

24th August 2019

Mr Chad Northcott
Chairman – ELMC Grant Making Committee
East Lancashire Masonic Charity
Hewlett House Newcombe Road
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Dear Mr Northcott

Re: ELMC Grant

I would like to thank you for the grant cheque to the value of £1950 which was presented to me on Friday 23rd August by Peter Hegarty and Ian MacNeill, the presentation took place at Wigan Courthouse.

This grant will be used to stage 'Cutting Ties' an interactive Theatre in Education program that educates young people on the facts about knife crime, the risks and the reasons young people carry knives. The performance invites you to sit in on a conversation with Mia and her teacher after she is found in school with a knife, Mia explains the story from the beginning, telling how a solid friendship between herself, Aidan and Luke quickly turns sour as Aidan falls in with the wrong crowd, which all leads to the climactic moment where the three friend are faced with a knife.

Our Association Branch will be working in partnership with Walkden COOP Academy in staging this event on Thursday 3rd October 2019, when some 280+ Year 10 students will be part of this interactive production, the first such event I believe in Greater Manchester, we would not have been able to stage the event without the very generous grant from ELMC; for which we are most grateful.

As part of our Magistrates in the Community program, our Executive Committee feel that this is a massive investment in to the education of our young people, advising them of the huge consequences of becoming involved in gangs and with the carrying of or use of knives and bladed weapons.

I feel sure that we will be engaging with the media prior to and subsequent to the event and I will ensure that credit is given to the three facilitating organisations.

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With best regards

Yours sincerely

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