

Report back to The Funding Network

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

Resurgo Trust (also known as Spear), 10th July 2012

2. What does your organisation do?

Resurgo's main aim is to enable disadvantaged young people to get into employment through expert pre and post employment coaching and mentoring. This was the key aim expressed in our initial application and still remain's Resurgo's focus

3. When was your organisation first established?

2003

4. Since receiving funding from TFN how has your organisation changed?

Resurgo has continued to grow since receiving funding from TFN. The number of beneficiaries reached has increased from 450 to 540 young people a year. This is due to the increase of Spear centres, with a fifth opened in September 2012 and a sixth opening in September 2013. This sixth centre will be opening in the London borough of Camden and will be Resurgo's first centre in north London.

To enable this exciting and much needed expansion, the number of employees has increased to 29 members of staff and the annual turnover has increased to just over a million pounds.

5. Can you describe/measure the impact that the specific TFN funded project/work has had?

What actual change did the funded project generate? What proportion of the project/work did TFN fund (eg all/x%)? What evidence do you have for the success or failure of the funded project?

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

The generous donation of £5,000 enabled the creation of a Spear Internship from the September 2012 course until the February 2013 course. This intern then delivered transformative career coaching to three consecutive groups of young people on the Spear course. This means a total of 60 young people have moved towards employment thanks to the TFN funded work.

7. Did receiving the money from TFN make positive difference to your organisation? If yes, in what way? If no, please specify why not?

After TFN funded our initial intern we found it easy to leverage more support from other bodies keen to also take on the challenge of enabling another intern to be trained by Spear to support unemployed young people into work. In addition, TFN introduced us to The Elders leading to a very special visit from former US President Jimmy Carter. This visit was a very helpful communication tool to tell more people about the work of Resurgo and to encourage our existing donors and students once again about the unique project they are involved in. It has certainly been a very positive experience to be funded by the TFN and we are very grateful.

8. Do you have any other comments regarding TFN funding?

We are very grateful for TFN's funding once again and hope to continue our fruitful relationship in the future.

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



Former US President Jimmy Carter with two Spear students.



First Spear Intern: Sarah Freebody (on right)