

S. Y. KILLINGLEY MEMORIAL TRUST

Registered Charity No. 1111891

Supporting part-time learners in the arts and humanities in the North-East of England

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT for Annual General Meeting, 11th November 2020

Meetings: Since the last Annual General Meeting on 3rd July 2019, the Trustees held meetings on 1st October 2019, 15 January 2020. A meeting scheduled for Tuesday 28th April 2020 was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic, but an email exchange from 28th April to 5th May was held in lieu, and was recorded in Minutes as the 72nd meeting. The 73rd meeting, to which this report was presented, was held online.

Trustees: As one Trustee had resigned in February 2019 due to other commitments, we were one Trustee short of our quota of 8. A second Trustee resigned in August 2020 on taking up an academic post elsewhere, so we now have two vacancies to fill. We have already invited one of our Selectors, who has agreed to become a Trustee. We hope to fill the second vacancy with someone who is interested in IT as well as in the aims of the Trust.

It was suggested that someone in Siew-Yue Killingley's family might be interested in becoming a Trustee (69th meeting, item 5). The Chair checked and found that this was not so. It would have been difficult as they all live away from Newcastle.

Trustee roles: We need to appoint a Secretary, and also a Vice-Chair, who can advise the Chair and take over the role of Chair when necessary. We will be better able to do this when we have our complement of eight Trustees.

Accounts: The Treasurer's accounts for the year ending 5 April 2020 show:

Income £7,433.35; Expenditure £5,253.95; Balance £12,481.39. All but £10.00 of expenditure was on grants.

Future-proofing: It is important that the Trust should be able to continue its activities following the death or incapacity of the Chair. A document has been prepared to help them in locating computer and paper files, and contacting people connected with the Trust, and Trustees are urged to be familiar with it.

Grants: We interviewed six applicants in three sessions, the last of them online because of lockdown, and awarded over £5,950.00 in grants. One grant was for an MA course, one for an MLitt in archaeology, one for a BA in Fine Art, one for a BTEC course in circus art, and one for a short language course.

Fundraising events: A concert was given by the vocal group Simply Lyrical, with pianist and organist Peter Waugh, at Trinity Church, Gosforth on Saturday 5th October 2019 at 3.00. Over 30 people attended, and £249.00 was raised. We regret that the coronavirus has prevented us from holding any such events during 2020, and hope that it will become possible some time in 2021.

Thanks: The Trust is grateful to all those who have contributed to its funds in the 15 years since its inception. These include all those who have given money, but also those supporters, including grantees, who have given performances, donated works of art for sale, or raised money in other ways. Among other donors we are grateful to Trinity Church, Gosforth for their continuing support.

Effects of the Pandemic: Like many other organisations, the Trust has been affected by the Covid19 pandemic, and the restrictions aimed at controlling it. Since early in 2020, as noted

above, we have been unable to hold meetings or interviews except remotely. We have also been unable to hold any concerts or other fundraising events, to meet our grantees socially or to attend their graduations or other events. We regret that their studies have been made harder by the restrictions. We recognise that due to constraints on employment many people will be unable to find the money to support charities, and those who are able will rightly wish to answer needs arising from the crisis: health, poverty, food provision, exposure to domestic violence. Education would be near the bottom of their list of priorities. We have therefore decided not make any appeals now, but to consider in advance what to do when the crisis is over. It is also likely that, while many people have time on their hands and wish to use it well, opportunities for part-time study will be restricted.

Dermot Killingley, 9th November 2020