

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Black Cultural Archives
Name of the project TFN funded:	Arike Oke
Date Funded by TFN:	26/09/2019
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	Yes
If no, please outline how the project has changed.	
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	Thanks to the support received from The Funding Network we were able to help over 100 people from January to March (pre-lockdown) in face to face legal advice surgeries and in completing the government Compensation Scheme application forms. We used some of the funds to hold a public town hall meeting at Lambeth Town Hall attended by c.200 people to spread awareness of the Compensation Scheme. The event was covered by local media and included a panel of speakers including Martin Ford QC, the designer of the Scheme itself. Following the first Covid lockdown of March 2020 we had to pause the in person surgeries, but we had secured in the same month further funding to continue the surgeries. We have also supported (by knowledge sharing) similar advice surgeries around the country, especially by the members of the self-organising Windrush National Organisation. As a result of our efforts and work to provide the advice and relief to the people affected we were invited to share our expertise with the Home Office, as members of the Cross-Government Windrush Working Group. Our work in this group focuses on the implementation of the Government's Lessons Learned Review into the Windrush Scandal. Outcomes so far have included an increase in payments, and a shortening of the time taken for payments to be disbursed to claimants.
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	50
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	128
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	400

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Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	Yes
If yes, how much were you able to raise?	£5000 from Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, and £5000 from London Borough of Lambeth for continuing the in person surgeries once the Covid restrictions are lifted. £20,000 from Paul Hamlyn Foundation to organise a conference on Windrush in September 2020, and a podcast series on Windrush for Spring 2021.
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	Yes
If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?	We were offered volunteers who could support the legal advice surgeries, although alas more offers than we could manage.
Has the training you received from TFN better prepared you in pitching your organisation to potential funders?	Yes
Has TFN increased your capacity to raise further funds?	No
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We would have found it difficult to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	We have appointed a new Chair of the board of trustees, who will be announced in January 2021. Our current chair, Dawn Hill CBE, is a driving force behind our work with the Windrush Generation.
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	We loved the process - how straightforward it was and the support given to develop our pitch. It was also great to be able to meet and share with the other projects pitching.
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	One of the people who attended the January event was a man who had been rough sleeping. We found him accommodation for the night and our legal partners in this endeavour, McKenzie Beute and Pope, took on his case to arrange for his immigration status to be resolved.

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	We're unable to offer many personal stories as a consequence of the confidentiality of the cases we have been workign with.
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