

Foundation Roundup

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Building the Foundations for permanent change

It's been a busy six months since our last Foundation round-up newsletter, and it doesn't look likely to ease up anytime soon!

Recent political developments have managed to further complicate the ongoing saga of Brexit (who knew that was possible?), and across the water Trump continues to make headlines all over the world.

Naturally, events like these can cause division amongst the population. At times like this, I think Equilibrium's commitment to 'making a positive difference' is more important than ever, and it's wonderful to reflect on the many pro-active causes and organisations that we have helped.

Whilst making charitable donations is fundamental to the activities of lots of worthy causes, this is often driven by an emotional response to meet immediate requirements. We now feel that we have the resources to begin exploring philanthropic avenues to create long-term, sustainable change in the community. An example of this is our Libby project, and since then we have implemented our Winter Fuel Campaign and also joined forces with Tackle4MCR, all of which you can read more on in the following newsletter.

I hope the first two months of the year have treated you well, and I wish you a wonderful 2019. Any suggestions, comments or feedback are always welcome, you can get in touch with me directly at Debbie.Jukes@eqllp.co.uk.

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A winter's tale

We launched our Winter Fuel Campaign at our Christmas lunches back in December, and we're pleased to say the uptake has been brilliant so far.

Every year there are people in our society forced to make the impossible choice between heating and eating. This campaign enables those fortunate enough to be comfortable without the allowance to annually donate their winter fuel payment from the government to those who really need it.

To donate to the campaign, visit: www.eqllp.co.uk/winter-fuel-fund.



Need a helping hand? Introducing the EQ Charity Champions!

A team of employees have put themselves forward to form the 'EQ Charity Champions'. The group will be arranging charitable events for staff, including volunteering days at a variety of fantastic organisations. Every team member at Equilibrium has two paid charity days to take every year, so if you know of any organisations that could benefit from a helping hand, get in touch with Jason Mountford at Jason.mountford@eqllp.co.uk.



Tackling issues

Tackle4MCR is a forward-thinking initiative created by Manchester City captain, Vincent Kompany, alongside the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, aiming to solve the issue of rough sleeping and homelessness in Manchester.

Equilibrium are founding partners of this campaign, and we are looking forward to working towards finding a solution to this crisis in our region.

Tackle4MCR



Flying high - Libby's Big Aeroplane Adventure!

Libby's Big Aeroplane Adventure has already reached over 450 children since the start of 2019! We're thrilled that so many schools are getting onboard with the completely free project. There are still places left on our training day coming up on April 10th, so if you know of any schools that might be interested in the project get in touch with Sam Richards at sam.richards@eqllp.co.uk, or there is further information on our website: www.eqllp.co.uk/the-foundation/educating-the-nation.



Teachers at one of our training days in the Equilibrium offices

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The Annual Equilibrium Jamie Arnold Track Day

The first ever Annual Equilibrium Jamie Arnold track day was a huge success, raising over £3,400 for St. Rocco's hospice which was then doubled by the Equilibrium Foundation, making the total donated over £6,800! A big thank you to all those who dug deep into their pockets to support the incredible cause.



Photos from the Annual Equilibrium track day 2018

Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, it's off to volunteer we go...

Courtesy of the EQ Charity Champions, plenty of EQ staff have been taking part in volunteering days recently.

A group headed off to Girlguiding Cheshire Forest's Pettypool campsite back in November to help build fences, clear brambles and plenty more!

In December, EQ staff helped out at the Toy Appeal, packing up presents to be gifted to children living in poverty.

More recently, January saw a group of staff spend the day helping out at Wilmslow Animal Sanctuary.



Equilibrium staff helping out at the Wilmslow Animal Sanctuary

Our recent community support scheme winners...

We've had plenty of brilliant organisations enter our community support scheme over the last six months. It's always a difficult task to pick a winner from the many worthy organisations, therefore we always encourage those who have been unsuccessful in the past to apply again.

Below are the fantastic causes that have received a grant in our last two community support schemes.

Pure Insight: Pure Insight provides practical and emotional support to young people (aged 16 – 25) leaving children's homes and foster care to reduce loneliness and isolation, homelessness and increase access to opportunity and support networks.

Blacon High School: Blacon High is a thriving school located in the heart of the Blacon community. They believe that by celebrating the achievements of all pupils regardless of their academic ability and rewarding 'good' behaviours, they can improve students' attitudes to learning and narrow attainment gaps.

Bolton Lads and Girls Club: Bolton Lads and Girls Club is a safe and inspiring space for young people to spend their spare time. Their mission is to provide opportunities for children and young people to be the best they can be through providing somewhere inspiring to go, positive things to do, and someone to talk to when they need it the most.

Radiate Arts CIC: Radiate Arts C.I.C. is a not-for-profit company working with local community groups, schools, charities and organisations. They aim to collectively and collaboratively have a positive impact on social exclusion, working with specific groups to inspire a core feeling of self-worth and enabling individuals to interact in a positive manner and create a cohesive sense of achievement and well-being.

Space4autism: Space4autism are an independent Cheshire based charity that provides a range of clubs, activities and services for children, young people and adults with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) and their families.

Azamrah Youth Club: Azamrah provide user-led activities of social, leisure and developmental benefits to socially isolated, disadvantaged and vulnerable children and young people from the boroughs of Salford and Bury so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

The first community scheme of the quarter is now open, so if you know of an organisation that is making a positive difference to the community direct them to visit our website to find out more: www.eqlp.co.uk/the-foundation.

