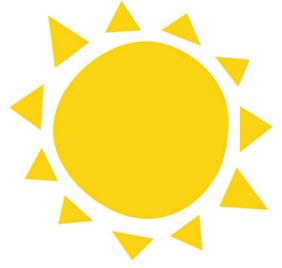




Annual Review 2018



CONTENTS

1. A Word from our Chair
2. About Us
3. Principles and Pathways
4. This Year in Numbers
5. Education
6. Design and Build
7. Community Garden Groups
8. Where Are They Now?
9. History of HPS
11. Poem by Finn Dobson
12. Thank You!

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR

2018 has been another exciting year for Hyde Park Source, filled with some fantastic work and new partnerships. We have delayed our transition to becoming a CIO as we take some time to reflect on our current structure and how we can develop to incorporate more members of the communities we work with in the running of Hyde Park Source.

As ever the year has been filled with ups and downs, and it continues to be a challenging environment for small organisations to work in. After many years of faithful service, we said goodbye to our trusty orange van and replaced it with a new one with slick looking branding.

We have developed existing partnerships, as we continue to develop the Outdoors, Active and Well project, alongside Leeds Mind and The Conservation Volunteers as well as with many communities, organisations and schools across Leeds. We have also formed some new partnerships including some exciting work with Yorkshire Water.

2019 will be a year of new developments, challenges and successes and we look forward to working with you all on our journey to help more people improve their health and well-being through improving the environment.

Julia Kinch



ABOUT US

Hyde Park Source aims to improve people's health and well-being through improving the environment. We are committed to increasing the potential of individuals and communities - promoting equality of education and training. We work with local communities to improve their surroundings, designing and creating attractive, exciting and useful places for people to live, work and play.

A massive thank you to all the people (especially the volunteers) involved in designing, building, growing and sharing with Hyde Park Source in 2018!

We want the people we work with to have a bigger say in the organisation. We are developing our membership scheme, asking people who are engaged with our projects and believe in what we do to become members. Our aim is to have at least 50% of our Management Committee to come directly from our membership.

Members will be consulted on big decisions we have to make regarding future developments, and given the opportunity to influence the organisation. They will also act as representatives for the groups they attend, giving us another way to communicate with the people we work with ensuring that we remain a user-led, grassroots organisation.



We have kept our staff numbers small, but have increased our turnover this year. This is in large part due to more work being generated through our Design and Build project as well as securing some larger grants for a building project in Cross Green. We have had a good year financially, continuing to have a healthy mix of earned/grant income as well as managing to add to our unrestricted reserves.

Outdoors Active and Well comes to an end in May next year, so we are making plans to replace or continue this part of our work. We are reapplying to the National Lottery to continue this project, taking the learning we have made over the past three years to improve. Alongside this we have secured a long term contract with the Community Based Mental Health Service, which starts in April next year, which gives us some stability moving forward.

PRINCIPLES AND PATHWAYS

A synthesis of the '5 Ways to Well Being'
and the '12 Permaculture Principles'

CONNECT

We value and nurture connections with people, organisations and projects. We appreciate the unique qualities that come from differences and the resilience that comes from diversity. We actively work with the marginal - both people and places on the edges - harnessing creativity and inspiration.

BE ACTIVE

We actively link people, projects and places, trying to improve how different elements connect. We encourage people and organisations to support themselves and each other to develop physical and mental resilience. We make sure the action we take is effective, relevant and sustainable, working together on long term goals and solutions to real life problems.

TAKE NOTICE

We take notice of people's feelings, including our own, helping us to work with empathy and compassion. We pay attention to our impact, ensuring that we use our resources wisely - harnessing the abundance of the natural world and limiting our negative impact on it. We observe and reflect on patterns we see in nature and society to help us make decisions on how we behave.

KEEP LEARNING

We are always open to feedback, helping us improve as an organisation, and as individuals. We seek out better ways of working, and adapt to change creatively. We reflect on how our interventions affect people and situations.

GIVE

We share surpluses, giving to people and organisations when we can. We reward people for their efforts and make sure gratitude is regular and sincere. We ensure that projects are meaningful to the people and places we work with, leading to yields that are rewarding and relevant.



OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

665
Volunteers

187
Regular

3
Community
Events
with...
480
Attendees!

356
Children

196
Regular

8
Education
Projects

16
Design and
Build Projects

6
Community
Garden Groups

625
Sessions

2164
Hours

EDUCATION

We have had a busy year running Environmental Education sessions across Leeds; offering more children and families the chance to connect with nature, have a space to play, and improve their health and well-being in the process. We have worked with Iveson, Rosebank and Bracken Edge Primary schools this year, reaching hundreds of local children and making the school grounds more productive and well-used.

We have had great success encouraging families to 'stay and play', meeting other local families, learning and playing together. This has really helped settling new children into school, improved language and social skills and encouraged families to take an active part in their children's education.

"The children and parents have absolutely loved the Gardening club. We have never had such success with a stay and play before with 20 sets of parents staying!"

Through a new initiative to improve children's diets and promote physical exercise during school holidays we ran two successful 'Healthy Holiday' schemes with Cross Green Growing Together and the Rainbow Junction in Hyde Park thanks to funding from Leeds Council.



"The children have learnt such a lot and always come back talking about what they have been doing."

We have also continued to embed the children's groups into public green spaces at Killingbeck (with the Primrose Valley Community Project) and with the Rosebank Rangers (with the Rosebank Millennium Green Trust). Over the coming months we are looking forward to starting sessions at Meadowfield Primary and are aiming to create a session library and manual to give to the schools we work with, enabling teachers and parents to recreate our educational, outdoor sessions themselves.

DESIGN AND BUILD

This year has been a busy one for the D&B team. We have been delivering projects, working with The Old Fire Station, Elevate, Space 2, Canopy and Rosebank, Bramley St. Peters, Brodtesky and Ireland Wood Primary Schools.

"The HPS team were fantastic to work with, we found them to be a friendly, professional & very capable organisation."

We have started using a new timber supplier and we are now committed to using sustainable Yorkshire Larch in all of our projects wherever possible. This is not only good for the environment, but looks amazing!

Our biggest project this year was the installation of a Health and Well Being scheme for Yorkshire Water. We worked with Lemon Balm and Creative Timbercraft to install planters, pergolas and seating areas at the main Yorkshire Water headquarters.

"We are delighted with the lovely new pergolas, planters and benches HPS have built for us at our headquarters. The Yorkshire-grown, sustainable timber is beautiful and has been finished to an excellent standard."

Richard Flint, Yorkshire Water CEO



COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUPS

The majority of our adult community groups this year have been run through the Big Lottery-funded Outdoors, Active and Well partnership (with Leeds Mind and TCV Hollybush). The groups have gone from strength to strength, developing their own identities, supporting one another and celebrating our achievements. The Reps Group have helped us to ensure this project is people-led, gathering feedback from the groups and ensuring we are responsive and dynamic in our approach.

We have 5 weekly groups:

- The Lost Plot (with Forward Leeds and 5 Ways Recovery Academy)
- Growing Together (with Cross Green Growing Together)
- Armley Colour Garden (with Leeds Industrial Museum at Armley Mills)
- Bedford Fields (with Bedford Fields Community Forest Garden)
- St. Mary's Roof Garden (with Leeds & Yorkshire Housing Association)

We are very grateful to all the partners mentioned above, for enabling us to work across such varied sites and for supporting us to involve some of the most hard-to-reach people in Leeds. We also continue to be a committed member of the Giving Time Network in Leeds, offering people with previous convictions opportunities to volunteer and potentially break the cycle of offending.



"Gardening can be great therapy!"

"The Outdoors Active and Well project helps to prove there is a real connection between good mental and physical health and environmental work."



LOTTERY FUNDED



Leeds

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Over the last 20 years we have worked with over a thousand volunteers, many of them have gone onto great things!

Cat and Kate volunteered with HPS in 2001 and went on to set up the amazing Seagulls project, which is a well-established and respected social enterprise. They have recycled 1100 tonnes of paint so far as well as installing beautiful mosaics all around Leeds.

www.seagullsreuse.org.uk



Nick volunteered with HPS in 2008, developing his skills as an artist and youth worker. He has gone on to develop a full time career in this area, delivering workshops all over the country and working with a huge range of people, from youth centres to prisons to care homes.

www.olasart.com

Gemma volunteered with us in 2007, developing loads of different skills, including willow weaving and delivering community workshops. She now works for TCV, delivering gardening courses for adults as well as doing loads of freelance work, such as willow weaving and other environmental crafts.



Pat volunteered at Hyde Park Source between 2007 and 2009. He now works for Yorkshire MESMAC, managing a service supporting LGBT people and people living with HIV. “I remember my time there really fondly. Volunteering at HPS was one of my first roles supporting vulnerable, marginalised people, and it had a big impact on my career path. I learnt lots of skills in being person-centred, patient and non-judgemental while at Hyde Park Source and still use these every day.”



A HISTORY OF HP SOURCE



HPS formed by Gordon and Henry with the help of Canopy

1998

1999

Dragon Mural at Royal Park School



Focus on working with young people

2000

2001

Started offering Open College Network accreditation for young people

Moved into 2 Rosebank Road
Got a website and a van!

2002

2003

All Hallows Remembrance Garden



Art Link Garden

2004

2005

Became an approved provider for Education Leeds

Rosebank Primary Wildlife Garden

2006

2007

Won Youth Group of the Year - Celebrate Leeds Awards

Step Out Project starts

2008





2009 Rosebank Primary Mosaic

Started delivering ASDAN Employability Award

2010

2011 Cottingley Springs Travellers' Project



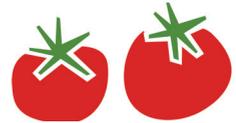
Rosebank Millennium Green - Summer Project

2012

2013 Started doing food growing projects

Partnership with Leeds Fed Housing

2014



2015 First Ridge Festival!

Outdoors Active and Well starts

2016



2017 Design and Build project develops

20th Anniversary of HPS!

2018



Over the years we have completed roughly 268 projects, worked with 1709 children and young people and had 1229 regular volunteers!



Written by Finn Dobson
from the OAW Bedfords Fields group

It rained today for the first time since May
And I learned to say the word
Petrichor:

Myceleum roots sending out their spores
Plant sweat glands opening up their pores
The smell of childhood and long summer days
Rainbows
And Sunshine's rays

I take my hood down to feel fresh air and
Think of my mum standing at our door shouting
You've been dancing in the rain too long
Come inside you'll catch your death
But I was full of life
Still had energy left to
Run down London streets
To the beats of
Rain drops
Drenched through

And smiling nonstop

And I don't write love poems
My poems always full of doom and gloom but
There's always room
For nature

There's always room for twisting trees
For streams
The sound of water leaves
Me speechless
Silent
Finally free

And I can't keep this to myself
I want to shout from rooftops help
My friends to see what I have found:
Peace
Connected to the ground



THANK YOU!

A massive thank you to all our funders and partners, without whom, our projects wouldn't be possible!

ARMLEY MILLS
LEEDS INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM

bedford fields



CBRE





 /hpsourceleeds

 0113 245 8863

 @hydeparksource

 www.hydeparksource.org

 info@hydeparksource.org

Community Benefit Society FCA No. 28755R

HMRC Charity No. XR25734