

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018 - 2019



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### LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE



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### **TRUSTEES'**



What an amazing year this has been for the Ron Todd Foundation and it remains an honour to be able to, on behalf of the trustees, present this report on our activities 2018 - 2019.

Established as a project through Community Court Yard in 2011, this year marks the **Ron Todd Foundation**'s third year as a charity working to support the prevention or relief of poverty and the promotion of equality and diversity.

This year we combined our Ron Todd Lecture with the Ron Todd Awards, and it was a privilege to present five awe-inspiring people with an award at the Marx Memorial Library. Individuals and their families have continued to knock on the door of Ron Todd House and incredibly we have supported three thousand, seven hundred and fifty six people. Our Street Activism course became a Street Solidarity course and we have seen one hundred and twelve people take part in the level one award and twelve people have

### **CHAIRS INTRODUCTION**

completed our newly accredited level two certificate. This is all thanks to Ruskin College, and Sussex Downs College who have continued to be an extension of the Ron Todd Foundation family.

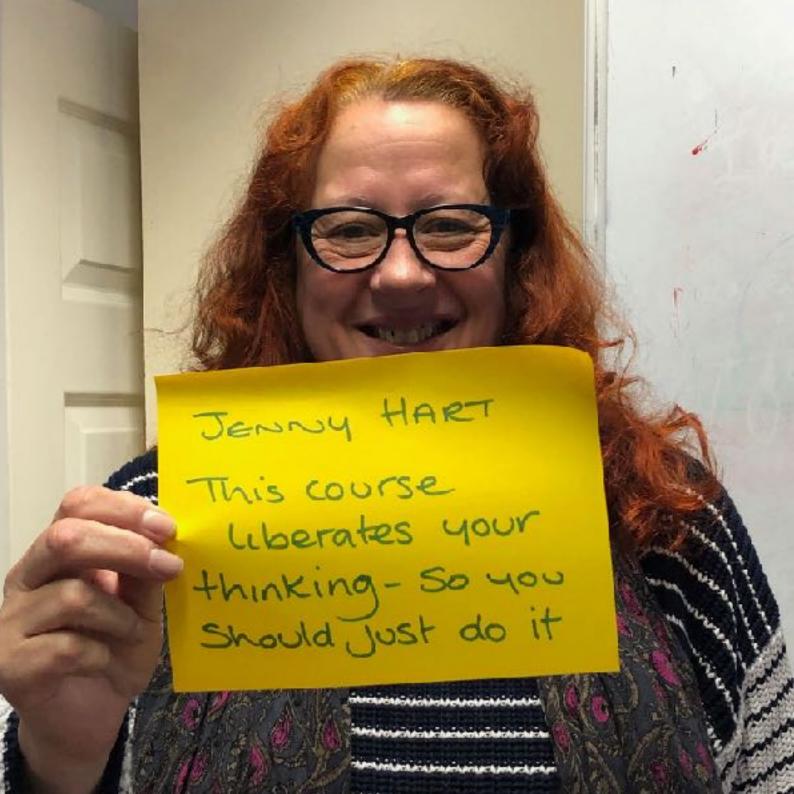
We have led fringe activities at the National Pensions Parliament, run by the National Pensioners Convention and attended the Durham Miners' Gala, the CWU conference, as well as trade union branches across the country, which has meant that we have continued to increase the range of our audience.

The impact of the **Ron Todd Foundation** is significant and is illustrated by the numbers who use the services of the foundation. Which is why we are launching our Fighting Forward campaign to raise the funds needed to build on the work that has already taken place.

As chair of the **Ron Todd Foundation**, I I feel proud of what the charity has achieved this year, I want to say thank you to each and every brother, sister, friend who has helped to build the foundation. I am privileged to be part of an enthusiastic and committed team of trustees who share a passion for achieving our core objectives and building a better and fairer world.

Ron Douglas

Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees



## **OBJECTIVES**

THE TRUSTEES ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT THEIR REPORT & THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1ST AUGUST 2018.

WHICH ARE ALSO PREPARED TO COMPLY WITH THE CHARITIES ACT 2011, THE COMPANIES ACT 2006 AND THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The charity's purpose as set out in the constitution: The objects of the CIO are:

- 1. The prevention or relief of poverty anywhere in England and Wales in particular but not exclusively by:
- Providing or assisting in the provision of education, training and projects;
- Providing: grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty;
- Undertaking and supporting research into factors that contribute to poverty and the most appropriate ways to mitigate these;
- Providing housing, support and education.
- 2. The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by:
- The elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion;
- Advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity;
- Conducting or commissioning research on equality and diversity issues and publishing these to the public.

#### **ENSURING OUR WORK DELIVERS OUR AIMS**

We review our objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous twelve months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensue our objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the objectives they have set.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT**

The Ron Todd Foundation is governed by its constitution. The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction of the charity, meeting quarterly or more frequently to review the performance of the charity and the work of the team.

# THE CHARITY'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS ARE DETAILED IN THIS REPORT.

#### APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

New trustees are recruited by advertisements and features placed in appropriate press and organisations targeted for particular expertise and knowledge. The Ron Todd Foundation adheres to a policy of equal opportunities in the advertisement, selection, recruitment and training of its members and within all aspects of its service delivery.

Applicants receive an application pack includes the roles and responsibilities of trustees' and the charity's constitution, information about the charity and a letter explaining the process of appointment.

Applicants are interviewed by the trustees, who then reach a decision as o the suitability of the candidate. Successful candidates are appointed subject to a satisfactory DBS check.

At the next trustee meeting, they are officially elected and all trustees are subjected to re-election at our annual general meeting in accordance

#### THE FOCUS OF OUR WORK

Our main objectives for the year continued to be the prevention or relief of poverty and the promotion of equality and diversity. The strategies that we used to meet these objectives included:

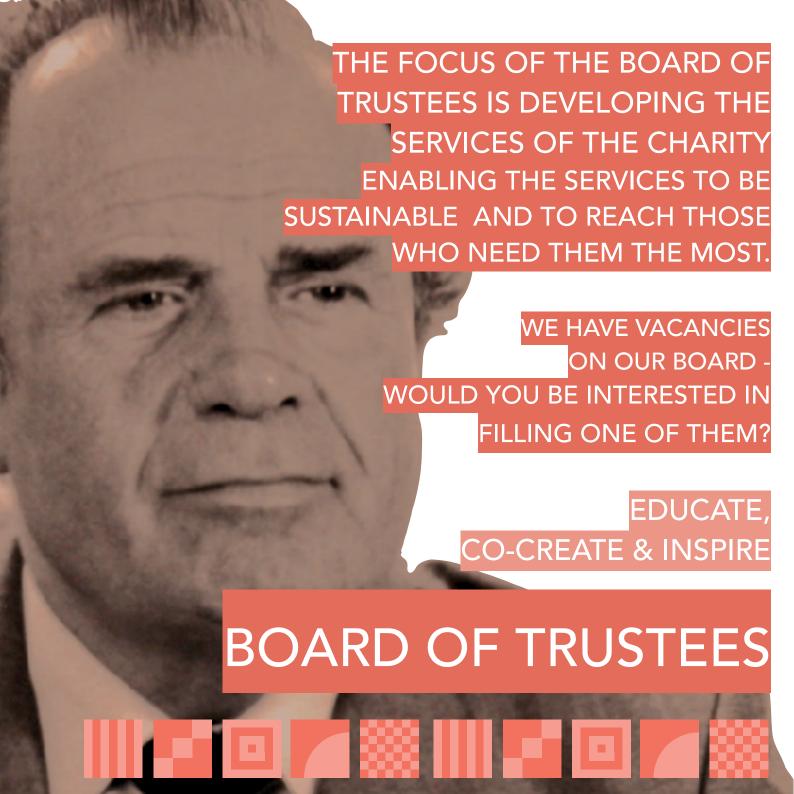
- Providing or assisting in the provision of education, training and projects;
- Providing: grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty;
- Undertaking and supporting research into factors that contribute to poverty and the most appropriate ways to mitigate these;
- Providing housing, support and education.
- The elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion;
- Advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity;

### HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Our main activities and those we try to help are described within this report.

All our charitable activities focus on the prevention or relief of poverty and the promotion of equality and diversity and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance on <u>public benefit issued by the Charity Commission</u>.





# RONTODD LECTURE

The lecture remembers and seeks to put into action the quote:

"The past we inherit, the future we build"



Education outside of the classroom is the back bone of growing a movement that has the skills to ensure that the fight for social justice and the eradication of poverty is placed firmly in the heart of local communities.

The Ron Todd Foundation knows that education is more than books, it is about real people, sharing their stories, inspiring social action. Which is why the foundation celebrates the birthday of Ron Todd each year by hosting the Ron Todd Lecture.



### RON TODD AWARDS

This years awards were led by Rt Hon.Richard Burgon

Shadow Secretary of State for Justice Shadow Lord Chancellor.





Bruce Kent, vice president of the CND said

"The job is to celebrate, to make the ordinary, extra ordinary."

#### **2018 RON TODD AWARD WINNERS**

Dennis Skinner MP- Socialism of the Heart Sarah Whiley - Inspiring Young People Orgreave Campaign - Social Justice Justice 4 Grenfell Campaign - Equality Bruce Kent - Peace

Harry Leslie Smith - **Legacy** 

### Speakers:

Lara Paquete Pereira Tyler Hinkson







### **CASE STUDY**



"Roy" is originally from Jamaica but currently living in London. He works full time, is married, has four grown up children, and supports his elderly mother.

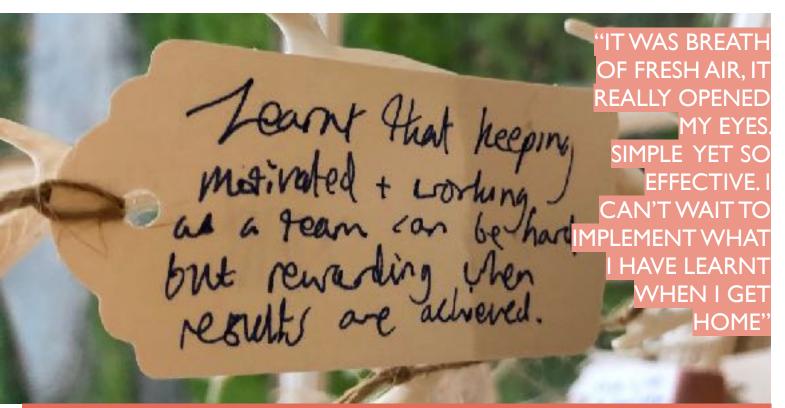
At the foundation, we have trained volunteers, "solidarity buddies' who are able to provide face to face, one to one support for individuals who come to the Ron Todd House and their families and friends.

Roy's circumstances included relationship pressure due to his mother developing dementia and his youngest child needing to move back home. Roy has been struggling with his mental well-being and resulting in time off from work and battling with finances.

- The solidarity buddy met with Roy and supported him in accessing appropriate care for his mother. Reducing the pressure from himself and his family.
- 2. The solidarity buddy supported Roy in meeting his trade union rep, who was able to provide work place support.
- 3. The solidarity buddy meets with Roy regularly and they go out for breakfast, lunch or dinner. During these times, Roy is able to talk about his emotional well being and his buddy is able to ensure he is getting the practical support he needs

Since Roy's initial contact with the foundation, his solidarity buddy has kept in touch regularly, supporting Roy in dealing with the issues that affect his everyday life. Four months later Roy's mother is in residential accommodation, he has returned to work and is attending counselling.

### STREET SOLIDARITY



Community organising is at the heart of that we do, because it builds relationships with people on their terms, in environments where they feel comfortable.

The solidarity education programme that the Ron Todd Foundation delivers is baed on listening, learning and developing the conversations that take place on the streets. We believe that solidarity is about taking action that sparks a movement. At the Ron Todd Foundation we don't believe in charity, we believe in solidarity, and that is why we run our Street Solidarity courses providing a co-creative space, where ideas can be shared and action can be initiated a space where we can think outside the box and come up with creative solutions to the problems facing our communities.

We continue to thank Ruskin College for enabling us to deliver this programme.

# RONTODD HOUSES



Being part of a family means you are not alone. The Ron Todd Houses, are an extension of the traditional family, which simply means practical solidarity in action.

They provide a much needed community space, at a time when significant numbers are facing the effects of austerity due to the war on welfare.

**Ensuring that people** know that they belong to a wider family and the door will always be open twenty four seven for real, practical hands on support. Which includes being able to stay overnight, having hot meals, use of the washing machine, telephone together with just dropping in to have a cup of tea or coffee to discuss the issues

"The house belongs to everyone, the parents do not charge the children rent to stay there. When grandma comes round to help cook Sunday lunch, you do not have to pay her for her time. People in the family do things for each other, without 'payment' as that is part of people in the family. Everyone looks after each other and in return they are all supported too. People contribute what they can and receive back what they need. When grandpa gets really old, he can not do much to help. The others look after grandpa anyway."

The increased footfall through the door on a daily basis, shows that what the foundation offers is greatly needed.

The Ron Todd Foundation understands the role of families and communities, and we know that we can't do all of the work on our own.

We are therefore excited to be able to announce that we are developing a Ron Todd House Community scheme, where individuals, organisations, branches can sign up and become part of the network of Ron Todd Houses providing a range of practical resources.



### **FACTS & FIGURES**

I RON TODD AWARDS

6 RON TODD AWARD WINNERS

220 PEOPLE COMPLETED STREET SOLIDARITY LEVEL ONE

32 PEOPLE COMPLETED STREET SOLIDARITY LEVEL TWO

7902 PEOPLE RECEIVED PRACTICAL SOLIDARITY FROM RONTODD HOUSE \*AN INCREASE OF 37% FROM LAST YEAR

37% RISE IN PEOPLE COMING TO RON TODD HOUSE COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

53% NEEDED SUPPORT WITH HOUSING ISSUES

82% EXPERIENCED FOOD POVERTY

68% EXPERIENCED FUEL POVERTY

11% RECEIVED A CHRISTMAS HAMPER FOR THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

74% NEEDED EMOTIONAL WELL BEING SUPPORT

28% had reached crisis point with a family relationship

## **FUTURE PLANS**



The **Ron Todd Foundation** will continue to focus on the key activities of the charity. With the Ron Todd House continuing to offer support to those who experience poverty, inequality and the issues connected to that. The next Ron Todd Lecture and Awards taking place on 07th March 2020.

As well as piloting a diploma for our solidarity education programme. We will continue to offer level one and two courses and look forward to introducing Pete Martin and Vicki Gibbs as solidarity organisers.

We will be launching a Looking Back to Fight Forward campaign which will retrace the footsteps of Ron Todd with the aim to raise funds to enable the charity to be able to deliver its' charitable aims and develop a Ron Todd House Community.

Our Solidarity Sofa will be capturing stories over open tables providing a space to hear voices and conversations of ordinary people, highlighting their struggles and success in the fight for a better world. Alongside this, we will be working to deliver a series of Todd Talks events to compliment the Ron Todd Lecture.

We will be running a solidarTea 52 series, where fifty two acts of solidarity will be undertaken over the year and shared through different platforms

Toddy Challenges will continue to set throughout the year to raise the profile of the work that the foundation is engaging in. The foundation will be releasing the biography of Ron Todd, in March 2020 which will be available to purchase from the website.

# STREET SOLIDARITY BOOKING FORM



YOUR DETAILS					
FIRST NAME	FAMILY NAME				
UNION / BRANCH / TRADES COUNCIL / ORGANISATION					
	PHONE NUMBER				
	FIRST NAME				

Please complete this form and return to:

Ron Todd Foundation
Ron Todd House. 41 Lea Road.
Abington. Northampton. NN1 4PE

or book online **WWW.EVENTBrite.CO.UK** 

### **FINANCES**



The **Ron Todd Foundation** does not employ any members of staff directly through the charity. We would like to thank all of the organisations and individuals who gave their time, provided support, affiliated or made donations during the year.

## ACCOUNTS 2018/2019

The Ror Todd Foundation

(A Registered Charity)

CHARITY NUMBER: 1168553

TRUSTEE'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1st August 2019

#### (A Registered Charity)

#### TRUSTEE'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

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#### (A Registered Charity)

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 1st August 2019

Notes	2019	2018
2	1.100	
	24,677 24,677	7,357 7,357
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For the year ended 1 August 2017 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 companies act 2006; and no natice has been deposited under section 476.

The Trustee's adknowledge the responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 385 at the Act and preparing accounts which give a true and fair view at the state of offairs of the company as at the year and and of its profit (or Loss) for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 393 and 394 and which atherwise comply with the requirements at the Companies Act 2006 so for as applicable to the company.

The Statutory and abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2005 relating to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These accounts were approved by the trustee's and signed by me on 14th August 2019.

Blanca Todd Chairperson

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#### (A Registered Charity)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st August 2019

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (FRSSE)

#### Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets by annual instalments as follows:

#### Income

Income represents the amounts derived from affiliations, donations, grants and commissioned services, to fund the charity to deliver work that supports the prevention or relief of poverty any where in England and Wales together with the promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit.

2	Tangible fixed Assets	Computer Equipment	Fixture & Fittings
	Cost		
	As at 1st August 2018		
	Additions	1,640	
	Deletions	0	
	As at 1st August 2019	1.640	
	Depreciation		
	As at 1st August 2018		
	Prevision for Year	540	
	Deletions	0	
	As at 1st August 2019	540	
	Net Book Value		
	As at 1st August 2019	1,100	
			1.100

#### (A Registered Charity)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st August 2019

The Trustee's present their report and accounts for the year ending 1st August 2019.

#### 2 Principal Activity

### The prevention or relief of poverty anywhere in England and Wales in particular but not exclusively by:

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Providing housing, support and education,

#### The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by:

The elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion:

Advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity:

Conducting or commissioning research on equality and diversity issues and publishing these results to the public.

#### 3 Board of Trustees:

The trustee's who have served during the period were :

Bianca Todd (Chairperson)

Stephen Miller (Vice ChairPerson)

Simon Maxwell

Jamie George

Ron Douglas

1 This report, which has been prepared taking advantage of special exemptions applicable to small companies, was approved by the trustee's and signed by me as Trustee an 14th August 2019.

Bianca Todal

Chairperson

## Accountant's report to the Trustee's On the unaudited Financial Statements of The Ron Todd Foundation

In order to assist you to fulfil your dufies under the Companies Act 2006, I have compiled like financial statements at the company which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and related nates from the accounting records and information that you have given to me.

This report is made to the Trustee's . My work has been undertaken so that I might compile financial statements that I have been engaged to compile, report to the Thrustee's that I have so, and state those matters that I have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept responsibility to arryone other than the Charity and the liquidee's, for my work or this report.

You have acknowledged on the Balance sheet as at 1st August 2019 your duty to ensure that the campany has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006. You consider that the campany is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

I have not been instructed to carry out an oudit on the financial statements. For this reason. I have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to me and I do not, therefore, express any opinion in the financial statements.

Martin Freeman Mac & Bee 10 Abthorpe Avenue Sunnyside Northampton NN2 8NS 14th August 2019

#### (A Registered Charity)

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st August 2019

	2019	2018
Income		
Donations	1,512	556
Affiliations Fee's	1,300	1.950
Courses Taken	9,600	2.346
Grants -		
ESCG	27,802	
Other	10,000	0
Lattery - Awards for All		9.281
	50.214	14,133
Expenses		
Accountancy Fee's	100	100
Activities - Awards for All	6.398	5,539
Activities - Street Activism		436
Bank Charges	72	72
Community Work	21,078	1,973
Conferences		987
Depreciation	540	
Fund Raising Events	96	132
Insurance	279	274
Internet		2,000
Marketing and Promotional Costs	1,315	200
Miscellaneous	714	695
Office Accomadation		220
Printing & Stationary		36
Ron Todd Awards		437
Travel & Motor Expenses	1,104	963
	31.694	14,115
Operating (Deficit) SURPLUS	18,520	18
SURPLUS Brought Forward	7,257	7,239
SURPLUS Carried Forward	25,777	7.257

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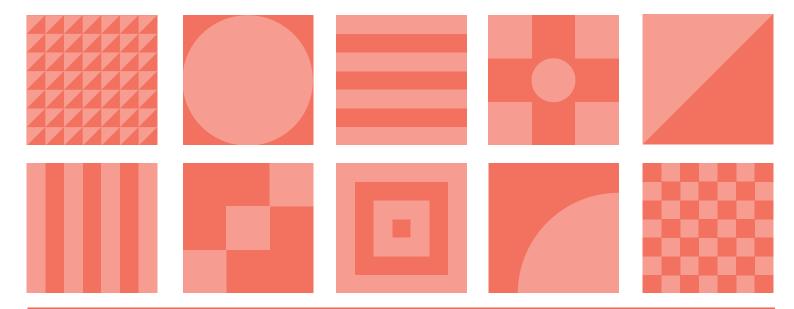
		2019	2018
3	CREDITORS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	Accountancy Fee		100
		0	100
4	FUNDS	Income & Expenditure account	Income & Expenditure account
	Surplus brought forward	7,257	18
	Suplus / (Deficit) for the year	18,520	7,239
	At end of year	25.777	7.257

# AFFILIATION FORM

## FREE membership

for retired people, young people under 17 & those who are unwaged

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TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED AND DONATED

# THANK YOU

