

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	The Kids Network
Date of TFN event which you pitched at?	23/05/18
Name of the project TFN funded:	Mentoring Project
Were you able to undertake your project as you outlined in the application?	Yes
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>When our Founder attended the TFN event in May, she was the only full-time member of staff. Since that time, the team has increased to four, we have supported over 70 children through one to one relationships and have managed to secure future funding to expand our impact.</p> <p>We are now working through 14 primary schools across four boroughs of Camden, Islington, Hackney and Southwark. In the last year we have supported over 70 children on our programme who have really benefited from the support of volunteer mentors.</p> <p>For 2018 we produced an independent impact report, where 93% of children reported doing something new that they were proud of and 87% felt more resilient, with 100% of parents agreeing their children were more resilient. 92% of mentors reported seeing an increase in positive relationships and 92% saw an increase in curiosity.</p> <p>Parents also found that their children were sharing their new interests and activities around London with them, suggesting a knock on benefit and sustainability of our project beyond the year mentors spend with their mentees.</p> <p>We have seen this impact first hand as outlined in the story highlighted later in this report.</p> <p>All this would not have been possible without the support of our Project Manager who has developed our programme, supported our volunteer mentors and collected incredible impact for children. Thank you TFN for making this development possible.</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	12%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	32
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	32 (mentors, who were mostly young people)
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	Yes

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<p>If yes, how much were you able to raise and from whom?</p>	<p>Not necessarily as a direct result of TFN but through the credibility of funders believing in the start up vision we had, we have been able to build relationships with Camden Giving, securing a two year grant worth £100k and bring on our patron Sir Quentin Blake who gifted £60k.</p>
<p>Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?</p>	<p>We would have found it difficult to achieve our objectives without TFN funding.</p>
<p>Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?</p>	<p>We have now grown to a team of five staff members, currently supporting over 70 children, working towards 100 by the end of the year.</p>
<p>Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?</p>	<p>TFN was very enjoyable process. I felt at times it was quite intimidating (mainly the space the training took part in) and think it would have been helpful to perhaps emphasised the potential of the members of TFN and how we might have built sustainable relationships with them.</p> <p>Thank you for this amazing opportunity which has helped up grow into a sustainable organisation making big change for children.</p>
<p>Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?</p>	<p>Maisie* and Georgie met 8 months ago and never looked back.</p> <p>Georgie is one of our fantastic mentors, an ex-teacher, who's kindness and calmness is infectious. The pair have been up to all sorts, taking advantage of all the exciting activities London has to offer.</p> <p>We asked Georgie what it was like being a mentor and she said "Her resilience and enthusiasm to get out and do things in London is inspiring. My mentee faces many challenges, but she doesn't complain and instead she is always looking forward to new things, and appreciating what she has."</p> <p>Georgie has had an astounding impact on her mentee. When we asked Maisie about her time with her mentor she said: "Before I didn't feel like I had a place to play around me, and I felt lonely. I'm not lonely anymore. We get to do fun things together, and I have someone to talk to."</p> <p>Our fun activities include making slime, trampolining and rock climbing.</p> <p>"Having a mentor has helped. I feel like a have this boost. I have more energy and want to do things better." .. "I've set goals and I have achieved them, which makes me feel amazing." - Maisie*</p>