

# TOM LOVE TRUST

## CO-FUNDING REPORT 2024

Partnerships worth sharing



(July 2023-June 2024)







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## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE TOM LOVE TRUST:

To those fortunate enough to have encountered Tom Love will already know how kind, courageous and special a young man he was. To those who didn't know Tom, it is extremely difficult to convey the depths to which Tom impacted us all, but we shall endeavour to do so.

Tom was a caring individual with a strong sense of morality as well as a deep curiosity about the wider world, leaving him with a thirst for travel and adventure. His authenticity was obvious to those that met him, he was a friend to strangers and an inspiration to friends.

Despite Tom's short time he achieved so much, the adventure of a lifetime, solo motorbiking from the UK, along the whole West Coast of Africa, having a profound impact on everyone that he met.

Our aim in creating the Tom Love Trust has been to give Tom a legacy that he would be proud of. The TLT aims to provide underprivileged children and young people around the world an opportunity to thrive where they might not have had otherwise. We have chosen to do this by supporting select charitable projects in the UK and Africa, places that were very close to Tom's heart. We are so proud of the work that has been done so far, and none of this would have been possible without your generous support and donations.

So far we have managed to raise over £500,000 in Tom's name, which is a truly phenomenal amount. We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to those at the ALMT who have done so much good work for so many years and have allowed us this opportunity to reach and help amazing causes.

We hope that you stay tuned in, enjoy the report, and we will keep you updated on all the progress that is made moving forward.

Thanks,

***The TLT Team - Alex, Angus, Jaz, Geoff & Debs***

### CO-FUNDING

**£69,698**

### UNITED KINGDOM

**£36,581**

### INTERNATIONAL

**£33,117**

**1232** **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SUPPORTED  
SO FAR IN 2023-24**

\* figures taken from completed projects only



# PROJECT STATUS UPDATE FOR YOUR CO-FUNDING

CO-FUNDED ORGANISATION	LOCATION	TOM LOVE TRUST CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL GRANT	PROJECT STATUS
STARFISH GREATHEARTS FOUNDATION	SOUTH AFRICA	£ 1,468	£ 16,862	Complete: One year partnership expired Sept 2023
CHILDHOPE	THE GAMBIA	£ 5,000	£ 14,675	Complete: Final year of a three year partnership; expired Feb 2024
ACORNS	NORTHUMBERLAND, UK	£ 2,500	£ 20,000	Complete: Year two of a three year partnership; expired Mar 2024
CHESS IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES	LIVERPOOL, UK	£ 2,700	£ 13,500	In process: Year three of a three year partnership expiring Jul 2024
DOWNSIDE FISHER YOUTH CLUB	LONDON, UK	£ 3,963	£ 9,908	In process: One year partnership expiring Jul 2024
MIRACLES	LONDON, UK	£ 6,242	£ 24,967	In process: Year one of a three year partnership 2024-2028
THE BUTTERFLY TREE	ZAMBIA	£ 4,200	£ 7,000	In process: One year partnership expiring Oct 2024
FUTURE FOR ALL	MALAWI	£ 3,540	£ 14,500	In process: One year partnership expiring Oct 2024
STARFISH GREATHEARTS FOUNDATION	SOUTH AFRICA	£ 4,500	£ 15,000	In process: Year one of a three year partnership 2024-2027
QUEST FOR LEARNING	OXFORDSHIRE, UK	£ 3,926	£ 13,088	In process: Year two of a two year partnership expiring Oct 2024
CHRISTMAS GRANTS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED	VARIOUS, UK	£ 4,750	£ 9,500	Complete: One year partnership expired Jan 2024
RWANDA ACTION	RWANDA	£ 4,845	£ 9,690	In process: One year partnership expiring Jul 2025
THE MANGO TREE	KENYA	£ 7,481	£ 14,961	In process: One year partnership expiring Mar 2025
ASILOMAR FOUNDATION	KENYA	£ 2,084	£ 5,209	In process: One year partnership expiring Mar 2025
PEACE PLAYERS	NORTHERN IRELAND, UK	£ 7,500	£ 15,000	In process: One year partnership expiring Oct 2025
ACORNS	NORTHUMBERLAND, UK	£ 5,000	£ 20,000	In process: Year three of a three year partnership expiring Mar 2025



## 1: No Poverty

Miracles, ChildHope, Starfish Greathearts, Future4All, AFRIL, Norah's Northpole,



**2: Zero Hunger** Miracles, ChildHope, AFRIL, Starfish Greathearts, Future4All, Asilomar Foundation



**3: Good Health and Wellbeing** Miracles, Downside Fisher, ChildHope, Acorns, AFRIL, The Butterfly Tree, Starfish Greathearts, Future4All, The Mango Tree, Asilomar Foundation



**4: Quality Education** Downside Fisher, Chess in Schools, ChildHope, The Butterfly Tree, Rwanda Action, Starfish Greathearts, Future4All, Quest for Learning, The Mango Tree, Peace Players



**5: Gender Equality** Chess in Schools, ChildHope, Acorns, The Mango Tree



**8: Decent Work and Economic Growth** Downside Fisher, ChildHope, Future4All, Rwanda Action, Asilomar Foundation



**10: Reduced Inequalities** Downside Fisher, Chess in Schools, ChildHope, Quest for Learning, Rwanda Action



**16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions** ChildHope, Acorns, Peace Players, Future4All

## UNITED NATIONS' SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS:



## ACORNS NORTHUMBERLAND RECOVERY TEAM

Acorns provides therapeutic support for families who have experienced or are experiencing domestic abuse to heal, recover and grow in North Tyneside and Northumberland. Unlike other domestic abuse services, which are predominantly set up to work with adults, Acorns' focus is on the children and young people first and then the family unit as a whole.

In 2023-2024 Acorns achieved their targets and worked with 119 children and young people and provided over 1200 sessions. They received 189 referrals in total for their Northumberland service, most of whom were 9-11 years old. Over 65% of children referred were already involved with children's services, up from 50% last year, reflecting workers observations that complexity of cases and levels of clinical need are increasing.

The Recovery Service currently has a waiting list of 59 children and wait times are approximately 8 months which is comparable to the same period last year. It should be noted that wait times reflect the time it takes for individuals to access a one-to-one intervention, and do not show the time it takes for a family to receive support.

Feedback for the period shows that goals have been achieved or exceeded in 91% of cases. This year the team has introduced a welcome call at the point of referral which is managing families' expectations better. They have also introduced a 'group' work session at a local school which has successfully supported young people to identify positive and negative behaviour in relationships.

Moving into the final year of the programme with ALMT, Acorns is seeking to sustain their current service. However they are facing a large funding deficit. They are seeking to address this by diversifying income strands and are searching for an appropriate premises to sublet.



### Acorns Project

*Offering services to support families affected by domestic abuse in Northumberland.*

[acornsproject.org.uk](https://acornsproject.org.uk)

<b>Grant:</b>	£20,000*
<b>Co-Funding:</b>	£2,500
<b>Country:</b>	UK
<b>Start Year:</b>	2022
<b>Run time:</b>	3 years
<b>Completion date:</b>	2025
<b>Age:</b>	All

**“** *It's given me the confidence to speak up about things more, it's just helped me to realise stuff and what is right and wrong and I've just found my voice.*

*Young Person*



\*grant per year







## TRANSFORMING EARLY YEARS SUPPORT IN RURAL SOUTH AFRICA

KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) is a deprived and rural province of South Africa, with an especially vulnerable population of children. Child mortality is high, overwhelmingly from preventable diseases, including diarrhoea, pneumonia, undernutrition and HIV. In the crucial first 1,000 days of a child's life, healthcare support is often absent in these poor rural communities.

Starfish Greathearts' Early Childhood Survival and Development (ECD) programme supports caregivers in their own homes from a central hub. It offers vulnerable children from 0-5 and their carers support with early learning, and incorporates health, nutrition, and cognitive development.

This innovative approach recognises the lack of suitable facilities and adopts a model that includes Community Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (C-IMCI) services, nutrition and growth monitoring. All enrolled children and caregivers have access to healthcare and the documents they need to obtain health cards etc.

Over nine months, working with local community-based organisation Woza Moya, the project has supported 346 children in the Ufafa Valley with over 1076 home visits and 241 at crèches. Of these, 443 children received immunisations, 387 were referred to local health services and 360 food parcels were delivered to families in need.

### Case Study:

Ayanda is a 4 year old girl. She lives with her grandmother and grandfather. Ayanda's family were living in Durban where the floods washed away people's homes. They were left homeless and had nothing when they came to Ufafa Valley. Starfish conducted a home visit, provided the family with food parcels, clothes, blankets, etc and registered Ayanda at the ECD centre. Ayanda was initially quiet and shy and didn't join in with other children's games. The ECD Practitioners played with her and now she likes to join in and play with the toys.



### Starfish Greathearts Foundation

*Early Childhood Development and Survival in South Africa*

[starfish-greathearts.org](http://starfish-greathearts.org)

<b>Grant:</b>	£14,675*
<b>Co-Funding:</b>	£1,468
<b>Country:</b>	South Africa
<b>Start Year:</b>	2022
<b>Run time:</b>	1 year
<b>Completion date:</b>	2023
<b>Age:</b>	0-5 years

\*grant per year





# STIMULATING LONGER TERM SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN IN THE GAMBIA

This three year pilot project aimed to improve the living conditions and quality of education for children and young people in Majalis in The Gambia. Approximately 18,000 children attend the Majalis which are traditional, unregulated, residential education centres. Many children end up leaving without a basic primary level education which can reduce their employment prospects, often confining them to poverty for life.

During 2023-2024 the Institute of Social Reform and Action (ISRA) worked with 311 children across 4 Majalis with the majority of children now able to read, write and count to Level 3 (the required level for entrance to secondary school). Twenty three children transferred to government school. Although this is below the hoped for level of 95 children there has been a positive change in attitudes towards conventional education and Bwiam (the largest Majali with 129 pupils) hopes to enrol their students in year 7 in September 2024. ISRA has also seen a 400% increase in requests from Majalis to join their network and believes that the project will have a lasting impact on perceptions of education.

ISRA continued to provide safeguarding training and hygiene interventions (including sanitary pads) and reached around 2,000 residents and community members. Livelihoods activities taught 60 people how to make soap and income has increased from a baseline of zero to £300. One of the key achievements is the improvement in confidence for the Majalis; they are now able to provide services (soap, tuition, first aid) not just consume them and this has led to improved standing in the wider community.

**Case Study: Isha (aged 12)** had been kept back from school to help her mother. However the classes in the Majali meant she could learn literacy and numeracy skills. The Marabout supported her to attend the soap making course. She now runs a business that enables her to pay for her basic needs. She is not relying on her mother and instead contributes to the family upkeep. She has also now started to train other girls and says **"I now want to expand my business and pay for the education of my younger sister."**



**ChildHope**

*Children's rights to a safe and secure childhood.*

[childhope.org.uk](http://childhope.org.uk)

<b>Grant:</b>	£18,654*
<b>Co-Funding:</b>	£5,000
<b>Country:</b>	The Gambia
<b>Start Year:</b>	2021
<b>Run time:</b>	3 years
<b>Completion date:</b>	2024
<b>Age:</b>	All



\*grant per year





# CHRISTMAS FOOD FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Christmas is a challenging time for many families and so in December 2023, funding was provided to three ALMT partners to improve children's experience during the festive period.

**Miracles** provided holiday food boxes for 24 London families living in poverty (53 children). Each box enabled families to access a fresh and nutritious diet, at home, for an entire week during the major school holidays. The project also helped Miracles to cement their relationship with Noah's Ark Children's Hospice and to reach out to new referral partners. The inclusion of an £80 supermarket voucher meant that the families, who had been living under the stress of poverty and impacted by the rise in the cost of living, received a much-needed financial break at a time when their family purse was stretched to breaking.

**Action for Refugees in Lewisham (AFRIL)** received funding to provide food vouchers, gifts, plus winter coats, and some wipes and nappies for 107 families (approximately 240 children) - all of whom are living in extreme poverty. 'Santa' distributed gifts at Rainbow Club ('it's the worst kept secret at Rainbow Club that Kieran, the club manager, is Santa!'). Gifts were varied - toys, books, colouring pads and pens. Also baby gifts for little ones - soft toys, teething rings, babygrow's etc.

**Norah's North Pole** in Sunderland also received funding to procure toys, gifts, sweets, and clothing to fill Santa sacks for disadvantaged families and ensure that children had something to unwrap on Christmas morning. The school's Senior Leadership Team at Thorney Close Primary School meticulously assessed each child/family to ensure that support reached those most in need. A total of 42 sacks were distributed secretly to families and 88 children received a surprise on Christmas morning. A Christmas event was also held in school where parents could obtain pre-loved uniform as well as a range of donated clothing. The event was well-attended, with parents departing with clothing items, uniforms, and Christmas books. Staff noted that many children wore some of the new clothing to their Christmas parties at school the following week.

Feed London  
Recipes  
December 2022



**Norah's Northpole**  
**AFRIL**  
**Miracles**

- norahsnorthpole.co.uk
- afril.org.uk
- miraclesthecharity.org

Grant:	£9,500*
Co-Funding:	£4,750
Country:	UK
Start Year:	2023
Run time:	1 month
Completion date:	2023
Age:	0-18 years

\*grant per year





## PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS IN PROGRESS

The following pages provide a short summary of co-funded projects which are ongoing but are not yet due to provide a full report. Full reports for these projects will be available to view in the 2025 Co-Funding report.

### NORTHUMBERLAND RECOVERY TEAM - UK

Cases of domestic abuse remain high and this project continues to support Acorns to reduce waiting list times as well as improving their ability to see children from the same family 'in tandem'; therefore offering them a better service.

This project enables Acorns to maintain their current provision within the Northumberland Recovery Service and continue to provide therapeutic support for 100-120 children and young people. Acorns is experienced at offering a range of services for children and young people aged 4-25, their non-abusing carers and other family members including: counselling and play; music and art therapy; practical and well-being support; and outreach services.

#### Acorns Project

Co-Funding: £5,000.00  
Total Grant: £20,000.00

 [acornsproject.org.uk](https://acornsproject.org.uk)



### CHESS IN LIVERPOOL'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS - UK

Chess in Schools and Communities (CISC) run a three-year chess programme in schools in Merseyside. Learning chess engenders valuable cognitive skills in children; problem solving, logical thinking and pattern recognition. The game improves children's concentration, instils the idea that actions have consequences, boosts self-esteem, and teaches how to win and lose gracefully.

Each participant receives a chess set and a Gold subscription to Chesskid. There will also be an end of year tournament for up to 40 state schools and 400 pupils as well as travel bursaries for children to attend the annual London Chess Classic.

#### Chess in Schools and Communities

Co-Funding: £2,700.00  
Total Grant: £13,500.00

 [chessinschools.co.uk](https://chessinschools.co.uk)





## ROOKIE LIFEGUARD TRAINING - UK

### Downside Fisher Youth Club

Co-Funding: £3,963.00  
Total Grant: £9,908.00

 downside-fisher.org

Downside Fisher Youth Club (DFYC) supports socially excluded children and young people from Bermondsey, helping them to fulfil their potential through a structured programme of sport, educational, artistic and recreational activities. The club has amazing facilities and is able to offer indoor football, archery, boxing, gym studio, games room, a training kitchen and an indoor, heated swimming pool.

This project will run four cycles of the 12-week Rookie Lifeguard course for approximately 48 youth club members. The courses will instill water confidence, swim survival and safe rescue skills whilst also promoting ambition and teamwork, and increasing overall fitness levels.



## SUPPORTING FAMILIES THROUGH CRISES - UK

### Miracles

Co-Funding: £6,242.00  
Total Grant: £24,967.00

 miraclesthecharity.org

Following the successful delivery of projects combatting the cost of living crisis, the ALMT has approved a three year grant for Miracles to stabilise and grow their support for families living in poverty across London.

London still has the highest rate of child poverty in the UK with over a third of London's children living in poverty – more than 700,000 people. This three-year grant will enable Miracles to employ a half-time, Case-Work Coordinator and fully fund the costs of up to two crises per week. This pivotal role will also be responsible for all logistics relating to Feed London - feeding up to 660 families each holiday - and the casework response to each crisis.



## MOSQUITO NETS FOR CHILDREN - ZAMBIA

### The Butterfly Tree

Co-Funding: £4,200.00  
Total Grant: £7,000.00

 butterflytree.org

Zambia has high levels of malaria with over 5 million cases recorded every year. Though major achievements have been made in malaria control, the disease remains a significant cause of morbidity and mortality across the country. Since 2006 The Butterfly Tree has donated many thousands of mosquito nets annually to rural health centres and schools where there is a high prevalence of the disease.

This funding will purchase and then distribute 1,150 mosquito nets to school children in the Kazungula District where malaria is prevalent. The Butterfly Tree has strong links with schools across the area and teachers and local health centre medical staff will monitor incidents of illness and absenteeism to record the impact of the funding.



## REDUCING THE IMPACT OF HIV AND AIDS - MALAWI

### Egmont Trust - Future4All

Co-Funding: £3,625.00  
Total Grant: £14,500.00  
[egmonttrust.org](http://egmonttrust.org)

Malawi is one of the countries most affected by HIV and AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. Future4All (F4A), in partnership with The Egmont Trust is working with AIDS-affected families in rural Malawi to improve the incomes of the poorest families so that they can provide greater care and education for their children.

Working in four rural villages in Ntcheu District, F4A seeks to sustainably reduce the impact of HIV and AIDS for 100 families through socio-economic empowerment, provision of 20 secondary school scholarships and improvement of Early Childhood Development (ECD) services (including nutrition). In total this project hopes to increase household income for 670 people from \$1.90-\$2 per day.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD SURVIVAL - SOUTH AFRICA

### Starfish Greathearts Foundation

Co-Funding: £4,500.00  
Total Grant: £15,000.00  
[starfishgreatheart.org](http://starfishgreatheart.org)

Following a successful first year of ALMT funding Starfish Greathearts Foundation is seeking to continue their Early Childhood Survival and Development (ECD) programme in rural South Africa. Over the next three years, this project aims to improve HIV prevention and child survival; improve early educational and developmental support; and also improve health and access to health services for children and pregnant women.

By offering a mix of home-based support, creches and targeted medical supplies and food, the project will improve life outcomes for at least 500 children per year and 100 pregnant women.



## NUMERACY SUPPORT FOR PRIMARY PUPILS - UK

### Quest for Learning

Co-Funding: £3,926.40  
Total Grant: £13,088.00  
[questforlearning.org.uk](http://questforlearning.org.uk)

For over 25 years, Quest for Learning has been working collaboratively with local schools to help reduce the attainment gap between disadvantaged children and their peers. Sadly research just published by the Department for Education showed that nationally the attainment gap at the end of primary school has widened to its highest level since 2011.

Following a successful first year of the project with the ALMT in 2022-2023, this year Quest for Learning will continue to address educational inequality by enhancing the numeracy skills and self-confidence of a further 138 children from disadvantaged communities in Oxfordshire who have fallen behind their peers at school.





## THE ALIVERA PROJECT - RWANDA

### Rwanda Action

Co-Funding: £4,845.00  
Total Grant: £9,690.00  
[rwanda-action.org](http://rwanda-action.org)

The Rwandan districts of Nyamesheke and Rusizi in the Western Province remain some of the poorest in the country. In rural areas disability is not well understood and it is a sad fact that even if children with a disability complete school they find it impossible to find paid employment and hence a route to independence.

Following a successful first grant with the ALMT Rwanda Action is now looking to extend the capacity of the Alivera Village to 32 fully funded apprenticeships for young people with disabilities. By the end of the project 28 young people with disabilities will gain employment in the community and four will go on to lead enterprise groups.



## THE MANGO TREE - KENYA

### The Mango Tree

Co-Funding: £7,481.00  
Total Grant: £14,961.00  
[themangotree.org](http://themangotree.org)

Founded in response to the HIV crisis, The Mango Tree has been working in Western Kenya to provide education for orphaned children and young people for the past 20 years. Orphans, girls and disabled children are particularly at risk of being left behind in the education system and are also at greater risk of abuse.

This grant will fully fund the secondary education for 292 registered orphaned young people attending secondary day schools. Funding will cover uniforms, books, school fees, community health care, tuition, careers support, health education and volunteering placements. By providing holistic support, the programme reduces teenage pregnancy rates and increases school retention and employability.



## ASILOMAR PERMACULTURE PROJECT - KENYA

### Link International and Asilomar Foundation

Co-Funding: £2,084.00  
Total Grant: £5,209.00  
[link-international.org/asilomar](http://link-international.org/asilomar)

Asilomar is located in Kilifi County which has one of the highest number of stunted children in Kenya with one in every three children affected. Asilomar is intended to be a learning and demonstration centre for the community, including schools, to show how you can grow nutrient-dense food even in harsh climatic conditions where rainfall is minimal and soil quality is poor.

Funding will teach 60 children at the neighbouring secondary school how to set up vegetable gardens in the school grounds. This pilot project will run sessions twice a week and also provide a nutrient-rich meal to all participants. This will be a source of much needed vegetables as a supplement to the school meals which many are unable to afford.





## CREATING PEACEMAKERS - NORTHERN IRELAND UK

The Good Friday Agreement has eliminated some of the physical boundaries and acute violence of the Troubles, but at its core, Northern Ireland remains a starkly divided society. Fewer than 7% of children attend integrated schools and opportunities for young people to engage in productive and cooperative cross community activities are limited.

This project will bring 260 young people from different backgrounds together through a structured basketball activity programme. The community relations, games, activities, and conversations facilitated through a sporting lens will challenge stereotypes, and prejudices and increase understanding and respect for difference.

### Peace Players

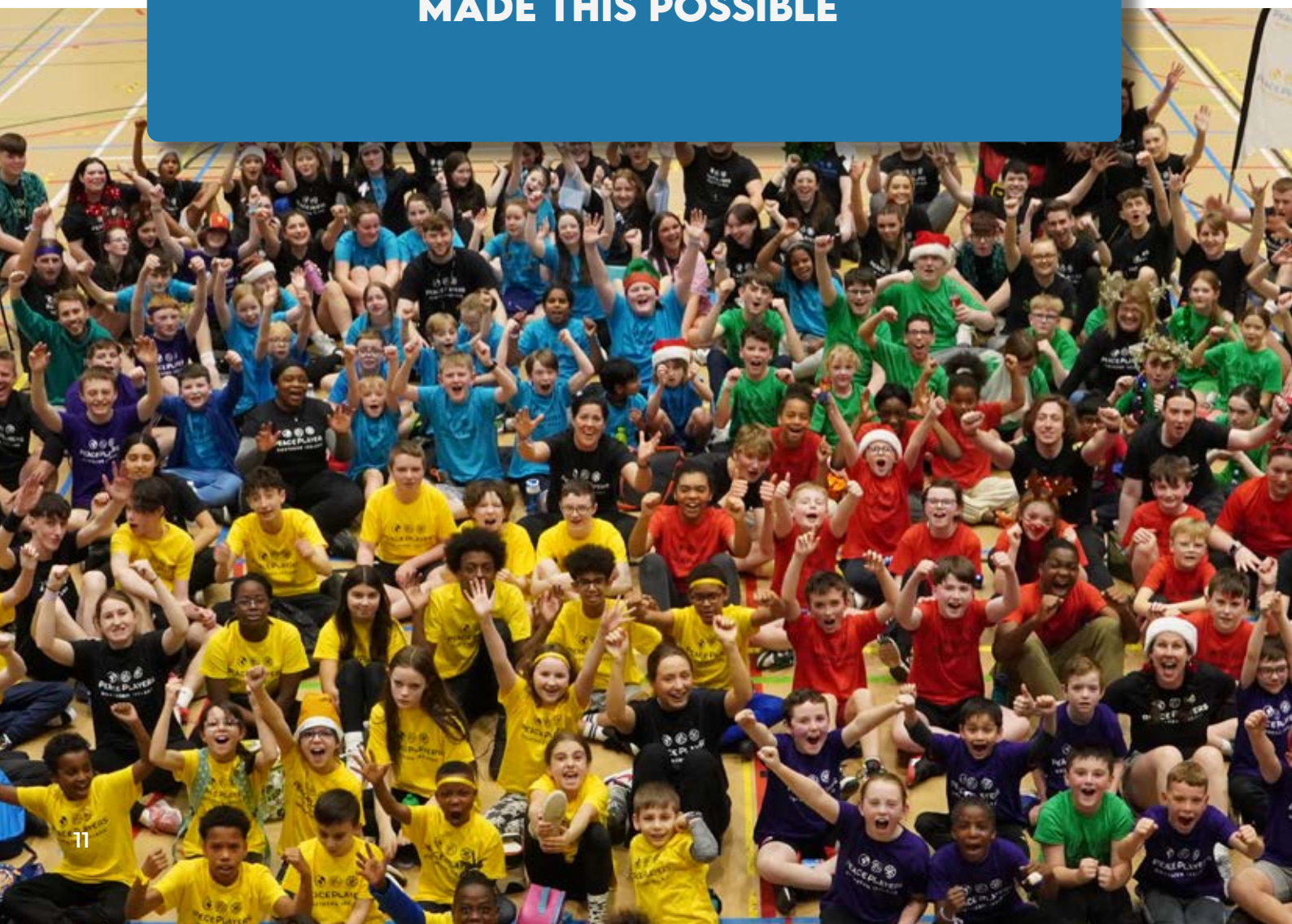
Co-Funding: £7,500.00

Total Grant: £15,000.00

 [peaceplayers.org](http://peaceplayers.org)



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS  
SUPPORTED THE TOM LOVE TRUST AND  
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