

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Plastic Shed Limited
Name of the project TFN funded:	Plastic Shed prototyping
Date Funded by TFN:	15/01/2019
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	Yes
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>The funding has had a huge impact and helped Plastic Shed develop and test ideas for it's social impact and business model.</p> <p>Thanks to the funding from the Crowdfunder event we have been able to run 13 free, open to all workshops in Stockport, in partnership with charities, schools, local businesses and community groups including Signpost For Carers, St John's Primary School, Re-Dish (a local charity) and Tandem Coffee House. At these workshops we have been able to co-design ideas for how Plastic Shed can really bring the whole community together and run activities that suit different time commitments and abilities.</p> <p>The funding has paid for tools and equipment and insurance, as well as paying contractors to help run successful workshops. Having these resources for our workshops has meant we've been able to work with over 300 people to turn a huge amount of plastic waste into new things for the community. We've made planters from vinyl banners, clipboards from shredding and melting bottle lids, purses from plastic packaging and decorations for the town's christmas tree.</p> <p>We've been able to take photos of these workshops and use them to promote Plastic Shed and build our profile (our website was funded by the TFN money). Our growing profile has meant we've now sold over 5 workshops to festivals, businesses, community groups such as the Women's Institute and a Stockport based housing association.</p> <p>The funding has also allowed us to run pilots in schools which has meant we've then go on to sell workshops to 3 local schools.</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	100
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	300
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	300
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	No
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or	Yes

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introductions as a result of the event?	
If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?	Social Starters invited me to take part in their Manchester troubleshooter day with Pernod Ricard. This was a great session where I could work with Pernod Ricard staff to develop ideas for raising money for Plastic Shed through selling corporate workshops and CSR days.
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
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We wouldn't have been able to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	We have appointed two new directors.
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	It's been brilliant and a huge support. Thank you so much. If you need more photos we have loads. Please see our Instagram @plastic_shed
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	As a result of pitching at the TFN event Plastic Shed was invited to take part in Social Starters trouble shooter session in Manchester. This session then led to Pernod Ricard booking Plastic Shed to run a CSR day as part of their international, company wide Responsib'All Day. We gained over £2000 in revenue from running the day and we now use this as an example of our offer to other organisations.

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