

Ann Craft Trust

Annual Report

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2017 to 2018

1st August 2017 to 31st July 2018

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Chair of Trustees' Report

This is our first year as co-chairs of the Board of Trustees and management committee of the Ann Craft Trust and it is with much pride that we see the fruition of the past year's work. The outgoing Chair Gwyn Fraser has provided the trustees with much support and leadership over many years and we are grateful to her to be taking the reins of an organisation with so many exciting opportunities ahead of it.

The culmination of a two year partnership working with the forced marriage unit has resulted in the publication of 'My Choice My Marriage'. We hope this will create a much better understanding of this very damaging issue and prevent other adults becoming at risk of forced marriage. Research funded by the Lloyds Foundation into domestic abuse of young people with learning disabilities continues with an expected completion date of June next year which will, we hope, further develop our knowledge in this area.

Safeguarding in the sporting arena (pardon the pun!) has featured in the media a great deal this year. The work that we have undertaken in partnership with many sporting bodies, clubs and associations has expanded practice, approaches and knowledge so that those adults at risk of abuse can enjoy participating with the reassurance that they are doing so in a safe environment but if something does occur appropriate action will be taken.

Organisations are increasingly recognising the expertise at ACT and are benefiting from reviews into their services, not just at times of trouble, but as a positive way of seeking continuous improvement. The provision of high quality training developed by ACT and delivered by its staff and associated trainers is also very much in demand.

We hope you like our new website launched this year which we believe better reflects the professionalism at ACT as well as making navigation easier.

Our thanks go to:

The amazing staff team (all named in the CEO's report) for their commitment and unstinting work and to the CEO Deborah Kitson who so ably leads, supports and inspires the team to achieve the best they can.

The ever flexible associate trainers who deliver much of the well received and inspirational training delivered to such a wide variety of audiences.

Our fellow Trustees and management committee members whose time and expertise is given so freely and generously to guide the Trust and support its work.

Our home in the University of Nottingham and the support from the Head of School, Ian Shaw.

Lastly but most importantly to those of you who support ACT in a variety of ways. We all recognise that safeguarding has come a long way but there is still much to be done to ensure everyone can live a life free from abuse and neglect and we can only continue with our work with your support.

Claire Bearder and Dave Marsland, Co-Chairs of Trustees

Chief Executive Officer's Report

This year has been a very busy year for all of us.

ACT were really pleased to be a partner in the My Marriage My Choice research project. The research team worked in partnership with the Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) to study statistics collected between 2009 and 2015 to better understand forced marriage in the population of people with learning disabilities. Interviews and focus groups were carried out with four key stakeholder groups in each of these areas and resources can now be found on their website. According to the FMU, there has been a year-on-year rise in the number of people with learning disabilities being reported who may be at risk or have been the subject of forced marriage.

The National Centre for Social Research was commissioned by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) to conduct research into victims' experiences of hate crime. In the first half of 2018, they interviewed people who had experienced a hate crime in the last two years. As part of these discussions, victims talked about how they decided whether to report their experiences to the police. They were also asked them how they were treated by the police, criminal justice system, and support organisations. This research provides insight into factors that might prevent a victim of a traumatic crime from reporting the incident to the police.

The 'Nowhere to Turn' (2017) report with the first findings of the Women's Aid project 'No Woman Turned Away' showed that survivors of domestic abuse are being repeatedly turned away from refuges because they do not meet the criteria to fund their space. Women's Aid has been working with these women and their children to make sure no woman is turned away.

This report shows that there is a systemic failure by statutory agencies when it comes to responding to the needs of the most vulnerable survivors of domestic abuse while chronic underfunding is increasing pressure on already overstretched refuge providers, leading to a crisis in refuge provision for the women who most desperately need support.

It revealed that there is only one refuge in England which is dedicated to women with learning disabilities. Only 4% (11) of refuges provide any level of specialist support for women with learning difficulties and under a third (77 refuges) have full wheelchair access throughout the refuge.

And VODG, NHS England and sector stakeholders have developed the STOMP pledge for social care after it was estimated that on an average day in England between 30,000 and 35,000 people with a learning disability, autism or both are taking prescribed psychotropic medication without appropriate clinical justification. This is medication which results in alterations to perception, mood or consciousness. Long-term use of these medicines puts people at unnecessary risk of a wide range of side effects including weight gain, organ failure and even premature death.

Their campaign aims to improve the quality of life of people with a learning disability, autism or both by supporting providers to ensure they only receive psychotropic medication for the right reasons and in the right amount.

We have had a busy year at ACT with a growing team and an increase in training, consultancy and other services. We have welcomed this demand as it has shown evidence that a wide diversity of organisations are now recognising their role and responsibility with regard to safeguarding the people they support.

I have to take this opportunity to thank all the team for the great contribution they all make to ACT's work. Marc Scott joined the team in March and is working with Nicola with the task of safeguarding adults in sport – we are already seeing the positive results of this work as awareness in sport has grown and the demand for training and further information has increased.

Sarah has been working on the Lloyds Foundation funded research looking at domestic abuse of young people with learning disabilities as well as maintaining the children's training and raising awareness nationally of the importance of safeguarding disabled children and young people.

Lisa has completed organisational reviews and co-ordinated the training team as well as developing new courses to meet new areas of work including training on cyberbullying and online safety which have been well received. She has also supported Nicola and Marc in their work developing future adult safeguarding standards to be introduced later this year.

And Abra has been instrumental in the development of our new website which has proved so successful in attracting more supporters and delegates to our events and training and has received great feedback. Abra is always available to offer advice and guidance to the team on everything from blog writing, GDPR queries and everything between! She will be leaving us shortly having made such a huge contribution to the work of ACT and will be missed by all.

Nat has done a great job supporting us all with our work on a daily basis as well as assisting with events and meetings, co-ordinating training and maintaining contact with commissioning agencies.

And Julie has joined the team to manage ACT finances which she has done with great patience and expertise! She has also agreed to additional responsibility as ACT's nominated social secretary!

As well as the staff team the Associate Trainers team continue to deliver excellent training for ACT and I also need to thank the Trustees and Management Committee who continue to support the development and business areas of the charity and to offer me support in the work I do.

I also need to thank our external partners which includes the Safeguarding Network which provide evidence to me that working together rather than competitively is so effective. Also our funders who give us the opportunity to continue with our work and the university that continues to generously support the work we do.

Deborah Kitson, CEO

Accounts for Year Ending 31st July 2018

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Section A: Independent examiner's report

Independent examiner's statement in connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

Signed



Date

5th November 2018

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Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31 July 2018

Income and Expenditure Account	Yr-ended 31/07/2018	Yr-ended 31/07/2017
Income	£	£
Publications	139	301
Consultancy (2017 incl in training)	80,270	
Training by Associates	42,998	126,038
Donations & Non-recurring income	2,054	3,335
Research/Project Income – Lloyds	45,498	5,903
Forced Marriage	15,800	2,600
European Project	111	11,720
Sport England	154,958	54,171
Sport England	69,470	95,142
Total Income	411,298	299,210
	£	£
Expenditure		
Staff Costs	273,053	218,923
Trainers' Fees	25,185	26,721
Trainers' Travel & Subsistence	7,980	2,573
Trust Operating Costs	19,792	2,121
European Project Expenses		1,812
Marketing/Web Design	10,035	
Total Expenditure	336,045	252,150
Net Income / (Expenditure) for the Year	75,253	47,060

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Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2018

	Yr-ended 31/07/2018	Yr-ended 31/07/2017
	£	£
Cash	313,224	302,158
Net Creditors	-61,771	-125,958
Net Assets	251,453	176,200
Reserves	251,453	176,200

Notes to the Accounts

1. The movement on the Reserves is as follows:

	Yr-ended 31/07/2018	Yr-ended 31/07/2017
	£	£
Reserves as at 31st July	176,200	129,140
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year	75,253	47,060
Reserves as at 31st July	251,453	176,200

Ann Craft Trust Team



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CEO



Lisa Curtis

Safeguarding Adults
Manager



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Safeguarding Adults in
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Safeguarding Disabled
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Julie Mather

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Everyone deserves to be safe.

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