

## **A review of the Scurrah Wainwright Charity's grants 2011**

### **Henry Scurrah Wainwright**

Scurrah Wainwright Charity takes its name from Henry Scurrah Wainwright OBE (1877-1968) who was a Leeds chartered accountant and social reformer. He was also instrumental in founding and building up the Leeds medical company, Chas F Thackray Ltd, whose sale in 1990 led to the founding of the charity. Scurrah (a name taken from a family from Well, near Ripon, which married into the Leeds Wainwrights) was also a keen Methodist and a nationally known grower of prize delphinium plants. He served as president of the Leeds Society of Chartered Accountants and was honorary secretary of the Leeds Tradesmen's Benevolent Association for 33 years. During the Depression of the 1930s, he was appointed the first chairman of the National Assistance Board's advisory committee for the Leeds area. In this capacity, he organised personal interviews for every unemployed man in the city under 30 to help them find work.

### **The charity's origins**

The charity was set up and registered, number 1002755, with the Charity Commission in Spring 1991 when the inaugural meeting was held at Cragg Mount, Woodlands Drive, Rawdon, Leeds LS19 6JZ. It originally took the holding title of the Wainwright Family General Charitable Trust but trustees felt that a more direct tribute to Scurrah Wainwright was appropriate. Following a long and memorable meeting at Rudding House, near Harrogate, the parallel Andrew Wainwright Reform Trust Ltd was also established to promote radical aims outside the limits allowed by the charity laws. Both trusts were endowed through funds from the sale of Chas F Thackray Ltd.

The Scurrah Wainwright Charity also has strong roots in the H S Wainwright General Charitable Trust, set up by Scurrah Wainwright, but for some years after Andrew Wainwright's death in 1974 known among trustees as 'Andy's Trust'. During the late Seventies and the Eighties, this established a strong tradition of causes associated with Zimbabwe - especially helping Zimbabwean students - in memory of Andrew's affection for the country and its people. A small book of his diaries and letters from Hlekweni rural training centre was published by the Trust, which has some copies still available. There are also copies in the Trust library. The Zimbabwean connection has been nurtured and maintained by the charity and widened to include Southern Africa.

### **Administration**

In 2011, the charity was run by six trustees, all members of the Wainwright family. The chairman was Martin Wainwright, former Northern Editor of The Guardian. Other trustees were Hilary Wainwright, co-editor of Red Pepper; Tessa Wainwright, teacher of English as a foreign language; Roy Bhaskar, author and philosopher; Penny Wainwright, author; and Hugh Scott, solicitor and former trustee of Manningham Housing Association.

Joyce Wainwright, one of the founding trustees, died 4 February 2011.

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Peter Dyson, of Bairstow & Atkinson, Halifax, took over as the charity's financial adviser and accountant when Brian Craven retired.

Investment is managed by Close Brothers Asset Management.

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### **ARCH – Action on Rights for Children**

£2,000 March 2011

Previous grants: None, but two, 07 and 08, through AWRT

ARCH researched and promoted the case for bringing all surveillance and privacy commissioners into a single privacy commission, amending the Protection of Freedoms Bill. The amendment fell in both Houses of Parliament.

Terri Dowty explained:

*“Realistically, we were never going to achieve the creation of a privacy commission at this stage. Despite this, the whole exercise was worthwhile in preparing the ground for the creation of a privacy commissioner at a later date, and there are definite signs amongst MPs of increased interest in the introduction of a Privacy Bill. I was invited to a meeting with Tessa Jowell to discuss the operation of a privacy commissioner in the context of the Leveson Inquiry and the need to regulate the press. Sadly, as ARCH has now ceased to operate, I was unable to proceed with this. However, I hope that another organisation will take up the challenge and build on our hard work, and am grateful to the Trust for supporting it.”*

### **Barnado's, Bradford**

£2,000 November 2011

Barnado's Turnaround Project continues to provide a range of intervention and prevention support to 'at risk' young people under the age of 18 who are extremely vulnerable to sexual exploitation. This is often exacerbated by the disadvantage and isolation they face in their lives.

It remains the only dedicated project in Bradford that tackles this form of child abuse.

The project supported 137 young people. The SWC grant enabled workers to travel to areas in the city where isolated young people feel comfortable meeting and to engage with girls who in the past have been difficult to work with.

A new challenge for the team has been the re-appearance of heroin, used by older men to lure young girls, predominately from Eastern European countries, into exploitative situations.

### **Boaz Trust, Manchester**

£2,000 March 2011

The grant was used toward running a winter night shelter for destitute asylum seekers over one of the coldest winters on record. 31 male asylum seekers from 19 countries made use of the shelter. Nearly a half had been destitute and possibly street homeless for over three years. Six men went on to be housed by the Boaz Trust on a long-term basis.

One night shelter resident told Boaz workers:

*“The Boaz Trust is trying to help us. What they do is a good idea because failed asylum seekers live like animals. People should be equal and have the same rights but we are not given those rights. It helps to have Boaz Trust there. Maybe we would be sleeping outside forever if they didn't come.”*

## **Bureau of Investigative Journalism**

£4,000 March 2011

The Bureau of Investigative Journalism is a not-for-profit organisation based at City University, London. The Bureau bolsters original journalism by producing high-quality investigations for press and broadcast media with the aim of educating the public and the media on both the realities of today's world and the value of honest reporting.

The first of its kind in the UK, it was established in April 2010. Since launch the Bureau has secured over forty front-page stories and has produced a number of award-winning web, radio and TV reports.

SWC's grant supported the cost of one journalist, researcher Dan Bell, for two months. His specific task was to look at deaths in custody in the UK. Over the last 10 years just under 1,000 people have died after contact with the police – yet no officer has ever been prosecuted in this time. Dan's work was turned into a File on Four Radio Documentary (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-16678970>), a dedicated sub-site on their website and was front page of The Independent newspaper.

Following the investigation the IPCC asked the Government Statistical Service to review its figures. In their report they said more could be done to improve users' understanding of the IPCC reports and made a series of recommendations which it said would "enhance public confidence" in the figures.

The articles can be read in full here:

<http://www.thebureauinvestigates.com/category/projects/deaths-in-police-custody-2/>

The end report was shortlisted for an Amnesty Digital Media Award 2012.

## **Campaign for a Hydrogen Economy**

£4,000 November 2010

The Campaign for a Hydrogen Economy, now renamed Planet Hydrogen, believes human dependence on fossil fuels is at the heart of 'the climate problem'. It proposes all electricity should be generated by renewables and some of that electricity should be used to produce hydrogen, the future fuel for home, industry and transport.

Some of the grant was used to attend a broad range of meetings where Planet Hydrogen could present its theories: from advising Manchester City Football Club about reducing its ground's carbon emissions to near zero, to the Labour Party Conference, to Year 6 at St Margaret's Primary School, Manchester.

The remainder of the grant was used for re-designing the Planet Hydrogen's website and constructing a model 'hydrogen village' to illustrate the campaign's theories.

## **Catch 21 Productions, London**

£1,600 March 2011

Previous grants: £2,000 Nov 07

Catch 21 aims to help engage 14-25 year olds with politics, democracy and community across the UK via events, programmes and videos and enhanced by Internet television.

In 2007, a SWC grant helped Catch21 launch their political Internet video website at Westminster, the first in the UK run by young people for young people. This was followed by the launch of a successful range of corporate video production services to help run the site and the organisation's other charitable projects.

This second grant was used to purchase a second hand Sony Z1 camera. This helped volunteers film i-MP, an interactive and informative online video diary that enables MPs and Peers to communicate with the public in an informal accessible setting on a regular basis. It also allowed Catch 21 to expand its client base very rapidly from a turnover of around 24k in 10/11 to over 70k in 11/12 as a result of owning two cameras.

## **The Cellar Space, Sheffield**

£2,500 July 2011

The Cellar Space works with 11-16 year olds not engaging in education. The SWC grant contributed to salaries, resources, rent and administration related to their work with young people. The project provided therapeutic sessions to give young people an opportunity to develop their strengths and interests and to build their self-esteem and engagement. In addition, it developed a new provision that offered young people a full day catering placement. The project worked with 47 young people in the last academic year, providing 927 sessions in total. 86% of those young people successfully moved on to some sort of other provision. Data showed that two thirds experience a reduction in their difficulties over the course of their time at The Cellar Space.

Cellar Space Centre Manager, Ben Harper, wrote:  
*"The grant has made a huge difference to us as we have continued to work towards greater sustainability in an uncertain financial climate. Without support from organisations such as SWC we would not have been able to continue our work this year. We have used this year to engage schools further in paying a more equitable price for our service as well as try to develop new streams of income. We will however need to rely on trusts such as yours to supplement this."*



## **Clothing Solutions, Bradford**

£1,000 March 2011

Clothing Solutions offers an affordable bespoke garment making and alterations service for disabled people. Garments made included a specially designed school uniform for a primary school girl with Arthritis, fashion jeans for a Tetraplegic worker in his twenties and a wheelchair cape to keep an older man warm and dry.

The grant helped Clothing Solutions publicise its services. An increase in posters and leaflets at special schools, hospitals, voluntary organisations and so on, as well as increased presence in newsletters and websites, has meant a nationwide increase in orders.

The team said they'd had a busy and rewarding year.

## **CRESST – Conflict Resolution Education in Sheffield Schools Training**

£3,000 March 2011

CRESST is dedicated to helping children and young people gain the skills necessary to help reduce instances of, and resolve, violent conflict in schools and communities. It offers training for staff and pupils and on-going support for schools to help maintain their scheme.

In 2011 CRESST introduced a whole school approach to conflict resolution in six new schools. This means that in just one year it provided training to over 350 children and 180 adults; and trained 120 children as peer mediators. A peer mediator offers to help other pupils to sort out minor fall-outs and playtime problems. Mediators do not tell people what to do or take sides. They use a simple mediation process that offers all concerned a chance to have their say, be listened to and then problem solve.

As a result, over 2000 children have benefited from having access to a peer mediation service and from the effects of a whole school approach to conflict resolution. A further two schools have introduced elements of peer mediation and are considering a whole school approach. This is in addition to working with and supporting schools that are maintaining their peer mediation from previous years.

A Parent helper at Coit Primary School said: *"The training these youngsters receive is well worth the time and the effort. The skills taught will be very useful for them throughout life"*.

## **Cyan International, Zimbabwe**

£1,000 July 2011

Cyan International works in 13 countries across Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Its key aim is to improve poor people's access to essential services, secure basic human rights and improve economic opportunities for all. The SWC grant helped improve an important, practical difficulty for women in rural Zimbabwe having access to hygienic sanitary wear.

Sanitary towels reduce infections and increase school attendance. But in Zimbabwe they are extremely expensive and in short supply, making them unobtainable for most women from poor families.

Having previously used rags or even leaves for protection, 200 women attended the first week of Cyan International's training on how to make sanitary pads.

Over 250 women attended the subsequent weeks as they heard about the training in three districts of Bulawayo.

They experimented to alter the shape and improve the fit of the pads. Some also worked with each other to help teach sewing skills. They were also trained on the simple basics of menstruation and cleanliness and taught how to hygienically use the reusable sanitary pads.

Each woman produced 12 pads. Some gave theirs away, some sold them.

Women were also taught about reproductive health and gender based violence. They were trained to become mentors and supporters for other women in their villages.

Over the following six months, the project began training sessions in new parts of Zimbabwe and delivered additional sessions on sexual health, gender based violence and other family issues.

## **Education for Choice**

£4,000 November 2011

Since 1992, EFC has been providing a range of balanced workshops and resources on pregnancy and abortion to counter the problem of external speakers giving misinformation in schools.

The SWC grant helped fund a report on bad practice in abortion education and equipping education professionals with the information and resources they need to teach the topic effectively.

Work on the report, called *'Abortion education in the UK: Failing our young people?'*, led to a meeting with Education Secretary Michael Gove, shared campaigning with trade unions, women's groups and sexual health organisations, articles in the Huffington Post and the Daily Mail, a parliamentary question by Green Party MP Caroline Lucas and an expression of interest from a BBC Panorama journalist.

EFC also planned to produce resources for young people in response to feedback from young people themselves.

In January 2012, Education for Choice merged with Brook, the young people's sexual health charity, to add EFC's specialist knowledge to Brook's wider sexual health remit and guarantee EFC's work a more secure financial future.

## **e:merge, Bradford**

£1,500 March 2011

e:merge works to inspire young people in inner city Bradford to improve their lives.

The project used the SWC grant towards their Fit4All programme that engaged more than 100 young people, 38 mums and families as well as e:merge's staff, in regular exercise, free fitness sessions and support for healthy eating.

e:merge's CEO Tim Elgar joined the programme and gave up smoking to lead by example.

Staff felt there had been many positive outcomes including tackling obesity and giving young people the skills to eat better and improve their lifestyle.

## **Equality, Newcastle**

£2,500 March 2011

Equality works to uphold and secure the rights of ethnic minority groups in Britain and Europe. It primarily helps Roma, the largest, most vulnerable and deprived ethnic group in Europe, who migrated to the UK from the new EU Member States.

Equality worked with the significant Roma population in Newcastle to help them challenge the social exclusion and poverty they face.

The project supported by the Scurrah Wainwright Charity aimed to build knowledge and skills among Roma community workers in Newcastle, so that they could advise Roma families on education, employment, healthcare, housing and social welfare rights and obligations, and build understanding and cooperation with people working in services that could help these families and the wider Roma community.

Equality's worker started off the project by hosting a workshop with over 100 service providers, including schools, the local authority, the NHS and the police.

She then held a separate workshop for Roma on their rights and obligations which was similarly well attended.

Subsequent workshops have positively impacted on Newcastle's Roma community building a solid support base, and understanding its rights and responsibilities.

## **Find Your Feet, Zimbabwe**

£3,000 July 2011

Increasing drought, poor soils and an overdependence on expensive fertilisers has meant farmers in the Chimanimani district in Zimbabwe have only been able to grow enough food to last them and their communities for four months of the year.

Find Your Feet set up a pilot project and now works with 204 smallholder farmers, 510 people from the wider community and their 3,570 family members, to improve their long-term food security and build stable livelihoods.

Key farmers were trained to share organic skills and agricultural innovation to a number of peer learning groups. This has meant an increase in crop diversity, better use of the little rain there is and a growing awareness of



the benefits of organic production. Most importantly, it's meant an increase in yields and more families eating well.

## **Food AWARE, Mexborough**

£3,500 July 2011

Food AWARE redistributes food surplus from food producers and supermarkets to needy people who struggle to afford enough good food.

The SWC was used to pilot three Community Shops.

Throughout the project period, the shops supported over 100 people/families every week with Food AWARE's surplus food offerings at a vastly subsidised cost. These were local people deemed vulnerable due to low incomes, lone parents, large families, asylum seekers & refugees, special needs etc. The shops focused largely on providing a choice of food and drink based on a tight budget. With the support of its suppliers, Food AWARE was also able to provide a good range of fresh and healthy 5-a-day fruit and vegetables at each location.

Although the project was a huge success, only one shop could afford to keep going – the one in Doncaster at the Conversation Club supporting asylum seekers and refugees. It is still flourishing and supports 40+ vulnerable people/families every week. This is due to the ongoing support from a local Sainsbury's store which allows Food AWARE volunteers to collect surplus bakery and fresh produce six days per week for redistribution to local vulnerable people/families.

## **Friendly Information Company, Rotherham**

£2,500 November 2011

The Friendly Information Company produces friendly, accessible, advocacy information for vulnerable people, particularly people with learning disabilities or with autism. This is in the form of booklets, presentations, DVDs and toolkits, put together by 'experts with experience' ie people with learning disabilities themselves.

The SWC grant was used to research and produce a booklet about Hate Crime. Twelve people with learning difficulties and/or autism worked with a tutor to gather stories and information about the subject, request feedback about the work in progress and then produce 500 copies of the final draft.

A spokeswoman for the Friendly Information Team wrote:

*"This grant has made a real difference. Firstly, to the 12 people involved in researching the booklet. They are more confident people who now believe that they are not alone when Hate Crime happens to them. They are also now Champions of this and are able to speak up with others about this subject. The booklet will also be used by individuals, self-advocates, advocacy groups, schools and colleges etc to teach people with learning disabilities about Hate Crime and enable them to feel more confident in reporting it. This will make a real difference to the lives of people with learning disabilities."*

## **The Global Native, Zimbabwe**

£3,000 November 2011

The Global Native is run by UK-based Africans advocating real and lasting change for their continent – *"a beautiful continent, rich in diversity, full of hardworking people who are seeking partnerships with those who will support their efforts to break free of the poverty cycle while maintaining their dignity"*, as Director Na Ncube puts it.

One of the charity's partners is Ebenezer Agricultural College in Zimbabwe, which trains farming students. SWC's grant went towards several students' apprenticeships.

Na Ncube wrote:

*"I am very pleased to report that Ebenezer has had a fantastic year. The key highlights are:*

- 48 apprentices on site during the year growing vegetables, raising broiler chickens, training local farmers and earning incomes for themselves.*
- 3 graduation ceremonies to date, with 39 students graduating (all debt free).*
- During the 2011 growing season the apprentices produced 181,700kg of tomatoes, 24,150 dried onions, 23,143 bunches of green onions, over 10,000 head of cabbages, as well as butternut squash, green maize, carrots, broccoli, peas and garlic.*

*More importantly however, Ebenezer has given its students the knowledge and tools that they need to begin a journey of self-development that will enable both them and their families to have a sound financial future; with the majority of students setting up their own small-scale agricultural businesses upon leaving the College."*

## **Heads Together**

£25,000 July 2011

Heads Together is a community arts organisation, based in Huddersfield and working across West Yorkshire. The East Leeds FM radio project has been running successfully for 10 years.

Heads Together proposed to convert disused Seacroft Methodist Chapel into a purpose designed community arts and broadcasting venue.

SWC's special grant, which was made in memory of Joyce Wainwright's love and commitment to the Methodist Church in the area, was part of a fundraising effort that reached £866,151.

At the time of writing, Heads Together had used the unconverted building for a project launch event and a 'farewell' event before the builders moved in on site.

Developments along the way included:

- Negotiation of a 99-year lease with the Methodist Church. The negotiated rent will be £1,000 per annum
- Full planning permission secured
- Negotiations with Leeds City Council to convert a nearby piece of land into parking spaces for the local residents, and for the Chapel's users
- Extensive consultation with volunteers, users, staff, artists and the public, which has informed the design of the building
- A future users group has been established, along with an access group
- Drawing up a brief for a Glass Artist commission for the installation of some stained glass in the finished building, which has been put out to tender

## **Homeworkers Worldwide**

£1,500 March 2011

The SWC grant enabled Homeworkers Worldwide to establish the Women Working in the North of England Network of 11 organisations concerned with women in low paid work and vulnerable work. An active e-group has proved the best way to keep in touch, saving cash-strapped women's voluntary sector groups the time and money involved in physical meetings.

The network has helped in a number of ways: these include helping women's groups access funding, sharing experiences of setting up social enterprises and feeding into to a peer research project by the Feminist Review Trust to bring the issues of women on low incomes to broader public, and government, attention.



## **The Hunslet Initiative, Leeds**

£2,000 November 2011

The Hunslet Initiative has found that sport can be a powerful tool for supporting vulnerable young people living in the Hunslet and Belle Isle areas of Leeds. Their project 'Opportunity Soccer', seed funded by SWC, worked with a committed group of teenage boys offering professional football coaching alongside informal meetings to discuss relevant topics such as respect and drug awareness.

The most recent SWC grant enabled twenty one of these lads, now 16-21, to move on to 'Opportunity Soccer Extra Time'. They had training to become young volunteer leaders and received continued well-being sessions on useful subjects such as job application skills, money management and further education pathways.

18 of the young people are in further education or vocational training, 7 of these also have some kind of paid work alongside their training and another one is working part time.

An 18-year-old participant said:

*"I have been involved with Opportunity Soccer for a long time and I feel it has helped me grow as a person. I've made good friends and learnt a lot about football but more about life."*

## **The Joshua Project, Bradford**

£500 November 2011

The Joshua Project is very busy. It serves 9 to 18 year-olds in the Great Horton area, providing a mix of formal and informal activities – school extension units to try and keep students out of pupil referral units, one-to-one mentoring, social clubs, sports training, music, drama and dance workshops – to counter a culture of poverty, low self-esteem and little social mobility.

The Project had just moved to a purpose designed Youth and Education Centre in the middle of Great Horton with space to welcome more locals. The SWC grant contributed towards curtains for the stage in the Centre's auditorium. Among many other uses, the auditorium can be used as a community cinema – a cheap, accessible alternative to expensive city centre multiplexes.

## **Leeds Community Organising**

£2,000 Mar 11

Community Organising is a systemic approach to social change, developed in the 1930s by union organiser Saul Alinsky in Chicago, and subsequently practised in the US and the UK.

It presents an alternative to the way civil society often works of forming groups to respond to a particular threat. Instead, it advocates building permanent, non-partisan 'power organisations' that can have influence and hold decision-makers to account over the long-term.

SWC's seed grant enabled Leeds Community Organising volunteers to attend training sessions in London and Wales, as well as running a well-attended workshop at the Leeds Summit.

Two big launch events were being planned in Leeds to bring together the city's many independent campaigning groups, and to find common aims, transferable skills and gaps in training.

## **Leeds Refugee Forum**

£5,000 November 11

Leeds Refugee Forum is a refugee led organisation that directly supports refugees who have left everything behind in their home country to rebuild their lives in Leeds. Refugees are socially and

economically disadvantaged in many ways, but bring with them a huge wealth of experience, knowledge, expertise and resourcefulness.

The SWC grant went on core costs – workers’ salaries and keeping the LRF’s community centre open, seven days a week, most of the year. The centre had over 6,000 visits in 2011 and hosted more than 20 different refugee community organisations, their meetings and events.

LRF itself runs a number of training courses, works with other Leeds charities to run the Hardship Fund for destitute asylum seekers and with other community partners, such as the West Yorkshire Police, housing associations and Leeds City Council’s Sports services, to help them reach out to the refugee and asylum seeking community.

LRF’s participation in national Refugee Week included taking a multicultural celebration to an Olympic torch relay event in the city.



## **MAAN – Somali Mental Health, Sheffield**

£4,000 July 2011

Previous grants: £2,000 Jul 08

Saeed Abdi, MAAN’s project co-ordinator, sent the following:

*“Thank you for your help with the grant for our project which aimed to address and help with issues facing carers of people with mental health problems in the Somali Community in Sheffield.*

*At a time of profound change in service provision in both the NHS and social services, focusing anew on carers’ issues and needs has been most timely and beneficial.*

*We held sessions with male and female participants in which we discussed the caring role, mental health awareness, services and support available, social support and development in the city carer support services. People in the community who do not ask for nor expect thanks for being carers are provided with information and support as to how they need to look after their own health and wellbeing while remaining good daughters and sons, brothers and sisters to those who receive their care, love and support.*

*The grant has enabled Maan to engage with carers from the Somali Community in a more formal manner which gave us the appropriate platform to engage in a more meaningful, culturally sensitive setting. As a result of the grant we have had the resources to invest time in becoming a partner in the Sheffield Wellbeing Consortium’s bid for tender to Sheffield City Council to deliver carer support services. This bid was successful and we have been offered £10,000 to make a start in meeting carers’ needs from the Somali Community and hope to build on this over the coming years.”*

## **Northern Indymedia, Bradford**

£1,500 July 2011

The aim of the project was to simultaneously challenge the lack of representation of important social and environmental issues in the mainstream and corporate media, whilst providing marginalised groups with new skills in video production.

The group brought a range of recording equipment – camcorders, cameras etc – and held 12 free training workshops in West Yorkshire and further afield for activist/campaigning groups, citizen journalists and asylum seekers and refugees.

The group has also been happy to lend out its equipment to a variety of groups and individuals – including the legal observer team at the Dale Farm Travellers’ eviction – many of whom would otherwise not be able to afford access to cameras.

## **Oxfam, Zimbabwe**

£24,000 July 2009 – July 2011

Previous grants: Regular contributions: 1991-2000

£14,000: Jul 03

£15,000: Jul 04

£10,000: Nov 06

Gutu district is one of the driest areas of Zimbabwe. It is also one of the poorest. Most people are subsistence farmers who rely on rain to grow their crops and very few produce enough to feed their families all year round. In recent years, rains have become increasingly erratic and droughts more frequent, making it even more difficult for people in Gutu to make a living.

Oxfam worked with communities and local authorities to build an irrigation system using water from the nearby Ruti dam. The government had built the dam but ran out of money before a planned 250 hectares irrigation development could be started.

With Oxfam’s support over three years, Gutu communities have:

- Built 60 hectares of irrigation canals and pipes and learned how to maintain them,
- Built 10 latrines for farmers while at work, plus 30 in family homes, helping reduce diarrhoeal diseases by 30%,
- Received training for 240 farmers in irrigation farming, post harvest produce and soil management, and business skills, and been provided with seeds, fertilizer and tools,
- Trained in lobbying government and the private sector to improve local conditions, including women’s rights,
- Taken greater control of their financial needs and strengthened the local agricultural supply chain, and
- Received training for peer educators, health workers and the general population in HIV and AIDS, gender, health and hygiene

Farmers’ incomes rose an average 28%, they can feed their families year round and sell some surplus, negotiations with suppliers and buyers are ensuring the project is sustainable long term and an additional 14,000 people in Gutu have a greater supply of nutritious affordable food all year round.



## **PAFRAS - Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers, Leeds**

£2,000 July 2011

Previous grants: £2,000 Mar 05

£5,000 Jul 08

PAFRAS offers frontline services to destitute asylum seekers and refugees.

Its annual report explained:

*“2011 saw 7,908 visits to PAFRAS, the highest number since it started in 2005. This illustrates the huge gap in the city of Leeds for services relating to the often complex needs of homeless asylum seekers. With a staff team reduced to just four, and a legion of volunteers, the project provided:*

- 6,154 hot meals, prepared and served

- 4,360 food parcels prepared by volunteers
- 910 hygiene packs
- 5,432 pieces of clothing, blankets and sleeping bags
- 1,859 case work sessions and one to one support

*None of the vital work that PAFRAS has done over the years would have been achieved without the funding we have received, and to the Scurrah Wainwright Charity our most heartfelt thanks go to you in making life changes for the hundreds of people that arrive at PAFRAS who are hungry, poor and in ill health."*

## **Peace Direct, Zimbabwe**

£3,000 March 2011

Peace Direct is founded on the belief that *"wherever there is conflict there are local people building peace, and that there will be no lasting resolution of conflict unless they are engaged"*.

With this in mind, Peace Direct used their SWC grant towards paying a Program Director for their Zimbabwean partner organisation Envision. Envision provides projects around conflict transformation and non-violent conflict resolution among the security forces in Zimbabwe. The Program Director focused on the police sector in Harare and Gweru, Zimbabwe's fourth largest city. These workshops led to requests for similar work from other police departments, senior police officers training to be trainers themselves and the prospect of a new Diploma in Security Studies at the University of Zimbabwe.

John le Carre broadcast an appeal for Peace Direct on Radio 4 in 2011. He said of their approach: *"This is peacemaking of the sort that really counts: eye to eye between belligerents on the ground, mediated by peacemakers drawn from their own communities."*

## **Platform 51, Doncaster**

£2,500 July 2011

Previous grants: £2,000 Jul 06

Platform 51 is the new operating name for YWCA England and Wales.

Platform 51 Doncaster is a vibrant multi-cultural community centre in the middle of the city. The SWC grant was used for an informal education project working with girls living in care in South Yorkshire called the Powerpuff Project. Two project workers worked with 30 young women aged between 11 and 18 years old. Such a group can be very vulnerable, typically underachieving at school, more likely to be involved in abusive relationships and lacking a stable support network. The primary purpose of the project was to address the low self-esteem which is commonly experienced by girls living in care. This was done through a range of activities, including team-building residentials, practical skills sessions, health sessions and celebrations.

Mary Woolley, Platform 51 Powerpuff lead project worker, wrote:

*"I still have contact with most of the young women; they always pop in if they have any issues or want to tell me positive things that are happening for them.*

*They have learnt to form positive, healthy relationships. They have a better understanding of risky behaviour and the consequences. They value themselves and others more; they are respectful of others and are not afraid to voice their concerns appropriately. They understand their rights and responsibilities. Their confidence and self-esteem has grown, to the extent that three young women have applied for university and are waiting for a response."*

## **Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale MIND**

£1,500 March 2011

SWR MIND's work is centred on the Scarborough Drop In, offering a supportive and enjoyable environment to people with mental health problems. During the grant year, more than 100 people visited the Drop In every month to take part in volunteer- or user-led groups and activities or, as one user put it: *"the simplest, and to some, the most beneficial activity is sometimes forgotten, and that is somewhere that people can just sit, chat and interact and share with others who can understand and empathise with them"*.

## **SignHealth**

£1,100 November 2011

SignHealth works to improve healthcare and achieve equal access for deaf people. SignHealth used the SWC grant to support a profoundly deaf Bradford student through her British Sign Language Diploma in Counselling. The course uniquely enables Deaf students to study in the language intuitive to them – British Sign Language – and qualify as professional therapists. The Bradford student, one of eighteen on the Counselling course was in the process of providing her minimum 100 hours of therapy before completing her Diploma. It is vital that vulnerable people, who have requested therapy to deal with debilitating psychological issues, are able to communicate directly with a therapist in their own language. The Deaf trainees have been able to communicate effectively with their Deaf clients and build up a rapport because they share an understanding of Deaf culture and the isolation that Deaf people face.

## **Skillshare International, Lesotho**

£1,000 July 2011

With just £1,000 of SWC funding, workers and trades union officials made excellent progress in improving working conditions and raising awareness of workers' rights around health and safety in the workplace:

- 35 senior trade union officials – 7 males and 28 females – from five unions received leadership development training in conciliation and arbitration, and representation and negotiation skills.
- Representatives of the five unions then formed a co-operative group called "One Voice" to address the issue of the minimum wage.
- This co-operative work led to rallies, a two day stay-away and pressure on government to request the International Labour Organisation's expert intervention, and a historic agreement between all parties on the criteria for fixing minimum wages in the textile industry.
- 18,000 workers (96% female) took part in HIV Awareness and safety at work days, leading to increased and sustained pressure by educated employees to enjoy full working rights, such as breastfeeding at work, paid sick leave to care for family members and being provided with appropriate work gear.

## **SpinWatch/Public Interest Investigations**

£2,500 July 2011

Previous grants: £2,000 Jul 09

SpinWatch is a project of Public Interest Investigations, a non-profit organisation set up in 2005 to monitor, expose and challenge corporate and government public relations and propaganda. SpinWatch needed funding to establish a wiki project on state violence and collusion in the Northern Ireland conflict. Documentary research in the National Archives provided rich source material for the online project portal where future research and analysis could be broadly promoted.

An online pamphlet about undercover military units in Northern Ireland, 1971-1976, partly funded by the SWC, was a significant contribution to the history of the Troubles in its own right, but also acted as publicity for the wiki project.

The SWC grant was the only funding SpinWatch had secured.

## **St Christopher's Youth Project, Tong**

£2,000 March 2011

St Christopher's Church is set in the midst of the vast social housing estate of Holme Wood. It has a range of community outreach projects and over 1,000 people use its services every week.

The SWC grant was used for youth workers' wages to develop three areas of work, attracting between 80 to 100 young people every week: a Saturday morning performing arts club for 5 to 15 year olds, an activities club for 5 to 11 year olds and a sports project for the over 11s who don't fancy the more organised indoor activities.

Positive feedback and interaction with parents, schools, the Neighbourhood Police team and the young people themselves, has show the youth workers and their teams of volunteers how positive and appreciated their services are.

## **Thornccliffe Crown Green Bowling Club, Sheffield**

£400 March 2011

Thornccliffe Crown Green Bowling Club has 106 members, all between 60 and 92 years old. It was in the middle of a fundraising campaign to make its pleasant outdoor facilities accessible to disabled people, old and young, and applied to SWC for gardening tools to enhance the wheelchair accessible paths between new shelters, disabled toilets and the bowling greens.

The planters, wheelbarrow, spades, forks and hosepipes were obviously put to good use as photos from the Club showed a host of golden daffodils around the bowling green. Visiting teams and casual visitors had commented on how the area had improved over the last two years.



## **True Cost Shop**

£1,960 March 2011

True Cost Shop was the idea of Will Hodson who had been a project manager for Ethical Consumer researching companies' behaviour around the world to empower consumers to buy ethically.

While research showed that 77% of British shoppers were willing to change their spending if it made the world a better place, the majority did not trust what companies told them about their products and admitted to being baffled by the plethora of product ratings and labelling they were faced with on a shopping trip.

True Cost Shop's response was to propose an 'omnilabel' - a system that assessed all the issues eg workers' rights, child labour, environmental sustainability, health – and presented ratings on a sliding scale through one easily understandable, attractive icon.

Will's small (underfunded) team chose chocolate bars for a pilot project. This was more complicated than assessing a single commodity, such as tea or coffee, as it meant researching the impact of each essential component within the product, ie cocoa, fat and sugar.

The icon True Cost Shop used was inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man and incorporated three aspects of the product's sustainability – the man's body position presented the product's social impact, the fragments around the planet behind him represented the environmental impact and the colour of the planet behind the man represented the combination of the two ratings (green is best, red is worst).

***(See the True Cost Shop icon on the cover of this Review)***

## **United Response**

£2,500 March 2011

United Response is a national charity providing support services to people with learning difficulties and mental health needs.

Alan Williams, UR's development manager in Kirklees, saw timebanking as an obvious way to support the most vulnerable people to develop relationships and participate in a community in a way that support services alone rarely achieve.

Timebanking is volunteering with a difference, with people helping themselves and each other at the same time. Participants 'deposit' their time in the bank by giving practical help and support to others and are able to 'withdraw' their time when they need something done themselves. All different kinds of help and skills are included and, most importantly, everyone's time is valued equally. 1 hour = 1 time credit. And all these exchanges are bringing people together and benefiting their community.

United Response fundraised for, and supported, a community timebank co-ordinator to get a pilot project up and running in the Newsome area of Kirklees. The scheme has 58 individual members and nine organisational members, including community, church and tenants' groups. Some of the members are disabled, elderly or have mental health needs and everyone has equal status.

Timebanking has been central in, among other things, local craft sessions, holiday clubs for young people, luncheon clubs, community transport schemes and a community gardening club.

## Unity Centre, Rotherham

£2,000 November 2011

Rotherham's Unity Centre's mission is to bring about lasting improvements to quality of life, economics and social opportunities available to Black and Minority Ethnic communities.

The SWC grant was spent on laptops and IT support for a job club.

The Unity Centre offered 40 local people free classes on a range of employability topics such as how to write a CV, making a good impression and online job searching.

*"From this cohort we recruited 14 volunteers to undertake more focused activity. They were placed in positions at the Unity Centre and other local Voluntary and Community Sector organisations across a range of job sectors such as Administration, IT, Finance, Fund Raising, community development, and advocacy. All volunteers were supported by a volunteer coordinator who undertook regular supervisions to ensure the placements were effective for both the host and volunteer.*

*Three quarters of the volunteers went on to further accredited training with the local colleges or training providers. The feedback we received was that people felt more confident about their job search, although it must be said that opportunities remain scarce for most.*

*Many of the volunteers have remained involved in the organisations they were placed with, including five at the Unity Centre itself. One particular success related to an individual that came to us as a volunteer, learnt many new skills in the field of administration and customer service and then went on to provide peer support to other volunteers. During a recent recruitment exercise he was able to secure a fulltime job with the Unity Centre as the new administrator. This is great news for an individual who had been out of work for over a decade."*



## War on Want, South Africa

£5,000 November 2011

Previous grants: £3,000 Nov 07

War on Want oversaw the SWC grant going to Abahlali baseMjondolo.

*"Abahlali baseMjondolo (meaning "people who live in shacks") is South Africa's biggest social movement fighting for the rights of tens of thousands of poor shack dwellers' around Durban, Kwa-Zulu-Natal, to basic services and protection from eviction. This is through challenging policies that discriminate against the poor; organising and educating communities; providing practical and legal support to communities facing evictions, demolitions and service cut offs and through strong and vocal campaigns aimed at government. All this work is done by members on a voluntary basis, and as the movement has grown, this has put a great strain on leaders in terms of time and resources. The funding from Scurrah Wainwright offset this through covering basic stipends of three figureheads of the movement. This enabled them to continue as the backbone of the movement in leading the work listed above. Their work has thus been a vital underlying force*





*in the movement's fight for decent public housing, the end of evictions and the provision of basic public services.*

*This is through their amazing dedication and expertise including their extensive knowledge of the law, their ability to organise and work with communities and their capacity as leaders and political activists."*

## **Womankind Worldwide, South Africa**

£1,000 July 2011

Previous grants: £500 Jul 07  
£500 Nov 09

A 2011 report by the South African Institute of Race Relations found that 18% of alleged crimes by police officers were rapes. The systematic failure of state organisations and internal disciplinary proceedings to address the problem has meant that police officers found guilty of misconduct are rarely held to account. South Africa's police services are not fulfilling their duties under the Domestic Violence Act (DVA), ultimately abusing their power and failing the women they are supposed to protect.

Womankind Worldwide worked with its South African partner organisation Tsharawang Legal Advocacy Centre (TLAC) to change this climate of abuse. TLAC undertook a range of activities:

- Discussions with a regional women's shelter network, shelter residents, police and court officials
- Presentations and legal submissions to relevant independent complaints and police committees about dealing with rapes committed by police officers or in police custody
- Following training in the Domestic Violence Act, members of a women's community based organisation monitored a number of courts dealing with sexual crimes against women by police officers.

TLAC's work has led to the South African Police Service publicly acknowledging its non-compliance with the Domestic Violence Act, put initiatives into place to significantly reduce police misconduct and to TLAC workers being invited to continue random monitoring of seven regional courts to help keep court practices up to standard.

## **Women's Health Matters, Leeds**

£2,500 July 2011

Women's Health Matters has been active in Leeds for 22 years. It aims to "help women access local services so that they can make informed decisions about their lives, encouraging women to engage with their communities and have a positive influence on their family, community and working environment".

As part of this aim, WHM set up the VELVET project – Valuing English Learning with Volunteering Experienced Teachers.

There are three classes, addressing the needs of the diverse BME community: one in Harehills that has a core of elderly Bangladeshi and Pakistani women who have lived in Britain for over 40 years; one in Bramley, that can accommodate children that has a core of younger, Eastern European women, new to this country; and one in Beeston, that attracts specifically Kashmiri women (and their children and grandchildren) some of whom also attend a more formal English class after their VELVET class.

Teaching is informal and not focused on exams. It responds to what the classes need and sometimes moves into offering pastoral care alongside English conversation practice. Women say the free classes increase their confidence and cultural involvement.

As the title suggests VELVET classes are run by volunteers. This has the advantage of involving people with real commitment who can hone their skills. It has the disadvantage that paid work and other commitments sometime take priority. Also WHM have had to deal sensitively with applications from prospective volunteers who had relatively low levels of English language skills themselves.

## **Youth Worx, Leeds**

£1,500 March 2011

IN their own words: *“Based in Beeston, Youth Worx is an exciting project that has been created to address the needs of its local community. Many see Beeston as a problem because of the poor housing and the many derelict buildings – we see it as an area with potential, particularly amongst its young people. Youth Worx wants to look beyond the addiction problems and bedsits to the potential that the area has from its most valuable resource – its young people”.*

The SWC grant went towards the salary of the Youth Worx’s Co-ordinator. Projects over the year included: lunch time clubs for anxious or challenging 9-11 year olds, supportive and educational weekly groups for 11-14 year olds, a Monday Chill group to support stressed out GCSE candidates doing their homework and trips and residentials for older teenagers.

Scurrah Wainwright Charity Breakdown of grants awarded 2011

**Asylum seekers/Refugees**

Boaz Trust	£2,000
Leeds Refugee Forum	£5,000
PAFRAS	£2,000

**Children/Young people**

ARCH	£2,000
Barnado's	£2,000
Catch 21 Productions	£1,600
The Cellar Space	£2,500
CRESST	£3,000
Education for Choice	£4,000
E:merge	£1,500
Hunslet Initiative	£2,000
Joshua Project	£500
St Christopher's, Tong	£2,000
Youth Worx	£1,500

**Community**

Equality	£2,500
Food AWARE	£3,500
Heads Together	£25,000
Leeds Community Organising	£2,000
Northern Indymedia	£1,500
Thornccliffe Crown Green Bowling	£400
Unity Centre	£2,000

**Disability/Mental Health**

Clothing Solutions	£1,000
Friendly Information Company	£2,500
MAAN	£4,000
Scarborough, Whitby & Ryedale MIND	£1,500
SignHealth	£1,100

**Employment**

Bureau of Investigative Journalism	£4,000
Homeworkers Worldwide	£1,500

**Homelessness**

**International**

Cyan International	£1,000
Find Your Feet	£3,000
The Global Native	£3,000
Oxfam, Zimbabwe	£24,000
Peace Direct	£3,000
Skillshare International	£1,000
War on Want	£5,000
Womankind Worldwide	£1,000

**Women**

Platform 51	£2,500
Women's Health Matters	£2,500

**Other**

Campaign for a Hydrogen Economy	£4,000
Spinwatch	£2,500
True Cost Shop	£1,960