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Thank you so much!

During financial year 2018/19, the Children's World team continued to build on our early successes in fundraising to cover the gap in income due to the year's absence of a Glastonbury Festival. With a huge amount of hard work by our charity's Directors, Trustees and volunteers in arranging and running a large variety of events and other fundraising, our charity was able to raise all the funds required to, not only stay open throughout this challenging year, but to also begin financial year 2018/19 in a robust financial position!

During financial year 2018/19 our small project team was also busier developing and delivering more projects, events, workshops and other activities than ever.

On behalf of everyone at Children's World, and all the children and families we support, thank you to everyone involved in this fantastic achievement; organisers, donors, attendees, regional and national media, our incredibly supportive local and Theatre and Circus communities and our Patron, Michael Eavis MBE.



Activities Timeline:

April 2018

Egg Sumo Basho fundraiser
Puppetry Integration week 1 at Baytree & Herons' Moor Schools

May 2018

Pilton Jumble Trail fundraiser
Family Fun Day community event with SY4CW
Green Room Bar on Tor bands' night fundraiser
Puppetry Integration week 2 at Baytree & Herons' Moor Schools

June 2018

Space Adventure workshop for children with PMLD at Exeter House School
Strode College Music Production DJ night fundraiser
Collett Park Family Day community event participation
Open Farm Day at Middlewick fundraiser with SY4CW
Puppetry Integration week at Fiveways School
Space Adventure workshop for children with PMLD at Fiveways School
Filming for ITV South West with Ben McGrail media coverage
Diamond House Assembly fundraiser thank you assembly
Not The Glastonbury Festival fundraiser
Underwater Journey workshop for children with PMLD at St Francis School

July 2018

Underwater Sensory space for Frome Children's Festival
UV workshop for children with PMLD at Baytree School
Stewarding Training for young people community event
Celebration Day for Children Looked After
Mad Hatter's Tea Party & Art Show fundraiser

August 2018

Off the Streets week community event
Family Festival weekend community event
Green Screen Video workshop for Frome Children's Festival

September 2018

Space Adventure workshop for children with PMLD at New Fosseway School

October 2018

Space Adventure workshop for children with PMLD at Selworthy School
Space Adventure workshop for children with PMLD at Avalon School
Space Adventure workshop for children with PMLD at Claremont School
Green Screen Video workshop for child's party
Glastonbury Zombie Walk community event
Underwater Journey workshop for children with PMLD at Briarwood School

November 2018

Anti-Bullying workshop at West Pennard School
Anti-Bullying workshop at Bowlish School
Underwater Journey workshop for children with PMLD at Critchill School
Space Adventure workshop for children with PMLD at Baytree School
Space Adventure workshop for children with PMLD at Threeways School

December 2018

SY4CW Thank You Tea community event

January 2019

Glastonbury Body Art Event fundraiser

Underwater Journey workshop for children with PMLD at Exeter House School

February 2020

Green Screen Video workshop for Frome Children's Festival

Sensory Adventures Day for Derby Quad Centre

March 2019

Youth Committee Team Building community event

Transition Workshops for Crispin and St Dunstan's Schools

Interactive Floor provision for SEND Information Day in Yeovil

Resilience Video Workshop at St Dunstan's School

Anti-bullying Video Workshop at St Dunstan's School

Yeast Scrapstore community event participation with SY4CW



New Community Activities

Somerset Youth for Children's World (SY4CW)

Funded by the Youth Social Action Fund via the Somerset Community Foundation, this was a highly successful project, which we had begun in FY 2017/18 and we hope to continue, if further funding can be found.

During the project, Children's World facilitated 59 young people, with a large range of abilities and a high proportion of special needs, and one adult volunteer, in: performing, street collections, stewarding, food preparation, face painting, social media, promotional design, craft workshops, filming, photography, event planning and accredited training in food hygiene, first aid and stewarding.

Nine of these young people also worked more intensively alongside Children's World, as they lead their own project delivering a community Family Fun Day, as well as appearing on local radio! This 'Core Volunteer' team has chosen to continue their involvement with our work and eight of them have formed an ongoing Children's World Youth Committee.

During the project, Children's World has worked alongside our young volunteers, their carers and other organisations, supporting them to use their hours and training elsewhere in their lives e.g. work experience and C.V.s, DofE awards, a nomination for a SEND Unsung Heroes award and a Youth Achievement Bronze Award.

The Somerset Youth for Children's World project celebrated all young volunteers' participation and contributions at a 'Thank you Ceremony' at the end of the year, when certificates were presented to them by local dignitaries, including Mayors and other officials from across Somerset. Our Patron, Michael Eavis, also attended, in recognition of their achievements.

The mother of one of our young volunteers told us about how important the project is for them:

"Josh is diagnosed with Worster Drought Syndrome, which affects his speech and the understanding of it and also includes learning difficulties, autistic tendencies and some physical

and sensory difficulties.

Josh has attended mainstream school throughout his education with the help of a 1:1 and is now at Bridgwater college without a 1:1. But the big difficulty Josh has is socialising and being with his peer group and making friends. There is very little opportunity out in the real world for him to access any social stuff especially now that he is over 18 and a young adult. Opportunities are few and far between so what was offered by Children's World was fantastic for him.

With all the different volunteering aspects that were offered, Josh managed to access so many amazing things that he would have been unable to do without this. He met new people and interacted with the staff, other volunteers and the public and for Josh this was a very big thing. He has gained confidence and self worth from this and has so enjoyed himself and has always wanted to go and join in with everything that was on offer.

The biggest highlight for Josh was visiting the local radio station and talking on it. Family and friends tuned in and wept, at how proud they were of him. Many have known him most of his life and couldn't believe what he had accomplished and the main thing was that Josh was so chuffed and pleased with himself. This was an opportunity that we were so grateful for.

The whole scheme was so worthwhile and I would like to thank the people who funded it, because it takes people like you to step up and give the Joshua's in this world the change to be able to try these things. More money should be accessible to allow these children/young adults to experience what "Normal" children take for granted!!

And last but not least a huge thank you to Children's world who never hesitated to include Josh in everything. He just felt so comfortable with you all and enjoyed himself so much.

Josh has had so many positive vibes from this whole experience and it has helped him so much with his confidence. Here's to more funding like this and having people like Children's World carry it out. Thank you, Nicola Pascoe, Josh's Mum"



Family Festival

In partnership with Paddington Farm Trust we decided to put on our first festival since 2012. Set in the grounds of the farm we wanted to create a family focused festival, smaller in scale to our previous children's festival, but with a similar focus on Theatre and Circus performances and workshops. Although it was a wet weekend, those that came gave us great feedback. Funding permitting, we intend to make this an ongoing event to compliment our Off the Streets week.

A local single mother of two young children, aged 4 and 6 (Arthur, age 4, is autistic) told us:

"We have just got back from the Family Festival. The weather did not dampen our spirits or enthusiasm. Kids had a great time (except the bit when Arthur's balloon pirate hat and balloon pirate sword popped...that bit was rather explosive!) But it was made that much more special by the people who came and performed. Everyone was so gentle, friendly and understanding of my little ones. I can't say it was relaxing as I was constantly running around trying to keep track of the little ones. But it was a positive experience for sure. And those people who turned to me today and said... "Don't worry, you are doing a great job and it's not easy." Thank you sooo much. Words like those are what's keeping me going right now and mean more than you know."



New Work with Schools and Youth Organisations

Boshier-Hinton Funding

It has been a busy time for our sensory journey workshops for children with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD), with 14 days of workshops delivered over the year. Eight of these days were delivered thanks to a grant from the Boshier-Hinton Foundation.

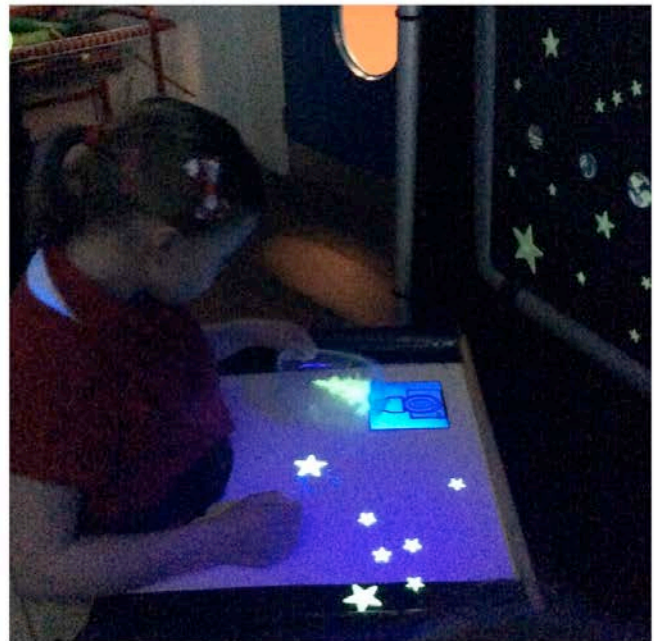
These unique sessions, consisting of either an underwater adventure or a space journey, are specifically designed to encourage interaction and stimulate engagement in children with PMLD, using a mixture of textures, interactive objects, scents, music, video and live characters, during a fun and interactive performance. Children with PMLD have very complex learning needs. In addition to their severe learning difficulties, they may have other significant difficulties, such as

physical disabilities, sensory impairment or a severe medical condition. These children require a high level of adult support for their learning needs and are likely to need sensory stimulation and a curriculum broken down into very small steps.

All feedback from school staff was extremely positive. For example:

“Children were engaged from the start. The school hall was transformed into a spaceship. The team - Paddy & Charlie - were able to instantly read the children & assess suitable ways to interact with them. The children were stretched & challenged, but in a motivating way & they felt safe to explore. Beautiful props had the wow factor, which also did not impact negatively on other n the school. Staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience also & were able to join in with team leaders. Staff could also take away motivating learning ideas. A great mix of role-play, music, drama & learning in a sensory way. Bottom line- the children had lots of fun whilst learning. Thank you.”

“The workshops were accessible to a class of pupils with a variety of complex needs. There was a wide range of highly engaging activities presented by a skilled team. The activities were relevant to the school curriculum and supported development of communication and numeracy. We would like to book again and were very pleased with the workshop. Many thanks for a great workshop. We all really enjoyed it – great for the pupils and also supported staff wellbeing, incidentally.”



Video Workshops for St Dunstan's School

Children's World was asked by St Dunstan's school to provide two bespoke video workshops for highlighted students in year 8. The first workshop developed in response, was in a similar format to our long-standing anti-bullying video workshop, while the second workshop concentrated on resilience and how to regain positive outlooks after a troubled start to school. This second workshop was presented in a new format that we will further develop; in order deliver it as part of our offering to schools and youth organisations.

“Paddy and Charlie were brilliant today with our year 7's at St Dunstan's, resilience workshop. Thank you for the day, we all had a fabulous time!”

Working with Frome Children's Festival

The Children's World team was delighted to be asked, by Frome Children's Festival, to deliver inclusive activities for their yearly festival in 2018. They wanted to provide a calming, space for children with special needs to relax. We provided a sensory tent with an underwater theme, using our equipment and experience from delivering Sensory Journeys for children with PMLD, but as

an informal drop-in. In practice, most of the visitors were parents and toddlers, with a few children with special needs present. It proved a very popular place, though and we are looking into creating this kind of space at other events. Our sensory tent also formed a major part of a half-hour radio special about the festival, aired by Frome FM.

We have since provided school holiday activities for the Frome Festival team. These have taken the form of inclusive Green Screen Film-making mornings, using our emotion masks and a small box of clothes and props. The participating children, and their parents, can then access these films post-workshop via a private YouTube link. After the first workshop, a parent went on to book us for her child's party. Children's World hadn't considered doing work for individuals before, but would be happy to do so in the future.

Children's World's working relationship with Frome Children's Festival is now ongoing and we look forward to delivering more projects and workshops for them, both at the festival and in the holidays.

"The members of staff were great too making all the Children feel at ease and let them have a great time."

"Very, very good. Would love to do this again. Excellent."

"Very engaging, first activity Oscar has taken part in the summer (and enjoyed!). He's usually not interested in group activities."

"My daughter (8) enjoyed the workshop a lot and volunteered for some close-up acting. I am now thinking to enrol her in some children's drama club."

"I loved it so much I would like to remember people to come and I hope they have the same I had."



Celebration Day for Children Looked After

We provided a mini-festival Celebration Day for Children Looked After who had finished their academic year with Somerset's Virtual Learning School. Held in the grounds of the Victoria Sports and Social Club, Street, we provided circus based shows and activities as a celebration of their completing their school year. We received excellent feedback on the day, including from David Fothergill, Leader of Somerset County Council, who visited the event.

"A great morning spent with the fantastic foster carers, staff and Children of the Somerset Virtual School. It's been an end of term celebration for Children Looked After, in Somerset."

"I just wanted to say a huge thank you again for yesterday. The children that attended had a fantastic day and yourselves and all of the activity providers were brilliant."

New Fundraising Events

Green Room Bar on Tor

A very successful event on every level - the amazing team, headed up by Rich and Sue Hindle, that run our Green Room Bar fundraising area backstage for the Theatre & Circus Fields during Glastonbury Festival years, pulled out all the stops to put on an extremely impressive evening of bands at Glastonbury Town Hall. We were further supported by the then Glastonbury Mayor, Emma George, who had use of the venue donated to us, as well as helping with the organisation of the event in many other ways. Our Trustees also worked extremely hard on making the evening a huge success, playing a variety of essential roles in organising and delivering the event.

We'd also like to thank the wonderful volunteers that helped out on the night. Those that lent us décor (Simon Gerrard of Crescent Moon) and expertise (Charlie Miller and the sound crew and Dan Poole and the light crew), Tor Rugby Club for providing food, Paul from Glastonbury Ales and Roger Wilkins Cider for supplying the bar, Les the caretaker and the Town Hall staff, Craig Stock from Memory Screen for the t-shirts and all who came along on the night!

Of course, such a brilliant evening was also only possible thanks to all the fabulous performers that donated their time, energy and talent: Glenn Tilbrook, Tankus the Henge, The Emperials, The Bad Cowboys, The Backwood Redeemers, Toby Marks of Banco de Gaia and DJ Random!

An additional thank you goes to Tankus the Henge for promoting the evening and Children's World's work on BBC Radio 4's Loose Ends. A huge thank you too to the Loose Ends team for giving us this amazing opportunity!

Other fundraising event highlights:

The Glastonbury Body Art Event – Another amazing day of beautiful art painted on to fabulous models, who then performed a evening cat-walk event. The level of artistry was, again, astonishing, attracting a huge number of people to both the daytime viewing and evening. Pictures of the day even made it into the national media! Thank you so much to Stephen Duross, Mel Broom and the body art team for choosing our charity to benefit from this fabulous event.

Egg Sumo Basho – A day of egg-based silliness, run by Children's World team member Charlie Miller and held on Easter Sunday at the Rifleman Arms, this is an annual event that Children's World regularly gets involved with and benefits from. The daytime event was followed by a performance by Charlie Miller & the Soul Agents, who also generously donated their fee.

Mad Hatter Tea Party & Art Picnic – A lovely day, organised by Children's World supporter Rosie Temple-Morris, this was held at the Pilton Tithe Barn, which generously donated use of the space thanks to our Patron Michael Eavis.

Pilton Jumble Trail – A new event, put together by local John Shearlaw as a fundraiser for Children's World, we also brought our Interactive Floor Projector to the Pilton Playgroup for the day for families. A great fundraising event and day, which we hope will become a yearly event.

Strode College Music Production DJ Night – One of the highlights of the community support we have received during the year. A group of teenagers studying Music Production at Strode College organized a DJ night at the Glastonbury Red Brick Building to raise funds for us. The event was extremely well attended and all had a brilliant time, while also raising funds for us. Some of the group had enjoyed taking part in Children’s World events when little and this had motivated them to help support our charity.

Open Farm Sunday at Middlewick – A lovely day for the whole community, put together by our new Trustee, and Middlewick Farm owner, Jill Barker. The local community provided stalls and entertainment and the Farm ran tours and activities. SY4CW ran popular sock-puppet making, our Trustee Haggis McLeod performed his juggling show and supporter Alan Wells, from Pitcombe Rock Falconry, put on an exciting and educational birds of prey display. Haggis then juggled again for Children’s World at the Collet Park Day!

‘This is Not the Glastonbury Festival’ – This fundraising event also starred Haggis, among a variety of other amazing theatre and circus and music acts. Many thanks to the King Arthur Pub in Glastonbury for hosting, fantastic Children’s World supporter Ian Miller for organising and all the wonderful people that made it such a fun weekend.

Diamond’s House fundraising & App. Development – Our Trustee Bruce Abrahams’ daughter, Freja, worked with her school house at Bristol Grammar School to choose Children’s World as their adopted charity for the year. They ran a number of fundraising events and some of the students entered a national phone app. design competition, creating a Children’s World fundraising app., which won!



Future plans

The Trustees are very much looking forward to building on the many successes of this year, alongside our team of Directors, team and group leaders, volunteers and local Glastonbury town and Theatre & Circus Fields communities.

June 2019 will see the welcome return of Glastonbury Festival. Thanks to the much appreciated ongoing support of our Patron, Michael Eavis, we will again be running backstage entertainment and catering for the Theatre & Circus Fields. This work is undertaken via our trading subsidiary, Children's World Enterprises. We are optimistic that the funds raised will provide considerable support for our charity's running costs for financial year 2019/20. The charity will continue with a number of additional fundraising events alongside this and plans to form a fundraising committee of Trustees, Directors and volunteers in order to support event fundraising.

We also look forward to building on our increased delivery of workshops and activities in the UK. Children's World's Directors constantly update, adapt and add to our workshops to keep them relevant to our users and will continue to do so. For example, they are currently adding an extra theme to our Sensory Journey workshops for children with PMLD, as these are proving particularly popular. They will also be providing an alternative anti-bullying workshop to compliment the two we already offer. This workshop will provide practical activities and discussion that encourage the group to think about their relationships in their school.

Our local community activities and events are also being built on and developed. Our Off the Streets week continues to be very popular, and we will be looking to build on that success and increase the variety of workshops on offer to the community. We are also looking to continue with expanding on our first Family Festival with Paddington Farm Trust, with a second festival in 2019.

Children's World's international work has taken a back seat during financial year 2018/19, due to needing to prioritise fundraising for our charity's running costs. We hope to restart overseas projects in the near future, with another trip to support refugees in northern France likely to be our focus. As previously, our international work will be fundraised for separately from our UK work.

Thank you again for all your wonderful support.

We couldn't make so many children feel happy and included without it!



Supporting inclusion for ALL children through drama, performance, film-making and FUN!