

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Caxton Youth Organisation
Name of the project TFN funded:	Caxton After school Club
Date Funded by TFN:	31/01/2019
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	No
If no, please outline how the project has changed.	Unfortunately, Caxton had to push the pilot sessions back, from September 2019 to January 2020.
	As planned, we held two consultation events onsite (as well as three offsite ones with parents and professionals). A key outcome of this was the realization that we needed more time to put additional safety measures in place, and to find practical solutions to some of Caxton's facilities which weren't going to be suitable for younger children. This has now been rectified, with Caxton renting space from another local charity, and the project will launch on 15th January 2020.
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	TFN members generously donated funds for Caxton to create an innovative After school Club provision to meet the needs of disabled children, proving the concept prior to becoming self-funded in the future. I'm delighted to report that this also helped us to secure additional funding from the Living Communities Fund, to extend the pilot to the end of the academic year.
	Furthermore, we're presently in discussions with two more funders about expanding the After School Club offer to cover up to five afternoons per week. This is based on feedback from parents of children with disabilities, who could work more flexibly if Caxton's offer was wider.
	Unexpected positive outcomes include a wider network of stakeholders, including primary schools and social work teams that Caxton didn't previously have a relationship with. This has increased the number of referrals to our service, not just to the After school Club for 7-11 year old children, but also to our Youth Club for 11-25 year old young people. Another positive outcome is that Caxton now enjoys a closer working relationship with other small charities locally, who have lent us their play work expertise.
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	100%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	31
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	41

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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?	£5,000 from the Living Communities Foundation
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	No
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?	Caxton has gained two new Trustees, including a new Treasurer.
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	It was an inspiring experience. Caxton had (unsuccessfully) tried crowdfunding before, bur TFN was different. Our whole team (staff members, trustees, young people, and parents) all got involved and it was truly heartening to see how many people care about our cause. Thank you!
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	With the project not launching until 15th January, we're unable to share personal stories at this stage, but we look forward to doing so in the near future.
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