

## Report back to The Funding Network

### 1. Name of your organisation and date funded by TFN:

*ReachOut, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014.*

### 2. What was the project you sought funding for from TFN?

What are its aims and objectives? Have these changed since receiving TFN funding?

*We sought funding for our ReachOut Junior Mentors programme, particularly the monitoring and evaluation of this service in order to improve the programme for future years.*

*As with all ReachOut programmes, Junior Mentors seeks to raise attainment, develop character and raise aspirations in our young people. These are the same goals as indicated in our application.*

### 3. Were you able to do this work as you described it in your application and presentation?

*Yes*

### 4. If you were not able, please explain what happened and why?

*NA*

### 5. Can you measure, assess or describe the change that happened as a result of this work?

What actual change did the funded project generate? What proportion of the project/work did TFN fund (eg all/x%)?

*TFN funded £6486 from TFN out of a total of £97425 for our ReachOut Junior Mentors programme nationwide = 6.7%*

*The ReachOut Junior Mentors projects in 2013/14 were successful. Good numbers of young people participated long term, and good leadership and character development outcomes were observed.*

*GCSE data isn't complete (local authority and FSM/ethnic breakdown data isn't made public until January the year after), but ReachOut will be releasing our 2013/14 data in March 2014. We will send on attainment data at this point.*

### 6. As a result of presenting at TFN, did you experience any of the following;

*No*

### 7. Could you give us an estimate of how many people have been reached by the TFN funded project/work and by how much?

*189 young people attended the project, of which 113 attended throughout the year.  
142 mentors joined the project, of which 88 attended throughout the year.*

**8. Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of funding from TFN?**

*Glory Botesse, a ReachOut Junior Mentors participant in 2012 – 2014, was recently awarded a Jubilee Award for Service as a result of his involvement in ReachOut and going on to volunteer substantially for us since. Glory was referred by his secondary school in 2012, taking part in Junior Mentors for the year. He volunteered on his school's summer project for incoming Year 7s in 2013, organised in partnership between ReachOut and the school. He continued to attend ReachOut in Year 11, going on our Outward Bound leadership residential to Wales in Feb 2014.*

*Glory's development was so strong over the course of this 18 month period. He volunteered again at his school's summer project in 2014, this time taking on a leadership role as one of the 'managers', supporting his peers to volunteer effectively. He did a great job and the school was delighted with the project, which was again delivered in partnership. He spoke at ReachOut's Impact Report Launch in Feb 2014 as well, and was invited to meet the board of Macquarie Group, the major funder for the ReachOut Junior Mentors Programme, in August 2014. We nominated Glory for the award, and were delighted that he was selected as a national winner in recognition of his work and achievements. Glory's Jubilee Awards for Service, Youth Award was presented at the House of Lords by Lord Watson of Richmond CBE on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014.*

**9. Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any significant change(s) which our donors would be interested to know about (these changes do not need to be related to the experience of presenting at TFN).**

*Our most significant developments in 2014 were starting work at two new secondary schools, The Barlow RC High School in Manchester and Heartlands High School in Haringey, London. We featured in the Evening Standard in February 2014 on the back of outstanding GCSE results for our pupils in 2012/13 (84% achieving 5 A\* - C grades at GCSE, including Maths & English, compared to 60.8% nationwide), which is where Heartlands High School heard about us.*

*ReachOut was named Most Inspirational Community Group at the Kids Count Awards in the Houses of Parliament in October 2014, and also won Queen Mary University London's Volunteering Community Organisation of the Year for 2013-14. ReachOut was shortlisted for the second time for Guardian Small Charity of the Year, but again were unsuccessful.*

**10. Do you have any other comments regarding TFN funding?**

*Just thanks!*

**11. Can you please include any relevant photos or clips that may relate to the project.**

*Year 11 boys at Bishop Challoner Catholic Collegiate School*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=scXQkAr0yc>

*Year 10 boys at Bishop Challoner Catholic Collegiate School*  
<http://vimeo.com/m/89804045>



