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TCAF Report to Trowbridge Area Board March 2019

TCAF has been busy delivering a full programme of youth and community work across Trowbridge.

TCAF Youth Programmes

Brighter Aspirations: TCAF are pleased to welcome our new Senior Youth Worker Deborah McLean who will build on the strong legacy of positive youth provision that has been delivered by Sarah Holland over the past 2 ½ years. TCAF have established a team of committed youth support workers that will work with Deborah to support the delivery of a series of successful youth cafes in the three deprived communities of Trowbridge: Seymour, Studley Green and Longfield. The youth cafes cover a range of issue-based work, alongside creative activities planned by our sessional youth workers. TCAF have continued to deliver their sexual health workshops including the use of a 'living baby' to demonstrate the impact of parenthood on everyday life. TCAF work with John of Gaunt School to offer lunchtime drop-in sessions and will be re-launching the 1:1 mentoring programme within the school in the coming month. TCAF have continued to partner with Greggs the Bakers to distribute leftover food three days a week at the youth cafes.

TCAF youth ambassadors: TCAF are delighted to have established a youth ambassador scheme with Lottie and Marc acting as TCAF's first ambassadors. The youth ambassadors will work with TCAF staff and trustees to support the ongoing governance and development of the organisation. Lottie and Marc led a successful money collection at Christmas which raised £219 towards a team building day for TCAF's young people. The ambassador were also able to support the interviewing of the new Senior Youth Worker.

TCAF youth apprentice: TCAF's youth apprentice Maisie Marchant has been a fantastic asset to the team, using her arts background to help plan creative activities to be run during TCAF's youth cafes. Maisie has been helping lead activities around sexual health to continue to develop the sexual health project support by the LYN. Maisie will also be leading a planned arts project that will culminate in an arts exhibition in The Shires Shopping Centre and a youth-led event at Longfield Community Centre.

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Community Hub at BA14: TCAF are pleased to also welcome Zoe Meaden our new Community Project Co-ordinator who is leading on the management of the Community Hub at BA14, a partnership of local charities and support services that have come together to occupy a vacant shop in the Shires Shopping Centre in the centre of Trowbridge. TCAF have seen a steady increase in local people accessing the Hub to gain support around a range of personal issues. TCAF now have 7 regular volunteers supporting the Hub to be opened Monday- Friday. Dennis Drewitt, the Town Mayor, led a Christmas Celebration in The Shires

that provided an opportunity to celebrate the hard-work of TCAF's volunteers. TCAF's youth team are going to be offering a homework drop-in session from The Community Hub at BA14 from March 2019.

Kindness Café: With the support of Trowbridge Area Board ,TCAF have launched a weekly 2hr Kindness Café that offers an informal space for local people to come and chat. The cafe is particularly targeted at older people to help develop peer support to meet their health and wellbeing needs.

Pop-Up events: Recent pop-up events have included The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust delivering a waste free event in The Community Hub at BA14 with young people enjoying peddling a smoothie-making bike. The Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living led a consultation event from The Hub to discuss local health and wellbeing needs.

Trowbridge Neighbourhood Group: The Neighbourhood Group met in January 2019, with a next meeting planned for Thursday 28th March in The Pitman Room at The Civic Centre. Hayley Bell (TCAF Trustee and Head of Leisure and Facilities, Trowbridge Council) and Meg Aubrey agreed to arrange to visit neighbourhood/resident organisations across Trowbridge to identify how they can best use the Neighbourhood Group and identify their current needs and concerns.

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