



TALL SHIPS YOUTH TRUST

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Dear Chad,

I am very pleased to write to let you know that your generous donation of £500 received in November 2016 has now been spent. I took over from Chris Law recently and this letter also seeks to introduce me as the new CEO of the Tall Ships Youth Trust.

As a result of your donation, we have been able to support another 2 disadvantaged/disabled young people from East Lancashire.

Different from anything they had experienced before, their voyage challenged them both physically and mentally. Through this they were able to develop their teamwork, leadership, life skills, self-esteem and aspirations. For many it was a turning point in their young lives with over 80% of our young people telling us that they felt their voyage had increased their chances in life.

We thought you might enjoy the enclosed a selection of feedback and photographs from some of the young people.

Thank you once again to you, and all the Trustees at the East Lancashire Masonic Charity, for your support and encouragement.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive

personal development of young people through crewing tall ships

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FEEDBACK FROM THIRD PARTIES:

Sam, Support Worker:

"This was a great experience and we couldn't have asked for a better skipper and mate! They worked very well with the young people and understood their individual needs. The aim of the voyage was to learn to sail and how a boat works. We also wanted our young people to expand their independent living skills. It was a great success and we have many youth groups who would love to take part in something similar."



Carol, Teacher:

"Please pass on our thanks to everybody involved in making our voyage so successful. The crew were professional, helpful and supportive. Pairing the more able students with the less able worked really well and the voyage has had a positive impact on all those who took part. We firmly believe that the lessons learnt during this experience will help them positively in the future. We would love to repeat this experience with other students."



Paul, Youth Worker:

"We wanted this voyage to help the young people break the cycle of being led into trouble by their peers. They were taken away from their home environment and had to quickly learn to work together and take responsibility for themselves and each other. Their behaviour and attitude towards each other vastly improved and their reaction to discipline was exemplary. This experience was better than we could have hoped for."

Wayne, Teacher:

"After years of total reliance on their parents, it was a challenge even thinking about how our young people would cope going on a voyage, but the changes I saw in those who took part were amazing. They're more engaged and have developed much better coping mechanisms. Several are even volunteering in local community projects."

Jane, Support Worker:

"This experience was just what we were looking for, for our young people. The activities were well planned and contributed to improvements in motivation, personal development and behaviour. This applied especially to students who were underachieving and not motivated by mainstream education. We also noticed improvements in team work and individual life skills. A worthwhile experience that we would love to repeat."



FEEDBACK FROM THE CREW AND YOUNG PEOPLE:

Max (14):

"We learnt lots of skills to do with sailing but also learnt to work better as a team and the importance of good communication and social skills. This was a once in a life time opportunity and I am so glad I was lucky enough to do it... Thank you!"



Katie (15):

"I enjoyed this voyage a lot. It helped me learn to communicate better with others and to get involved and take part in more activities. I think I can cope better with situations now and have gained many valuable skills."



Kieran (16):

"I soon realised that I couldn't just work at my own pace, things had to be done on time. This took me out of my comfort zone and made me work a lot harder. I liked being a valuable part of my team and really think my communication skills have improved. I also made lots of new friends."

Tyler (16):

"I enjoyed this trip much more than I do school. I learnt that everyone needs to put effort in and I did like having responsibilities, working hard and getting good results. It had made me determined to try harder at school."

About Kyle (12):

"Despite being a couple of years younger than everyone else on board, Kyle pulled his weight and was a valuable member of the team. He didn't just learn about sailing, he also learnt about getting on with people outside his peer group. I believe he will take a lot from this trip and his confidence will improve as a result."

About Richard (15):

"To begin with, Richard only joined in with activities when it suited him. He found it hard to stay on task and remain part of the team. When he realised the negative impact this was having on the rest of his team, he adjusted his behaviour and put more effort in. With encouragement, he did perform well."



About Shane (14):

"Due to his disability, Shane found things challenging at first but eventually found his confidence and began to really pitch in. His effort and team working skills were great and he left the voyage feeling like a valued member of the crew, with an eagerness to try new things."