



THE TONY LOY TRUST

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Charity Number 1163810

Annual Report and Accounts 2016

The Tony Loy Trust was set up in 2012 in memory of Tony Loy. The object of the Trust is:

To advance the education, support the development and provide opportunities for children and young people under the age of 25, individually or in groups, in the village of Blewbury and neighbouring area in the arts and sport, in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including by:

- providing grants, allowances or scholarships
- supporting training
- assisting travel, events or projects

The Trustees are Sheila Loy, Francesca Gubbay, Maria Nightingale and Steve White.

A summary statement of the Trust's income and expenditure in 2016 is attached.

This is the fourth full year of operation for the Trust and it has been a busy one. A major fundraising gala show – The Tony Music Awards – took place in June. This raised a surplus of £5366 for the Trust. We are grateful to the many people who gave up their time and offered their skills to perform in the show or to help produce it, to everyone who bought tickets and to our sponsors. Apart from being a financial success, the show was also a lot of fun.

The Trust also received over £5700 in donations. Now that we are registered as a charity with HMRC, this includes contributions from Gift Aid. Major donations were received from the Blewbury Players, who donated to the Trust money raised from their Music Quizzes in 2015 and 2016; from Blewfest, Blewbury's annual music festival; and from guests at Francesca Gubbay's 40th birthday party in late 2015, who were asked to donate to the Trust. The Trust is now also benefitting from a number of smaller donations being made on-line through the Trust's Virgin Money Giving site, which was set up this year. We are grateful to all our donors.

Twelve grants totalling £3111 were awarded in the year. Of this, £1350 was awarded for arts projects and activities. This included support for an arts podcast, a short feature film and further support to the Blewbury Brass Band's teaching programme. The Trust also paid a fee to Didcot Sixth Form College who were commissioned to produce a promotional video for the refurbishment of Blewbury Village Hall. £1761 was awarded for sports projects and activities. This included contributions towards the training, travel and equipment costs of young sports people of a national standard in athletics, cross-

country skiing and BMX racing. Support was also provided to young people involved in trampolining, kayaking, golf and clay pigeon shooting.

As well as setting up a Virgin Money Giving page, the Trust also launched its website www.thetonyloytrust.org and Facebook page at the start of the year. These have helped to raise the profile of the Trust, to simplify electronic donations and were particularly helpful in promoting the Tony Music Awards.

Helped particularly by the surplus from the Tony Music Awards Trust, the Trust added significantly to its reserves during the year and ended the year with cash of £22749, putting the Trust in a strong position to continue supporting young people in the sports and the arts.

Sheila Loy, Trustee, 23 March 2017

