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By our Director, Paul Boucher

Hello and welcome to 'That's what I call L.T.I.' the Lincolnshire Traveller Initiative Annual Report 2019 - we hope that it strikes a chord! ;)

This year is LTI's 20th birthday and there is much to celebrate, as you will discover, in this our twentieth Annual Report.

Defining moments are not always the 'big' event. Twenty years ago, in our early days, I was struck by the lack of ambition or any kind of interest voiced by our learners. I now realise that this was not because these things didn't exist, but because they were locked away inside and had not been stirred or activated. What stirs ambition? **Success!**

Recently we had a visit from a member of a county Traveller Support Team from the North East of England and our young people were shocked that there was no Learning Bus in her area, that none of the young Travellers did Prince's Trust qualifications and that none of them planned to go to college. Their disbelief and incredulity was genuine and very vocal. Now that struck me as a 'defining moment'. Evidence of a real sea change. It may have taken twenty years, but every step of the way has been worth it. **Now that's what I call progress!**

What doesn't change is my appreciation of the hard work of our trustees, staff, volunteers, partner organisations and Traveller families and friends who make LTI the success that it is. And of course, our fantastic funders, who make it all possible. Thank you.

Paul Boucher - Director
May 2019



2 Stayin' Alive

It is well documented that many Travellers may have poorer health outcomes than the 'settled' community.

We continue to work in harmony with Clip Community Learning, Healthwatch Lincolnshire, Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Lincolnshire Oral Health Team, and the Sexual Health Team to achieve our aim of healthier, safer, Traveller communities across the County.

Key to this is our enormously successful and supportive Gainsborough Well Woman group. We now have three Well Woman Groups at various stages of development each dramatically improving the health and wellbeing of the members.

Alongside regular Well Woman Health Checks and Personal Fitness Trainer Sessions, in the year 2018/2019 the group has attended events such as Mental Health First Aid, Developing a Positive Mindset, First Aid at work, Sexual Health checks, Inspired Healthy Living and Healthy Eating Course, Introduction to Reflexology and Aromatherapy and Essential Oils.

The group has also been involved in fund raising fitness events such as the Lincoln 'Pretty Muddy' 5k run from which they raised money to fight cancer. They were finalists in the Acis Neighbourhood Awards and also organised a fabulous family Halloween Event!

Music to our ears!



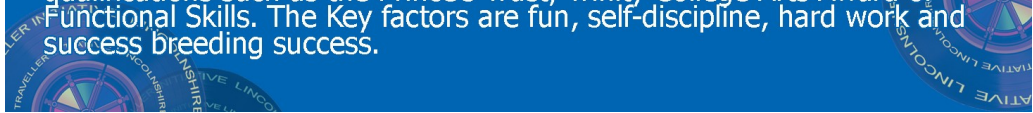
3 MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

Our brand-new Learning Bus continues to visit a large number of young Travellers and their families around the whole county who are on Elective Home Education!

Although one might wonder whether we would be restricted by space this facility has its own unique advantages that we believe are central to its success. It is small and cosy, and the learners feel a strong sense of ownership of their Learning Bus. It comes to their site or home, where they feel safe and secure. It can be moved for field trips, visits and special recreational treats.

Travellers engaging with LTI are not a captive audience – they choose whether to attend or not. Groups are small, teaching is individualised, and relationships are built on respect and a desire to succeed. Most of LTI's teaching takes place either on the bus, in the family home or in very close proximity to the home and thus LTI has a close relationship with the whole family. Indeed, it is not uncommon for other family members, parents and even grandparents, to be involved in their own learning with LTI and thus a sense of 'family learning' evolves. This is very supportive and motivating for the young people.

The aim is to make learning engaging and enjoyable – there are rewards for endeavour and the young people have a lot on involvement in designing their own learning. Everyone works towards recognised qualifications such as the Prince's Trust, Trinity College Arts Award or Functional Skills. The Key factors are fun, self-discipline, hard work and success breeding success.



If you ask Travellers what means the most to them the answer will always come back - family, family, family.

WE ARE
Family 4

We recently held an Easter Fun Day and there were lots of kids, from babies to teens, mums and dads, grandmas and grandads, plus aunties, uncles and cousins... all joining in to make it a huge success.

LTI is very much aware of the importance of family bonds in the Traveller Community. We see this in the way that extended families often group together and live in close proximity and how those that live far apart meet as often as possible for family get togethers. And now we are beginning to see it in their learning.



When we work with young Travellers the whole family will help and support them. There isn't that line between school and home. We work in and around their homes and before long the parents are engaging with learning for themselves. 'Family Learning' - all involved - all helping each other!

5 ALL TOGETHER NOW

We often use the term 'Traveller Community', but what does it mean?



Travellers have a community within their family, within their site, and then they have a far-reaching community which, although it might be far-flung, has bonds as tight-knit as any local community.

When LTI organises events, be it training, trips, or indeed, the singing day at Bishop Grosseteste that produced this CD, we try to pull together participants from the Traveller community across the county.



When this happens the Travellers are instantly connected by who knows who and who is related to who. LTI is quickly reminded that we work not just with families but with the 'Traveller Community'.

In the last year, 6 more young Travellers have enrolled for college and in recent years this has increasingly become an equal choice of career path alongside those opting for immediate employment when they reach sixteen.

Learn to Fly 6

As more young people gain qualifications and experience taster visits to college, there is a growing awareness of a range of career possibilities and the benefits of further education. And it's not just the young people! Mothers who have raised families are also seeing education as a door to further careers.

LTI already employs one Traveller in early years teaching and two others, having taken a Level Three Award in Teaching in Education, are now working in education. Another mother is looking to turn a passion for floristry into a flourishing business. LTI is helping by providing a comprehensive professional qualification plus business support to compliment this lady's talent and enthusiasm.

Blooming great!



7 FUN • FUN • FUN

A key element of what we do with young Travellers is, alongside enhanced educational opportunity and accessibility, a more generalised widening of experience which we believe increases their understanding of the wider community and broadens their aspirations.

Of equal importance, the trips and extra-curricular activities we organise, provide well deserved and much appreciated reward for the young people's hard work and some much-needed FUN!

This year, amongst many other trips we took young people to the moon (a lunar art exhibition at the Collection in Lincoln), enjoyed Laser Tag in Spalding, ten-pin bowling in Grantham and of course the obligatory many trips to McDonalds!





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TRACK LIST

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL L.T.I. 2019

1. Whole Group - Money, Money, Money (1.16)
2. Kelise Wilson - When I Was Your Man (3.33)
3. Azaria Finney - Never Enough (3.26)
4. Charlie Ayres - The World's Greatest (3.36)
5. Samantha Bryan - Coat of Many Colours (3.10)
6. Kelise Wilson - A Thousand Years (4.26)
7. Vocal group - This is Me (3.51)
8. Azaria Finney - Rolling in the Deep (3.47)
9. Sereana Finney - Howl's Moving Castle (2.41)
10. Samantha Bryan - Harper Valley P.T.A. (3.15)
11. Kelise Wilson - Always Remember Us This Way (2.51)
12. Montana Gaskin - Titanium (3.25)
13. Azaria Finney - My Heart Will Go On (4.23)
14. Whole Group - Happy Birthday (0.25)

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