

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Laces Community Club
Name of the project TFN funded:	Hackney Laces
Date Funded by TFN:	3/24/2021
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?	<p>We had two objectives: to scale our “off the pitch” work as lockdown restrictions are easing so we could address the mental health and social health of our players and members. Our second objective was to continue to provide support through our “Throw me a Lace” fund which is a hard times fund for our members affected by the pandemic.</p> <p>With TFN’s support we were able to run 8 additional off the pitch sessions, and facilitate intense mentoring for any member that required support. We could also put on more sessions (and extra one per week for 16 weeks) enabling more interaction with our members.</p> <p>We were also able to keep the internet going on 3 of our members homes - something so critical to young people and remote learning. Feedback from one of our girls was she didn’t know how she would’ve made it through the pandemic remaining connected and learning had it not been for our intervention.</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	80%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	52
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	18
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	Yes
If yes, how much were you able to raise?	£5,000 from Nike
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?	<p>We received several offers of space which we needed for workshops and our 10th anniversary football match.</p> <p>We also got 5 new volunteers!</p>

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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?	Yes. Katee our founder is on maternity leave so there is a new leadership team in place for the next year.
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	It was amazing! Truly wonderful, surprising, emotional. Thank you.
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	We've always thought of Laces as a family. The way we operate and the personal and relational support we give to our members. Since taking on this project, stepping in during hard times and the pandemic what we've seen is a closeness develop within our members that didn't exist before. We have had our members looking after other members and telling coaches who may need more support. We've had our coaches going above and beyond to help members including things like buying kettles and dropping off food supplies to another member, a young mom in sheltered accommodation fleeing domestic violence. The support from TFN has strengthened us and the relationships within the club.