

Ann Craft Trust

Annual Report

2014/2015



ACTing against abuse

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Chair of Trustees' Report

This has been a really exciting year giving us the opportunity to branch out into new fields and take on some challenging projects, which will mean that we will be able to expand our team over the coming year. The fact that we are continuing to maintain and even increase our services despite the climate of austerity is a huge achievement.

Our staff team has again remained stable this year though there will be changes to the Board of Trustees. We are sad to report that two Trustees will be leaving us. Bernice Taylor is a long-standing Trustee who has brought a much-needed parents' view to our deliberations. David Thompson, who is moving to Australia, has kept us on our toes for a number of years, with his insight, clear thinking and willingness to challenge. They will both be greatly missed. We are looking forward to working with our two new Trustees, Dave Marsland and Claire Bearder.

One of our big achievements this year has been the national roll-out of regional seminars on Forced Marriage. "A Hidden Truth", funded by the Forced Marriage Unit, has had a full take-up and has been very well received in all the areas where it has been held.

My thanks, as ever, go to all members of the staff team for their tireless work throughout the year. Matt has co-ordinated training, which has continued to do well, despite all the cutbacks. He has also maintained the website and introduced the new on-line bulletin, which has replaced the old paper one, and which has been received with enthusiasm. Sarah has done some very successful work on the project around child sexual exploitation funded by the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioners and we are hoping that this will lead to further work across police forces. Sarah has also been leading on the Project funded by the EU, which started in June, comparing residential services for disabled children in four different European countries. To do this she has increased her hours to four days a week. Joyce, however, has decreased her hours to one day a week, but in this time continues to do her usual sterling work running ACT's finances. Deborah has increased ACT's consultancy role and has continued to build partnerships with statutory and third sector organisations, government and regulatory bodies, raising ACT's national profile greatly. Her hard work with Sport England means that next year we will be taking the national lead role in safeguarding adults in sport. This is all, of course, on top of being a fantastic leader to the team.

Thanks also to the Management Committee and Board of Trustees who have always been so committed and willing to give up their time to ensure that ACT continues to

run smoothly and to take a lead in so many areas. And to the Associate Trainers whose skills and hard work continue to enhance our reputation.

We continue to maintain our links with the School of Sociology and Social Policy and I wish to thank Bruce Stafford, Head of School and the other staff for their ongoing support which we appreciate very much.

And, of course, thank you to everyone who supports ACT and the work we do.

Gwyn Fraser

Chief Executive Officer's Report

I am delighted that I am able to report a good year for the Ann Craft Trust which has included both new opportunities and new challenges.

With the introduction of the Care Act and the implementation of new challenges like Making Safeguarding Personal our work continues to offer us new direction and interests.

After many years supporting the sport and recreation sector with their safeguarding adults in sport agenda we are now being funded by Sport England to have a dedicated post in the team and we welcome Nicola Dean to that position. The NSPCC have hosted the CPSU (Child Protection in Sport Unit) for several years and sport has now recognised that safeguarding adults at risk in sport should also be a priority.

We have also for the first time had the opportunity to work with European partners as we have been funded by the European Commission to look at safeguarding of disabled children in residential settings – Sarah is leading this project and is working with partners in Hungary, Czech Republic and Bulgaria.

Training has continued to be busy with a number of new courses being developed and a significant increase in disabled children training. Our project with the local Police and Crime Commissioner's office offered us the opportunity to look at sexual exploitation of people with learning disabilities and as part of this work Sarah developed training on this issue which is now available. We hope to be able to do further work in this area and have already applied for research funding.

The Safeguarding Adults Network, chaired and co-ordinated by ACT, continues to meet quarterly with new organisations joining this year. It offers a valuable platform for third sector organisations to share both best practice and common themes. All members are tremendously generous in sharing their ideas and solutions.

The Trustees and management committee have continued to support me this year and this is much appreciated. And at this meeting we will be saying goodbye to two long standing Trustees, David Thompson and Bernice Taylor. They have supported ACT for many years and will be missed by the management committee and the staff team. I am very grateful for their advice and guidance over their time with us.

Our thanks as ever go to the School of Sociology and Social Policy – Bruce has been very supportive to us over the year that has seen a number of changes in the School. And we have also continued to enjoy working with both Rachel Fyson and Rachael Clawson on shared research projects and interests.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff team for their unstinting hard work. We are a small staff team and I sometimes wonder how we achieve the outputs that we do - it is all down to their hard work and commitment to the safeguarding agenda. Matt's work on the website and social media has increased

our profile and the e-bulletin that he now co-ordinates has met with approval from all and reaches a wider readership than previously. Sarah's passion and commitment to safeguarding disabled children has increased our work in this area in the last two years and she continues to deliver excellent training and consultancy. And finally Joyce who has decided to leave ACT at the end of the year having worked with the charity since 1997. I cannot begin to tell you how she will be missed. She has managed ACT's finances brilliantly and for many years co-ordinated the bulletin and the Management Committee. Thank you from us all.

Finally I would like to thank everyone for the amazing support and friendship that I received while off sick this year. It made such a difference to my recovery and made me truly grateful for working with so many lovely people. I am more and more inspired by the spirit of generosity that I meet as I do this work. Many thanks.

Deborah Kitson

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st JULY 2015

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Ann Craft Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 July 2015, which are set on the page following.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act') does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(6) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In conjunction with my examinations, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or

(2) To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed :- 

Date :- 07/10/2015

Mr R Morgan ACMA
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Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31 July 2015

| Income and Expenditure Account | Yr-ended 31/07/2015 | Yr-ended 31/07/2014 |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Income | £ | £ |
| Subscriptions | 1785 | 3,753 |
| Publications | 138 | 22 |
| Training by Associates | 114,154 | 132,269 |
| Donations & Non-recurring income | 22,512 | 8,785 |
| Research/Project Income | 70,762 | 54,255 |
| Total Income | 209,351 | 199,084 |
| Expenditure | £ | £ |
| Staff Costs | 146,663 | 138,567 |
| Trainers' Fees | 39,578 | 41,433 |
| Trainers' Travel & Subsistence | 9431 | 9,583 |
| Trust Operating Costs | 5750 | 7,327 |
| Total Expenditure | 201,422 | 196,910 |
| Net Income / (Expenditure) for the Year | 7,929 | 2,174 |

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| Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2015 | Yr-ended 31/07/2015 | Yr-ended 31/07/2014 |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Cash | 129,505 | 121,576 |
| Net Assets | 129,505 | 121,576 |
| Reserves | 129,505 | 121,576 |

Notes to the Accounts

1. The movement on the Reserves is as follows:

| | Yr-ended 31/07/2015 | Yr-ended 31/07/2014 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Reserves as at 31st July | 121,576 | 119,402 |
| Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year | 7929 | 2,174 |
| Reserves as at 31st July | 129,505 | 121,576 |

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National Association for the Protection from Abuse of Adults and Children with Learning Disabilities

ACT is an association concerned with facilitating the protection of all adults and children with learning disabilities who are vulnerable to abuse.

AIMS:

- 1. ACT maintains an information exchange network for statutory and voluntary agencies, for professionals and individuals through a national office and**
 - the production and circulation of a quarterly bulletin**
 - the compilation of a network of members and their specific interests**
 - the editing and updating of an annotated bibliography and information sheets on specific topics.**

- 2. ACT works towards raising the general level of awareness of issues relating to the abuse of children and adults with learning disabilities by**
 - making links with other relevant organisations (both specialist and mainstream)**
 - producing a wide range of publications**
 - organisation of, and contribution to conferences, seminars and training events**
 - contributing to public debate as appropriate when matters of concern arise locally or nationally.**

ACT works to an equal opportunities policy, facilitating protection to all people with disabilities, with attention and respect to race, culture, religion, gender, age and sexual orientation.

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