



Finn's Place

Annual Report 2020



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Chair's Report

It is my pleasure to pen a few words for our 8th Annual Report in what has been a strange year for all. Our year started normally with the addition of Hannah in the office, covering Lily's maternity leave after the birth of her beautiful daughter. Congratulations to Lilly & James and thank you to Hannah for helping us out.

By the end of March, we were closed and all in lock-down, but Ruth and her team of sessional workers designed a plan to keep Finn's Place active, albeit on-line. Thank you to all sessional workers who adapted to leading classes in a different way. The essence of Finn's Place continued via Zoom, never as good as in person but much better than nothing at all.

A particular thank you to Ruth on behalf of the Board of Trustees for all the work she put into keeping the 'show on the road'. Despite the lockdown there were several important events and activities during 2020 as you will see from this report.

Finn's Place was able to stay open online because of the continued support of The Big Lottery and Langside Parish Church. Thank you to both.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Trustees for their time, expertise, and enthusiasm for Finns Place. Their support to Ruth and me is invaluable.

I hope you enjoy reading this year's report and we all look forward to getting back into the building, back to all activities and meeting up with family and friends again. Stay safe!



Dr Linda Watt MBChB FRCPsych
Chair of Finn's Place Board of Trustees



Finn's Place 2020

2020 started out busy as usual for Finn's Place with our regular activities programme well under way.

We sang to the apple trees in early February as part of a Wassailing event. We held 3 sessions for Men Talking, an opportunity for men to share about their own wellbeing.

Langside Community Heritage held their first evening lecture with a talk on Bella Pearce, a local feminist activist from the early 20th century and who featured in the WW1 publication 'Our War is Over.'

And we had lots of plans for what was going to be happening in April and the rest of the year.

And then we all went into lockdown because of Covid-19 and everything changed.

The building was closed and we all stayed at home.

But after an initial 'what do we do now?' we began to look at ways to keep activities going and to create new ways of keeping in touch.

We were able to keep some classes going on zoom – yoga, pilates, ESOL, meditation, creative writing and counselling. But for others this was just not possible.

We started a weekly 'Tea at Three', a time to chat and keep in touch. This continued until mid-July.

We started working on another project with Langside Community Heritage, this time in collaboration with Newlands South Church, looking again at the names recorded on the WW2 memorials in both churches. A small, but dedicated research team worked completely online and remotely to create a virtual event, four videos and two guided walks on the Guidigo App for Doors Open Day 2020.

We asked everyone to tie a ribbon on the apple tree in the garden, as a way of connecting event when we were not able to physically be together. The tree was full of ribbons – a reminder to us that you were all still out there!



The Square Yard gardeners were able to continue to work in the garden with a schedule of times when they would be in the garden on their own, and eventually with a small group of people. The garden became a real refuge for all those who regularly used the garden in the past.

The Creative Writing classes continued, and they published their first book in September – *Words from Battlefield* – a collection of poetry from the class from the past few years. This was funded by the Langside Area Partnership. The class continued throughout the year and they also contributed to the WW2 project and several of the class have gone on to publish their own work.

We held an online event on Mindfulness and Creativity with Martin Stepek, hosted by Jim Ewing and funded by the Scottish Book Trust. And in response to the events in the USA we held an online discussion on Black Lives Matter.

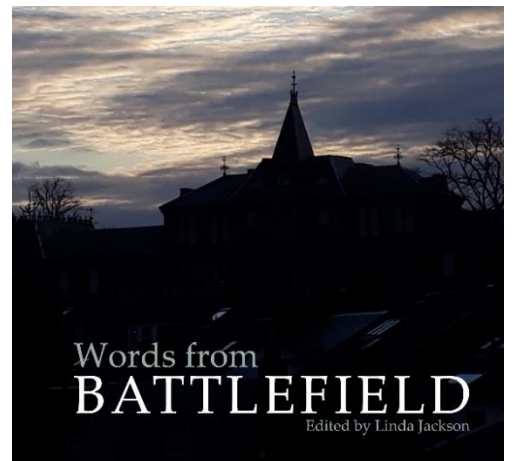
During the summer we had the labyrinth in the garden and this year we encouraged people to walk with a painted stone as a way of reflecting on what was happening and how they were coping.

We had hoped to reopen in September and had carried out all the relevant building checks only for restrictions to increase and classes had to be put on hold again. We were able to resume 1-2-1 therapies from Sep – Dec and then again these had to stop when we entered Level 4 restrictions.

Finn's Place took part in the Battlefield Window Wanderland in October, a chance to brighten up the area with some wonderful displays.

In November we held an outdoor event to commemorate 'To absent friends' week, with people being able to remember a loved one who had died by hanging a light on the tree in the garden.

Linda Jackson, our writing tutor hosted an online event with some great work being performed over zoom. We also hosted an event as part of a consultation on the Glasgow City Food Plan and then had a wonderful Community Christmas Carols online – it was so good to see everyone singing along with the band playing the carols.



Finn's Place Accounts 2020

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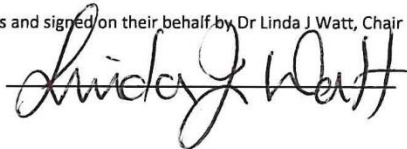
Receipts and Payments Account For year ended 31st December 2020

| | | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|------|----------------|---------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Receipts | Note | | |
| Donations | 3 | 3,777 | 6,515 |
| | | <u>3,777</u> | <u>6,515</u> |
| Grants | 4 | 42,970 | 45,752 |
| Fees | | 19,439 | 45,874 |
| Total Receipts | | <u>66,186</u> | <u>98,141</u> |
| Payments | 5 | | |
| Costs of generating funds | | - | - |
| Charitable activities | | 70,105 | 83,739 |
| Governance costs | | - | - |
| Total Payments | | <u>70,105</u> | <u>83,739</u> |
| Excess of Receipts over Payments in year | | <u>(3,919)</u> | <u>14,402</u> |

Statement of Balances

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Bank & Cash balance b/fwd. | <u>32,035</u> | <u>17,633</u> |
| Excess of Receipts over Payments in year | (3,919) | 14,402 |
| Bank & Cash Balance carried forward | <u>28,116</u> | <u>32,035</u> |

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by Dr Linda J Watt, Chair



Date

16/4/21

Funders in 2020

As always, we are grateful to the funders who have supported the work of Finn's Place during 2020.



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