



## **Report for the combined Annual General Meeting of the General Fund Charity of the Nine incorporated Trades of Dundee and General Fund Court of the Nine Incorporated Trades of Dundee.**

**From the Charities Committee**

**24<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

### **Introduction**

**This report covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Over the last 18 months the country has been responding to Covid where the virus has had a significant impact on the lives of all of us, business, health and social care and on the charitable sector in general. During this period, faced with a significant reduction in income the Trustees agreed that a sub group be set up to take a strategic review at our fundraising in relation to Merry Halls. This group is due to report.

We also took a decision to honour our previous financial commitments to applicants and in some cases where it was appropriate to delay the payment and to respectfully decline most additional applications during this period. **The financial commitments amounted to c £60k out of c £88k distributed in this reporting period.**

We distribute significant funds on an annual basis to small charities and projects but did not have a formal application process. The Trustees have addressed this by agreeing the format and content of an online application form for funding from the Nine which is incorporated into our new website at [theninetradesofdundee.co.uk](http://theninetradesofdundee.co.uk)

This form provides us with a consistent format for assessing external applications and allows a cloud based record of all external applications to the Nine for future scrutiny if required.

Online applications are automatically forwarded to the Charities Convener.

This has been well received from applicants.

During this period we partnered with the Rotary Club of Dundee to create a fund to celebrate their centenary. The list of recipients is appended.

## **Summary of Approved Grants**

The Trustees have held quarterly meetings since the AGM of the General Fund Charity in July of last year on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and 3<sup>rd</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> April and approved the following donation

### **Aberlour Trust**

**£1000**

Following the completion of the three year funding partnership with The Nine Incorporated Trades of Dundee for their Right Here Right Now project to support primary school children in Dundee.

### **Abertay University**

**£8000**

Following the completion of the three-year funding partnership with the Nine Incorporated Trades. A Project with schools where young people participate in a taster course at the University.

### **Baker, Tailors and Weavers**

**£1228**

Insurance for the regalia.

### **Cordiners**

**£2000**

For the restoration of books.

### **Cordiners Insurance**

**£318.79**

Insurance for regalia.

### **Dundee Bairns – Cosy Bairns project**

**£5000**

One off funding towards clothing and shoes for 3000+ vulnerable children in Dundee over the winter period.

### **Dundee Heritage trust**

**£10,000**

To support the previous commitment to produce a new audio/video presentation and to secure the weavers room on six occasions over the year.

### **Dundee science centre**

**£10,000**

Following the completion of a three year funding partnership.

### **Dundee science centre**

**£1000**

New focus was on home activity kits for vulnerable young people during the pandemic.

### **Dundee Starter Packs**

**£1000**

The charity currently occupies half of a building in Forest Park Road but due to demand for their services they have taken on the lease for the other half. Transition funding.

**Dyer Craft****£370.55**

Insurance for Regalia.

**Dyers – Tayside Dynamos****£7000**

Following the completion of three-year funding. Support for powerchair football.

**Eagles Wings Trust****£1000**

Christian Charity who run a lunchtime drop – in and evening meal service for homeless people in Dundee.

**Gardyne Theatre****£1700**

Focus of music-making and encouragement of aspiring musicians to work with established writers and performers to hone their skills.

**Hammermen****£1,508.73**

For regalia insurance

**Hear me****£1000**

Following the completion of three year project to support those hard of hearing. Their Seasons for Growth project on small group work and peer learning.

**Hearing Voices Network****£1000**

People of all ages and backgrounds can hear voices at some point in their life, for many different reasons. Whilst some are distressed by their experiences, people can – and do – find ways of living with them. Funding to offer support and strategies to help.

**High School of Dundee Bursary****£15,000**

Annual bursary to support the costs of private education.

**Lochee Community Larder****£1000**

They are a small charity based in Whorterbank which offer low cost food parcels to those that require them. Almost all their food is donated by Lidl's and Farmfoods.

Unlike other foodbanks they do not require a referral but charge a small fee of £2 in return for two bags of groceries and household essentials.

**Lochee Community Group****£1500**

The group were formed in 2014 and recently operated a community warehouse out of the old Levi's factory in Dunsinane Avenue. They recover, repair and recycle furniture, bedding and appliances for those people who are referred to them from social services and other charities in the area.

**Mid-Lin day Care****£1000**

Help to update their IT and audio-visual facilities.

**Nine Trades of Dundee****£5000**

Recurring grant to the Nine Trades General fund.

**Rock Solid****£1000**

Support for a foodbank and distribution operation managed at Douglas and Mid Craigie church.

**Rotary Club of Dundee – Centenary Fund, Local Charities****£10,000**

The RC Club of Dundee Centenary Committee, invited the Nine Trades of Dundee to join with them in this initiative, and to provide funding of £10,000 to give a Total Fund for these Local Charities of £20,00 to £30,000. It was badged as a joint operation, and provided an excellent publicity opportunity for both the Rotary Club and the Nine Trades. This would enable us then to fund a greater number of local charities and /or fund larger Projects, where it is appropriate to do so. The successful projects were;

**Dundee Disabled Childrens Association** Funds will be used to update essential software for “picture symbols” to aid communication, and to provide an indoor swing to provide sensory movement experience year-round.

**Dundee Stroke Exercise Club** This Club works with Dundee Leisure & Culture to offer rehabilitation classes, and needs to recruit more volunteers (all stroke survivors), and appoint a Volunteer coordinator. Funds requested will cover Volunteer co-ordinator expenses and volunteer t-shirts.

**Kirkton Community Larder** Funds needed to install a 20ft storage container in the grounds of St Mary’s CC to allow continued use of the Food Larder post-COVID, when the need will remain.

**Boomerang** This is a new project to link women 65+ with time on their hands (grandchildren have grown up) with elderly residents at the nearby sheltered complex, to take them on outings plus have activities within the Boomerang Centre.

**PAMIS** The grant will cover the hire and transport costs of the PAMIS Mobile changing places toilet and pony-led rig at three events.

**Street Soccer Scotland** Street Soccer Scotland has been working in Dundee since 2010, using football to create positive impacts on the lives of those most disadvantaged and most at risk of poverty.

**Dundee Museum of Transport** This Proposal is for the development of a brand new exhibit celebrating the history of the Michelin Tyre factory, and the future of the Innovation parc.

**Coats n Quilts** Coats n quilts’ aim is to help eradicate the poverty amongst the vulnerable elderly pensioners and to supply those who have extremely limited funds with a warm winter coat by a referral system.

**Spectrum** This Charity supports accessible care for children / young people with an Autistic Spectrum Condition. Funds will allow completion of a project to build an outdoor play park.

**Lochee Community Group** Following their move to smaller storage premises, LCG will be utilizing space in Lochee to operate group activities to support the local community post Covid restrictions.

**Grey Lodge Settlement** Founded in 1888, the Grey Lodge Settlement particularly presents opportunities to teenagers, youths and young adults, who might be facing challenge, disadvantage and a lack of future direction. Funding will enable them to establish a project connecting some of their members who were referred to their Youth Project with elderly residents from six local sheltered housing complexes.

**Hear Me Counselling** This Charity provides specialist support for those who have experienced the trauma of sexual abuse.

**Alternatives Dundee** This Charity provides one-to-one and peer support for complex bereavement associated with pregnancy, child loss and pregnancy choices through a team of trained listeners and counsellors.

**Speech Language Communication Company** Funds were requested to cover the costs of SLCo setting up a Mighty Writer Club for children aged 4-7 to help those with difficulties learning to write.

**Uppertunity** This is a Social Enterprise which is planning to offer workshops on woodwork, furniture upcycling, fabric design.

**St Andrews Parish church**

**£5000**

To support the proposed refurbishment of Glasite Hall.

**The Haven**

**£1000**

Promised but not transferred.

Provides support to people who suffer from psychosis, anxiety, severe depression and other mental health issues in our community.

**Unicorn Preservation Society**

**£3000**

The Unicorn preservation Society as part of a larger project are commencing an ambitious project to move the Unicorn into dry-dock conditions in the east Graving Dock.

As a first stage, they wish to fund a 'buoyancy' project that has been costed at £57,000.

They have launched (forgive the pun) a crowd funding target of £15,000 which they have reached and expect to overshoot. This will be matched by Heritage Lottery Fund leaving them between £17,000 and £27,000 short

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**Womens Aid**

**£1,500**

To support those women who have experience domestic violence. Upgrade all refuges with broadband to aid support and communication.

**Women's Business station**

**£495**

Christmas bauble campaign to help women who want to run their own business with start-up material and expertise.

**John Fyffe**

**Late Deacon Weaver Incorporation**

**Charities Convener, Nine Trades**