

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	AT The Bus
Name of the project TFN funded:	AT The Bus Built in Furniture
Date Funded by TFN:	09/05/2019
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?	We have now purchased and had painted the exterior of a double decker bus as per images attached. (The purchase was delayed due to covid-19). We are currently in the process of transforming the interior of the bus into an art studio, and are using the money raised from the TFN event to commission bespoke fitted furniture, ie built in tables, chairs and sofas. Due to the significant amount raised, we will also be able to buy additional fixtures and fittings including armchairs, bookcases, storage and lighting suitable for a mobile studio. We will start operating from the Bus towards the end of this year. The bus will initially be static at Cherwell School, and once there are clear government guidelines re covid-19, we will start visiting other schools.
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	100% of the bus furniture.
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	Will aim to reach 80-100 students per week from Autumn 2020.
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	Attending the bus benefits the child, the family, the school and the wider community..
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	No
If yes, how much were you able to raise?	
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	No
If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?	
Has the training you received from TFN better prepared you in	Yes

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pitching your organisation to potential funders?	
Has TFN increased your capacity to raise further funds?	Yes
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 had to close our studio at Cherwell School in March 2020 due to covid-19. However, we used this opportunity to diversify our offering and have developed a new mobile service, AT The Bus BOX, where trained facilitators go into different schools to work with students using a wheeled toolbox full of art materials. We published art activity sheets online, and also provided schools, supermarkets, community centres and food banks with worksheets and art materials. We collaborated with the Children's Book Project to deliver 10,000 Story & Draw packs for vulnerable children to do at home.
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	It was a great experience and raised valuable funds for our organisation, enabling us to refit our bus with fitted furniture. We look forward to sending you photographs of the project when it is complete. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk about the important work we do, to so many like-minded people. It was a pleasure to be a part of such a well-organised fundraising event, and we were delighted to have been invited to participate.
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	Here is a quote from an AT The Bus student: "Time out of lessons to work on myself - I can do that in here. If things are bothering me I bottle that up and talking about that in here helps, it makes me feel I have somewhere to go and gives me ways to cope. It helps me realise that I am good."