



INTERGEN TRAFFORD

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2018/2019

As we begin to plan our 20th anniversary celebration, (since we're 20 in 2020), it is with delight that I present yet another annual report. The reflecting time between each AGM seems to get shorter and shorter, a sure sign that the years are galloping by.

Again, our Trustees would like to offer huge thanks to our loyal and hardworking coordinators who have an all-embracing job description which includes attending monthly coordinators meetings to placing posters in the community as well as recruiting new volunteers and doing all the necessary paperwork. If this sounds like lots of commitment, the upside is that we work very well together as a team, supporting one another if needed and knowing that we are doing a good job linking volunteers with our local schools.

Our fairly new Stretford coordinators Christine & Kathryn have been getting to know their volunteers as well as their locality and schools. It's over a year now and they have certainly made their mark. Sue Cameron and myself are delighted to welcome Barbara Caldwell, a volunteer at Brooklands Primary School, as another member of the Sale team, although we would welcome with open arms yet another assistant coordinator to join this team. Barbara comes to us with a wide spectrum of experience of life, ranging from being a teacher, to having administrative positions as well as enjoying a large number of hobbies. The east area of Trafford is continued to be ably supported by Janice Mortimer who has the challengingly wide geographical area stretching from Partington to the Urmston/ Stretford border. Brian Hooley is our ambassador coordinator helping with recruitment as well as being our resident car park attendant for all functions!

All these coordinators need recognition for the wonderful role they play within our Intergen Trafford family, without whom we would not be gathering together today. Again, we would welcome any volunteer who would like to come to a meeting or two to see how we work together, with the intention of becoming an assistant coordinator if s/he like what we do.

Coordinators & Trustees alike rely on the skills of our extremely efficient and most supportive administrator Carol Shields. Carol continues to be minutes secretary to the Trustees as well as our general office coordinator. Papers and documents are always prepared well ahead of time and Carol definitely keeps me on the straight and narrow not an easy task at times!

Although I have played two roles within our organisation for around eleven years, I feel that it is time for me to relinquish one of those positions.

Discussions will need to take place in the next school year so that someone (or two) will be able to shadow me, in order to ensure that a smooth succession will be able to take place within the next twelve months.

The skills within the small Trustees team have again served our organisation well during the past year. As Treasurer, Sue Cameron is always an efficient budget holder, ensuring that our accounts are transparent for all to see, and that Trustees are given an up to date report at each meeting. Michael Armstrong and Vivien Jackson continue to be loyal Trustees as well as always spreading the good word about Intergen Trafford at any opportunity. I am extremely grateful to Debbie Vrlec and Clive Searle, our Headteacher Trustees, for their responsibility to ensure we receive current information regarding Safeguarding as well as always giving us sound advice, about placing volunteers in schools.

That brings me to thank, on behalf of all our wonderful partnership schools and the trustees, our volunteers, who support children in schools. Just as our volunteers are a diverse group of people, so are the ways they work in school. The majority of volunteers do still listen to children read, encouraging confidence, supporting their comprehension as well as helping them to enjoy reading. However other volunteers run a maths club, teach children to play chess as well as being there in craft activities, supporting the development of fine motor skills like using scissors and doing basic sewing.

Here is a recent quote from a teacher when asked to write a few words to explain how she sees the value of Intergen Trafford:

“It has been invaluable having B from Intergen volunteer with our two year 3 classes. She has begun to build positive relationships with a range of children and has been able to successfully support and enhance the pupils’ reading fluency and comprehension skills thorough 1:1 sessions. B adopts an enthusiastic and organised approach and has shown a great willingness to further support our pupils with consolidating aspects of their reading, writing and spelling. It is brilliant having an extra pair of hands to help close the gaps in children’s learning.” L

If ever we question the value of this social action charity, we only need to ask the teachers!

Occasionally schools ask us to help them with a special project, as did Springfield Primary in the spring. The children were to be “Fixperts” designing domestic aids for older people who had trouble with particular physical tasks. Our volunteers described not being able to fasten buttons, difficulties with

tying shoe laces, washing windows, pegging out the washing, ladling out soup as well as changing the duvet covers and many more. The children were incredibly imaginative and resourceful and a week later volunteers were invited back to try out their specialist aid. It was a wonderful project enjoyed immensely by the key stage two children, the staff and the volunteers alike. The try out day, as all special events days, was carefully photographed by our volunteer, Bill Petite. I am hoping that by the AGM some of these current photographs will be on our website.

Each year of course we have volunteers retiring, often after serving Intergen and the children for many years. We send our heartfelt thanks and good wishes to them and hope that they will keep in touch and definitely join us in June 2020 for our special 20th celebration. Professor Norma Raynes, who founded Intergen in Trafford, has now moved back to Whitchurch from London and is hoping to also be there with us next June.

There is one area in which we haven't really been successful yet and that is with regard to our website. Although we have received enquiries from a small number of people interested in becoming volunteers through our website, we have not yet been able to find someone who will take responsibility for the website, including keeping the news section up to date. We live in hope!

As we approach our second decade, I would like to bring this report to a close firstly, with reflections from the children, following their "Fixperts" project, since it was such a perfect example of intergenerational work, where both younger and older benefitted in so many different ways. And secondly, the thoughts and feelings of some of our volunteers collected at an area meeting. In both cases, Intergen Trafford working at its best!

Firstly, the children's reflections, many of which demonstrate their empathy for older people.....a wonderful and unexpected outcome.

"I really enjoyed helping Mrs Mosco because she had an operation on her shoulder. I think she needs a break!" Z

"I liked this because it is really hard to make something for older women, but it was a good experience." C

"I see that your fingers are a bit arthritic I'll work something out for you" I

"I enjoyed this project because it's really fun trying & investigating new products that would be suitable for someone older" D

“We could use our creativity for real life problems” H

“Without me even knowing it, maybe it could be popular (my invention) and pass on into the next generation.” J

“I enjoyed this project because I had to put my brain to the test. And I liked helping an older person. It’s nice to think they now can do something that they couldn’t do earlier”

“Now we can help you with your problem, so you can wash your back and know you will be very clean. “

“It was for a good cause.” L

“We were working as a team and older people struggle with more things and we are caring for people who need help.” B

“I was helping someone else who has a disability.” O

“This project was helping another person’s lifestyle. Mrs M liked ours very much. I liked helping an older person because sometimes older people need more help. This was the perfect opportunity to help them.” N

And finally, words from our volunteers, 2019:

“Going to work on a Monday morning was always dreaded. But volunteering on Monday morning means the start of the week can’t come soon enough” S

“I have found something that makes me very happy and proud, seeing the results from your efforts, especially with reading.”

“I love the interaction with the children and feeling I am helping the children who are struggling.”

“The children are wanting to see me because they know I’ve time to listen.”

“I love doing the baking with children and they seem to enjoy it so much. So many of the children have never done any cooking before and they are so pleased to have made something delicious.”

“It’s good to be able to see children develop their reading skills from sometimes very unsure to reasonably competent over the months.”

“Primary School is an excellent motivation for me and my brain, to develop the children’s brain. They like it, I like it, the staff like it.”

“Always an enthusiastic welcome from the children.”

“I love seeing the confidence my children show as their reading skills, and love of reading, develop.”

“We all learn- the children develop their vocabulary and discuss things with me! I’ve learned about robots, aliens from space and dinosaurs!” V

“Being an Intergen volunteer is both a reward and a life saver- my best friend had just died when S. took me through the start process. It’s now nearly three years since I began at Broomwood PS, listening to readers in years 1 and 2 them knowing me, me knowing them! Having had lots of stage experience, the little loves put up with my urging them to lift their voice, imagine the character, different voices. And they rise to the challenge. It’s a delight! Intergen! – the best thing since sliced bread!” L

Sue Mosco

VOLUNTEERS, HAVE YOU BEEN INVITED TO A

SAFEGUARDING LEVEL 1 TRAINING SESSION AT YOUR SCHOOL?

IF NOT, PLEASE REMEMBER TO ASK IF YOU CAN ATTEND THE NEXT ONE IN 2019

2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES 2018-2019

TRUSTEES

Vacant	Hon. Secretary
Sue Cameron	Hon. Treasurer
Vivien Jackson	Charity Commission Liaison
Sue Mosco	Chairperson
Clive Searle	Headteacher Advisor - Safeguarding
Debbie Vriec	Headteacher Advisor - Safeguarding
Michael Armstrong	Local Affairs Advisor
Carol Shields	Minutes Secretary – non-trustee

MANAGEMENT

Our coordinators bring with them a plethora of life skills, specific skills from their workplace as well as their own diverse personalities.

Sue Cameron	Retired Headteacher
Barbara Caldwell	Retired teacher/administrator
Christine Kay	Teacher
Kathryn Lewis	Retired teacher
Sue Mosco	Retired Headteacher
Janice Mortimer	Retired Community Paediatric Nurse
Bill Petite	Retired Creative Director
Brian Hooley	Retired Teacher

3 VISION AND MISSION

VISION

Intergen Trafford's vision is a society in which schools and older people work in partnership to make a positive contribution to the development of young people and their local communities.

MISSION

Intergen Trafford's mission is to make a positive difference to the lives of children, teachers and older people by creating and sustaining partnerships between schools and older people in local communities in Trafford.

4 TREASURER'S REPORT 2018-19

As we have had a year in which we have not had a full complement of Coordinators, we took the decision to not fundraise, as that would have stretched our physical resources too far. We appealed to the schools that we volunteer in and thanks to the very generous donations from 11 of our schools we have managed to cover this year's running costs with £202 to spare. Our thanks and gratitude go to those schools.

We managed to reduce our travel costs slightly, but our postage costs increased significantly due to the GDPR form that we had to send out to our volunteers. Next year we should have a reduced postage cost. Computer costs were less as we didn't need to replace the printer cartridge this year. Meetings costs were also down. Because of coordinator pressures we held less area meetings so had no hall hire costs and refreshment costs at the gatherings, were generously covered by the schools. Printing costs were minimal but next year we may need new brochures and posters so this cost will rise.

Next year we need to address the issue of our website so that it's upgraded and able to be operated easily by ourselves. This will cost money and if anyone of our volunteers are able to assist in running a website, we would be very grateful for their help. We also celebrate 20 years of INTERGEN Trafford next year and intend to celebrate with both schools and volunteers. It is yet to be decided what we will do but as we have very healthy savings the costs of these two one-off items will be no problem.

As I write this, I've not had the accounts audited but that will be done a.s.a.p. so in anticipation of Geoff Shaw doing an audit I'd like to thank him!

Sue Cameron Treasurer

5 AREA REPORTS

TRAFFORD CENTRAL – Sale, Sale Moor, Ashton on Mersey

TRAFFORD NORTH – Stretford

It has been an interesting and informative first year for us as we got to know the Stretford volunteers and their respective schools. On June 14th we held our first coffee morning for the Stretford volunteers which was well attended and provided an excellent opportunity for us all to get to know one another. We are delighted to report that we now have an extra two schools; Kings Road Primary, who have re-joined Intergen and Lostock College, our only secondary school at present.

To support this, we have been very fortunate to recruit six new volunteers, five of whom are men. All these volunteers are now working in schools and are enjoying the experience.

Sadly, one of our volunteers has had to give up due to ill health. Hopefully, this is a temporary situation and we look forward to welcoming her back in the not too distant future.

On March 28th we held a Reading Meeting for Stretford volunteers in the Community Room at Victoria Park Infants. Sue Cameron, Intergen Trustee and Coordinator for Sale gave a talk on reading strategies which was very well received. Val Davies did a sterling job with the cakes as always!

We look forward to welcoming more volunteers in the coming year and are holding a recruitment session at The Limelight Centre on Wednesday 12th June.

Christine Kay and Kathryn Lewis, Coordinators for Trafford North

TRAFFORD WEST - Urmston, Davyhulme, Flixton, Partington

Over the past year, the Volunteers in Wellacre Boys School have continued to enjoy encouraging the year 7 and year 8 boys with their reading skills. Julie and Jane are now established members of the team. We meet over Period 1 & 2 with 10 boys attending. Welcome to Julie Siddall a new Volunteer helping in the Library. Thank you to Joahne for her help and support this year.

Thank you to Alison Daniel for hosting Interger's Xmas gathering at St. Mary's Primary School, Davyhulme. The pupils entertained us wonderfully with their Nativity Play.

Welcome back to Gerry and Hilda at Partington Central and thank you to Alison White head teacher at Acre hall Primary, Flixton, for enabling us to resume our Urmston Interger Meetings in school. A big Thank you to all the volunteers for their individual input, especially at Kingway Primary, due to the dedication of the volunteers this past year has again been enjoyable.

Janice Mortimer, Coordinator for Trafford West

Finance Report 2018/19					
Total31.03.19				Total31.03.18	
		Income & Expenditure			
1280.00		Grants & Donations		525	
0		Fundraising		0	
<u>28.12</u>		Bank Interest		<u>25</u>	
<u>1308.12</u>				<u>550</u>	
		Expenditure			
	119.90	Travel			164.75
	48.63	Marketing & Printing			52.97
	279.71	Postage & Stationary			155.59
	195.35	Computer, website, broadband			354.86
	<u>109.22</u>	Phone			<u>105.74</u>
752.81	752.81	Total Admin		616.19	616.19
		Fundraising expense			
	4.15	meetings			191.83
	<u>349.09</u>	Miscellaneous			<u>341.72</u>
353.24	353.24	Total miscellaneous & Meetings		533.55	533.55
<u>1106.05</u>	<u>1106.05</u>	Total Expenditure		1367.46	
202.07		Net Cashflow for the period		<u><u>-817.46</u></u>	
		Balance Sheet			
		Assets			
2993.93		Current Account		2893.13	
<u>5.00</u>		Less uncleared chqs		<u>106.27</u>	
2988.93		Current account		2786.86	
<u>13539.09</u>		Deposit Accounts		<u>13534.80</u>	
16528.02				16321.66	
		Liabilities			
		Creditors			
<u>16528.02</u>		Net Assets		<u>16321.66</u>	