



## **Nineveh Charitable Trust: Report on funding August 2020-August 2021**

### **Autumn term 2020**

- Acorn Club: Delivered healthy cooking lessons for children for five days and provided nutritious vegetarian meals (majority of the food organic/seasonal) for 30 vulnerable children attending a special pre-return to school after lockdown holiday club
- Recovery and Wellness: Delivered five days of Recovery & Wellness sessions for all year groups at Nightingale Primary School - included putting up tarps to create a "Cosy Conversation Den" and running wellbeing nature art activities with classes of children.
- Urban Forest Schools: Ran weekly Urban Forest School sessions with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes on Hackney Downs.
- Learning Through Landscapes: Renovated the school garden and delivered nine half day sessions with the year 3 class about gardening, food growing and outdoor cooking.
- Organised and delivered a conservation project at Hobbs Hill to improve the site for wildlife and for children visiting the site. Tasks included: planting a native hedgerow (600 whips), creating dead-hedging, clearing areas around the pond, building a hibernaculum, and putting up bird and owl boxes.

### **Spring term 2021**

- Furloughed for January, February and March 2021.
- Getting everything ready for Hobbs Hill camps including liaising with teachers, recruiting freelance staff, creating timetables, restocking equipment, reviewing risk assessments, etc.
- Training: NSPCC DSG training (2 days), Outdoor First Aid (2 days), H&S IOSH L3 (3 days), Trauma-informed training (1 day).
- Staying agile and resourceful in response to the changing Coronavirus landscape so as to ensure we could run our camping programme for the wellbeing of the vulnerable children we work with.

### **Summer term 2021**

- Set-up, delivered and took-down an incredibly successful camping programme at Hobbs Hill.

### **Key statistics from Hobbs Hill 2021:**

- 199 children came camping (8 classes including Y4s, Y5s and Y6s).
- Excellent feedback from all teachers who attended camp.
- Camping began on Monday 17th May 2021 (the first day it was allowed in line with the government Coronavirus roadmap).
- Children with high accessibility needs were catered for on camp including a visually impaired child who used a cane, a child with severe food allergies who needed a completely re-thought menu, severely autistic children, and children with complex PTSD and trauma.

- TGC's highly trained Countryside team dealt with challenging situations including medical issues (asthma attacks, A&E visits), safeguarding disclosures, and extreme weather (2 nights where the Lightning Plan had to be enacted) efficiently and effectively.
- Overall an incredibly joyful and successful camping season!



Campsite improved to provide more shelter



Learning how to sleep in a sleeping bag



Wild cooking gets a big thumbs up



Engaging all the senses in a woodland full of wild garlic

## Plans for the coming year: September 2021 - July 2022

### Autumn term 2021

- Planning to be furloughed for September 2021. Will be off furlough from the 1st October onwards.
- Delivering 'Get Ready for Camp Days' for classes who will be coming camping with TGC in the summer to prepare them for camp, to build their love of nature, and to get to know them.
- Further Urban Forest School work including a potential project with children in care.
- Starting Forest School L3 training to begin my journey to becoming a Forest School course teacher in the future.
- Delivering a week-long residential in South Downs National Park to pilot working with SDNP Authority and the YHA on a winter residential.

## Spring term 2022

- Delivering Urban Forest School 'Get Ready for Camp Days' for classes who will be coming camping with TGC in the summer to prepare them for camp, to build their love of nature, and to get to know them.
- Getting everything ready for Hobbs Hill and Quadrangle camps including liaising with teachers, recruiting freelance staff, creating timetables, restocking equipment, reviewing risk assessments, etc.
- Developing a trauma-informed framework for working on camp to ensure we are doing everything to best support children's wellbeing.
- Fundraising for our Countryside Programmes.
- Exploring potential to develop pilot projects including: an equine-facilitated project, a mentoring project for children who have attended Hobbs Hill to stay connected to the project, an overnight wild camp in a new woodland with a conservation trust we are in conversation with, the development of a greenspace in Hackney for a local primary school to use for all year groups doing outdoor learning, and more as other interesting opportunities present themselves to us.

## Summer term 2022

- Expand the Countryside Residentials programme to maximise camping at Hobbs Hill (within the 60 day rule) and host a pilot camp at The Quadrangle Trust.