

Dan Eley Foundation 2019 Spring Newsletter

Dear Friends and Supporters

It's been a long time since our last newsletter but that doesn't mean we haven't been busy. In March we put on our 5th annual spring benefit concert performed by the talented Godalming College music students. We managed to raise £2k to support youngsters living through very difficult situations locally through our *Fresh Start* programme. We thank the Godalming College music department and the students for putting on another fantastic show.

In 2018/19 we provided several bursaries to students from local schools in Surrey to enable them to participate in extracurricular activities which teach valuable life skills, for example, DofE, vocational work experience days and/or training experience. We provided direct support to pupil premium students from

eight local schools to participate in such activities.



Godalming College students perform at our spring concert

In addition, we have been able to increase our support for the charity, Skillway, in Godalming, which offers vocational training to youngsters struggling academically, and also The Bridges Mentoring Project in Guildford, which provides long-term mentoring for young people living through troubling times, either at home, at school or in the community. These programmes offer vital opportunities and services to youngsters at risk of becoming marginalised.

Need for support services for vulnerable young people has increased dramatically due to cuts in local authority budgets and specifically to youth services.

Since 2016 we have supported **over 100 young people in Surrey**, and we intend to increase our work locally in the months and years to come.

In February we commenced our 14th and 15th accountancy courses and our 2nd marketing and sales apprenticeship course for youngsters from slum areas of the city of Cali, Colombia. The technical courses are government accredited and are carried out by our excellent partner charity, [FEDUT](#). We are currently

providing employment training for 90 youngsters from some of the most deprived areas of the city. The course also teaches vital life skills, emotional intelligence and workplace norms and ethics.

The unique training model of FEDUT adopts a holistic approach to youth development, designed to prepare young people for life and not just the workplace. Each student undertakes their own unique personal development plan under the guidance of a trained psychologist. The courses are government accredited and each successful student graduates with a nationally recognized certificate of technical training.

Since 2012, in alliance with FEDUT we have subsidised training programmes which have benefited over 500 youngsters from slum areas in Cali. Approximately half of the graduates are now working in salaried employment in a related field. Our courses have given them a real opportunity to start a sustainable career and strive for social mobility for them and their families.



With the FEDUT team in Colombia

It's thanks to your support that we have been able to make a difference to their lives. From one-off contributions to standing orders, from our sponsors to our volunteers, it all makes a difference and we are very grateful.

Upcoming Events

On Sunday 12th May the Godalming College music students will be performing again for us at the Godalming bandstand at Music in the Park. The collection money will go towards our Fresh Start

programme, helping some of the most vulnerable youngsters in the borough of Waverley.

Our annual autumn quiz this year is on 12th October, so please put a note in your diary. It is sure to be a highly entertaining evening, as always. Be sure to book your ticket early as we usually sell out well in advance. Tables can be from 6 to 8 people.

There are various ways in which you can support us, from doing a fundraiser, volunteering, or you can make a donation online at our Just Giving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/daneley-foundation>

Additionally, monthly standing orders enable us to plan with confidence, as little as £5 a month can make a difference. This can be set up through our Just Giving page or by printing off and filling in a standing order form from the [How to Help](#) page on our website. **80% of our income goes directly on project expenditure.**

Thanks so much to those of you who have helped us, and to those who continue to support our charity.

On behalf of The Dan Eley Foundation trustees, best wishes and our warmest regards to you all.

