



# Annual Report 2017-18





# Who we are and **what we do**

**Markfield is an inclusive community hub where people can play, socialise and get information & support.**

We provide a range of services for disabled children, young people, adults and their families. Our purpose is:

- To enable disabled, Deaf and Autistic people to be themselves, take risks and live life to the full
- To focus on the needs of the whole family and break down isolation
- To promote respect of disabled, Deaf and Autistic people and support their full participation in society

**The core values that underpin our work are:**

- **Inclusive** – We are for disabled and non-disabled people
- **Innovative** – We explore new ideas
- **Empowering** – We enable participation
- **Connected** – We are part of our community

**This report shows the highlights of our work during the year April 2017 to March 2018. We are very grateful to all our funders who make this work possible – see back page for details of our funders.**

Our centre – a Grade II listed former Victorian pump house – is within the award winning Markfield Park. Walking access is either through the park or via Markfield Road, or along the River Lea towpath. Driving – come via Markfield Road. Parking is available next to the centre.

**You can hire Markfield's amazing building and playground for your party or event.** We have a huge double height hall, a large split level soft play room, outdoor adventure playground, kitchen facilities, and much more.



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# Services for **parents and carers**

**Our advice, information and support services empower parents and carers to understand and advocate for their children's rights, to participate in decision making and build mutual support.**

We run a wide range of services for parents/carers at Markfield and outreach at local venues, which were used by 1,050 people this year, thanks to funding from the Big Lottery, Haringey Council, Department for Education, Bloomfield Trust and Family Action.

**"I really hope Markfield is here to stay. I can't imagine Haringey without them."**

Our **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice & Support Service** (SENDIASS) for Haringey Council, offers independent advice and support for parents/carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and advice and support to children and young people about their rights under the SEND legislation. Our SENDIASS workers offer **advice surgeries, individual casework support, a telephone helpline, and training workshops** for parents. Over the year parents of 445 children accessed the service.

Other **advice and advocacy services include, Independent Support** offering advice sessions and support in meetings for those undergoing the transfer

or assessment process for an Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP) and support during Annual Reviews; and an **Advocacy service** for looked-after children funded by Haringey Council, in partnership with a local charity HAIL.

Our **training workshops** continue to be in high demand, covering topics such as 'Understanding the SEND system' and 'Positive Behaviour Management'. These have supported parents/carers to understand their rights and feel more confident in working positively with professionals. We also ran a 12-week parenting course, **'Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities'**, both in-house and in schools for professionals and parents.

**'Stepping Stones - Parents for Play and Talk'** - our popular language and sensory play programme for under-fives with additional needs. This has equipped parents/carers with knowledge and skills to interact confidently with their children through play and also trained some parents to become facilitators of the programme.



**Parent participation and support groups:** We have run 3 term-time weekly groups - one for all parents/carers, a Turkish-speaking parents group and the Transition & Adulthood group for parents/carers of disabled young people and adults. These groups support families to build networks, share skills and experiences, improve access to information, services and resources and have opportunities for fun and relaxation.



We have continued to provide the **'Information Hub'**, a drop-in service for families, enabling parents to access information and resources online, and help with form filling from volunteers.

Our **'Family Befriending'** volunteer project ran until May 2018, providing training to volunteers and matching them with families with a disabled member - to spend time at home with families, provide activities for disabled children, give parents a chance to rest, thus tackling social isolation.



# Services for **children and families**

**We run a year-round programme of after-school clubs and holiday playschemes for disabled children and their siblings, as well as inclusive family play sessions.**

The children and young people have a wide range of needs, including autism, learning disabilities, wheelchair users and those with high behaviour support needs, many of whom have experienced exclusion from other settings.



Our sessions have offered a **wide range of activities**, making use of our fantastic facilities, including: a **huge accessible adventure playground** with climbing structures, zip wire, bonfire pit, swings, slides, and indoors a **large hall, soft play room, sensory room** and music equipment. Activities offered include: arts & crafts, messy and sensory play, den building, football, basketball, table football, table tennis, pool, nature walks and relaxation sessions, woodwork, BBQs, parties, cooking,



writing, spoken word, music, drama, photography, dressing up, face painting and local and city-wide trips.

**“I really need the respite and feel that my daughter is well looked after and is enjoying herself at the same time.”**

**Family Club** is a monthly Saturday inclusive play session and free community lunch for all families in the local community to meet and socialise; and for families with SEND children and adults to have an opportunity to access advice, information and support in a friendly inclusive play and social environment, with a range of activities.

Our **Saturday adventure playground drop-in sessions** run for 33 weeks a year and are attended by over 300 children. Outdoor play activities support children to develop their physical, social and emotional skills and the sessions have brought more local families into contact with Markfield's support services. The project also includes work experience for 16-18 year olds with additional needs, to help them gain experience working in an inclusive play setting and general employment skills.

Our popular weekly **Under 5s 'Stay and Play'** drop in enables families from the local community and beyond to meet other families and access inclusive indoor and outdoor play and music sessions.



# Services for **young people and adults**

**Our daytime and evening social clubs for young people and adults with learning disabilities, and autism have continued to be highly popular and successful, with emphasis on service users participating in the running of the sessions.**

Over the year a total of 77 members have attended our adults and young people's clubs. The sessions are funded by The Leathersellers' Company, the Baily Thomas Charitable Fund and session fees from local authority social care personal budgets.

**"I feel it's like my second home. I can be myself there. I have made lots of friends and met new people"**

**'Art Engine'** is a daytime session for adults with learning disabilities to develop their artistic skills and exhibit their work at various community venues. The group also go on regular walks and trips to art galleries and invite visiting artists to provide workshops.

**'Cosmos Club'** was started in March 2017 and now has 8 members. The focus of this group is to access activities in the community as well as art, gardening and wellbeing sessions. The group allows those who attend to explore their interests and develop social skills in a relaxed and individual way.



**Our evening clubs** for 16-25 year olds 'All for One' and 'Kool Klub' have grown from strength to strength and have enabled members to build social skills, participate in arts and sports activities and trips to local social amenities. Members also discuss issues affecting their well-being in a safe and supportive group, where diversity is enjoyed and celebrated.

**'Markfield@Nite'** is a vibrant weekly Friday evening social club run by an elected committee of club members who decide on activities for the sessions and develop their

leadership skills. Music, DJ-ing and dance are a key aspect of the session, as well as arts & crafts activities, cooking, film screenings, men and women's groups and outings to pubs and restaurants.

With funding from Haringey Council we have continued to offer **Travel Training** to disabled people to increase their confidence in using public transport and encourage their independence.



## **Our Volunteers**



Volunteers are vital to our work and contribute to the delivery of all our services and behind-the-scenes work – such as maintenance and administration. We have also for the past six years run a volunteer befriending scheme that matched trained volunteers to families. We are extremely grateful for the 2,500 hours of time given by volunteers this year, to support the work of Markfield and our community.

## Statement of financial activities (summary income and expenditure account) for the year ending 31 March 2018

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2018 Total	2017 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Grants, donations and legacies	565	60,068	60,633	134,937
Income from charitable activities	174,785	362,022	536,807	496,446
Income from other trading activities	18,274	-	18,274	18,036
Investment income	347	-	347	599
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>193,971</b>	<b>422,090</b>	<b>616,061</b>	<b>650,018</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Cost of raising funds	6,222	-	6,222	7,738
Expenditure on charitable activities	191,192	418,961	610,153	597,238
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>197,414</b>	<b>418,961</b>	<b>616,375</b>	<b>604,976</b>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds for the year</b>	<b>(3,443)</b>	<b>3,129</b>	<b>(314)</b>	<b>45,042</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds, brought forward	167,080	117,829	284,909	239,867
<b>Total funds, carried forward</b>	<b>163,637</b>	<b>120,958</b>	<b>284,595</b>	<b>284,909</b>

### Members of the Executive Committee

Markfield is governed by an Executive Committee which is made up of volunteers, service users, parents and carers, who are elected by members at the Annual General Meeting. The following people served as members of the Executive Committee during the year 2017-18: Michelle Abdin, Claire Bendall, Clare Croft-White, Frederick Guobadia (until 1/7/18), Warren Hoskins (Treasurer), Dee Kushlick-Williams (Chair), John Larkin, Melian Mansfield, Charity Omungu, Jeremy Spooner, Councillor Noah Tucker & Councillor Felicia Opoku. Company Secretary: Claudia Rawlinson (until June 2018), Keith Fair (from July 2018)

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### Our funders during 2017-18 were:

Haringey Council, BBC Children In Need, Big Lottery Fund, Bloomfield Trust, Charles S French Charitable Trust, Childwick Trust, City Bridge Trust, Clothworkers' Foundation, Department for Education, Family Action, Garfield Weston, Jack Petchey Foundation, Leathersellers' Company, Santander Foundation, The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund, The Mercers' Company, Tottenham Grammar School Foundation, and other individual donors.

### Opinion

In our opinion the summarised financial statement is consistent with the full financial statements and the Executive Committee's Annual Report of the Markfield Project for the year ended 31 March 2018.

### Auditors

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