

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Street Soccer NI
Name of the project TFN funded:	Women's Street Soccer
Date Funded by TFN:	24th October 2016
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	Yes
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>With the funding from TFN we were able to meet all our objectives.</p> <p>We have run the weekly women's football project every week since we got the funding and it's growing each month. The women that attend get loads out of the project including structure, friendships, increased self esteem and motivation and better mental and physical health.</p> <p>We formed our first 11 a-side team out of our weekly project who play regular friendly matches throughout the year. This gives another boost to the project and gets the women working as a team and building relationships with other organisations that work with women.</p> <p>We also took a women's team of 7 players away to the Homeless World Cup in Norway for 10 days with players receiving 3 months support around housing employment, mental health and more. This gave the women in the weekly project something to focus on and aim towards. All testify to the positive change being involved in the world cup has had on them. The Homeless World Cup also gets great media coverage and helps really promote the project and draw more women in.</p> <p>Since the funding we now have more volunteers and staff for the women's project helping out each week. One of the ladies from the World Cup team has become a great volunteer for the charity and two ladies are volunteering in coaching.</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	70%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	15
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	30
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	Yes
If yes, how much were you able to raise?	We also got 5,000 in funding in from IFA towards the Women's Homeless World Cup team.
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or	Yes

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introductions as a result of the event?	
If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?	We received support from IFA who gave us two female coaches to run the weekly project. Although they are paid they volunteer some of their time as well. Hosford Homeless Hostel also gave us a staff member to help volunteer with the project.
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We wouldn't have been able to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	We have started a new project for people with learning disabilities and received money from the Belfast Trust to do this.
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	The experience was great and we very grateful for the support we have received over the last two years. We wouldn't be able to provide the level support we have provided without the support from TFN.
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	<p>Ashlee Young - was homeless for 2 years in and out of hostels. She attended our weekly project in May last year. She was selected for the Homeless World Cup team and since returning has moved into her own house and became a volunteer with the charity. She also linked into an employment service we work with and is doing essential skills in maths and working towards employment.</p> <p>See article in Belfast Telegraph on impact of women's project. 3 case studies in the article.</p> <p>http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/life/features/homeless-world-cup-we-used-to-be-homeless-now-we-have-a-new-goal-36059184.html</p> <p>http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/sport/football/northern-ireland-teams-make-history-at-the-homeless-world-cup-36112883.html</p>