

Name of your organisation	Experiential Youth Association
Date of TFN event which you pitched at	15/3/2023
Name of the project TFN funded	Wings and Roots Foundation
Were you able to undertake your project as you outlined in the application?	Yes
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>Thanks to TFN funding, we have been able to make a difference in two areas, in two target groups. We wanted to spread the professional and methodological effects of our reziliencia programme "You are not alone!" more widely in our city, Pécs.</p> <p>Thanks to the grant, we created our own training course with social adult education accreditation, which we managed to organise three times for social professionals during the grant year. These professionals work in different areas of child protection and all the feedback clearly showed that this training is a niche in the field of child protection.</p> <p>The training introduces a trauma-informed helping attitude and provides participants with useful methods and tangible tools. Thanks to the personal, long-term follow-up, we received feedback from the participants that they have been able to integrate the methods and approach into their daily work, thus reducing their frustration and improving their communication with the children in their care.</p> <p>We also continued our group work with the adolescent girls living in the Pécs Children's Home. Here we continue to start trauma processing and building the girls' resilience. The adolescent groups cannot always follow the preplanned thematic, due to the nature of the specialised care it is very difficult to work in a continuous group with the adolescents living in the children's home. There have been many cases where pre-arranged group work could not be carried out to full capacity due to centrally organised</p>

	<p>programmes. Our staff who run the group are nevertheless present in the home every week, with the children. In the event that the group cannot be fully booked, individual support sessions are organised with the adolescents present. This provides a very good side support to the program and helps to develop deep, helping relationships and begin the healing process. As the programme has continued to work, it has been able to evolve. We are currently implementing an apprenticeship programme with another grant, and we have also started to set up a local action group to help victims.</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	60%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	170
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	60
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	No
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	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
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?	Yes
Can you tell us any personal stories to	Throughout the project, our team leaders have developed a good relationship with the psychologist

<p>highlight the value of the project?</p>	<p>at the children's home. The psychologist told us that no one in her university training had prepared her to work with traumatised children and that she was often at a loss as to where to start. She had no experience with this kind of approach and the methods that our colleagues brought into the home during the sessions. She has taken our methodological training and has incorporated it into her daily work, which she admits has made her calmer and more in tune with the children. This is a great example of how knowledge of non-profit organisations and experience of grassroots, hands-on organisations can add a lot to the work of someone working in a specialist field.</p> <p>I would also like to share another, perhaps banal, case that illustrates the everyday actions that can be taken to get involved in the lives of adolescent girls in children's homes. On one occasion, when there were not so many people attending the session, our staff had the opportunity to connect with one of the most isolated participants by dyeing her hair. This was the point where she took the group leaders into her confidence and opened up to them. It was instructive how often even the smallest seeming event can trigger change.</p>
<p>Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?</p>	<p>We have launched an internship programme, which has enabled us to take a major step towards improving our organisational structure.</p>