grants / Funding**

We were successful in a grant from The Lottery of £49,000 to set up Wallsend Online. We were successful in funding from BVLGARI and Wallsend Children's Community to fund a project manager for Wallsend Online.

#### **Meetings**

The management committee comprising the headteachers of all Wallsend schools met on 11 occasions throughout the year. One of which was our AGM. This was more than in previous years because of the pandemic. We felt it was important to stay close to schools and give any support we could to the children and families.

#### **Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to Financial Statements**

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 1993.

Signed: *Gill Gray* .Chair, on behalf of Trustees

Date: Feb 2021

