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Dear *Tony*

I am delighted to enclose a brief update following the East Lancashire Masonic Charity's support for Mustard Tree.

We are reporting back on the £2,171.76 grant in May 2018.

Thank you again for putting forward our application and inviting our team to the giving evening.

Speak to you soon.

Kind Regards



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Report to the East Lancashire Masonic Charity

Summary

We help people in need in Greater Manchester develop new skills, find work and secure somewhere to live.

We are reporting back on the £2,171.76 grant from the East Lancashire Masonic Charity in May 2018 which was spent on new desktop PCs in our training suite.

Your generous donation helped people to access the following activities:

Money Management: Many of the people we support are experiencing financial hardship. The courses enabled people to understand budgeting, improve their ability to manage personal finances, tackle debt and other arrears, learn to plan for the future and develop the life skills necessary in order to live sustainably.

IT: Most roles are now advertised online. People who haven't had the opportunity to develop IT skills are left isolated from the workplace. Our IT courses enable people to develop their IT literacy and work-ready skills.

Ready for Work Club: We supported people with job-searching and interview techniques in collaboration with our corporate partners.

English for Speakers of Other Languages: People were able to learn English in a safe, welcoming environment and build positive social connections with people from diverse backgrounds.

Customer Service: Most entry-level jobs are in the service industry but people who haven't had the opportunity to develop these skills are left isolated from the workplace. Our trainer helped people develop their work-ready skills.

Results at Mustard Tree May – December 2018:

Course attendance:

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|-------------------------|-----|
| ESOL and MoneySmart | 227 |
| Customer service and IT | 160 |
| Art | 400 |
| Drama | 84 |
| Music | 331 |
| Digital storytelling | 76 |

Number of people . . .

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| Joining vocational training | 102 |
| Finding paid work | 33 |
| Accessing work placements | 14 |
| Accessing training/volunteering | 43 |

Life Story [*name changed to protect identity]

Like 70% of people who join the Freedom Project, Charlie self-referred to Mustard Tree. At first he was very quiet, reserved and lacking in confidence.

He wanted to improve his self-esteem, make friends and find work. Charlie's Freedom Coordinator noted that with each 121 review his personality started to come out and he started to engage more.

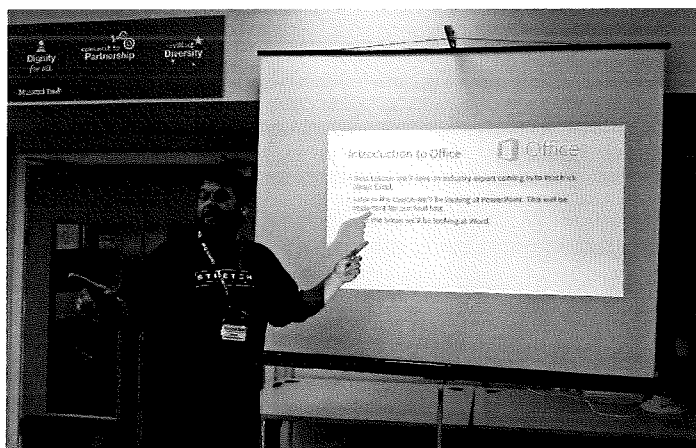
Joining our warehouse team, Charlie was punctual, eager to learn and quickly grew in confidence. He joined our MoneySmart financial capability classes and our Ready for Work Club.

Charlie found a job opportunity through Ready for Work Club and was worried about the interview. His Freedom Coordinator offered him 121 support with his interview skills.

Charlie passed his interview successfully and is now working as a building attendant.

Photographs

Trainer Susan with graduates of our latest Money Management course



Trainer Simon delivering our IT class