

## **S. Y. KILLINGLEY MEMORIAL TRUST**

*Registered Charity No. 1111891*

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

### **FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT**

Because of the pandemic, all meetings and interviews have been online. We have had fewer applications than usual, and given fewer grants. This probably reflects the effects of the pandemic on the availability of courses, and on the ability of would-be learners to find time for them. We have taken little notice of the government's easing of restrictions on 19th July, and expect to continue our present precautions at least until January 2022.

*Meetings:* Since the last Annual General Meeting on 11th November 2020, the Trustees held meetings on 9th December 2020, 24th March 2021, and 22nd June 2021. All these meetings were held online.

*Trustees:* Following the resignation of a Trustee in August 2020 on taking up a post away from Tyneside, a new Trustee was appointed on 9th December 2020, the first Trustee to have been neither a friend or student of Siew-Yue nor a grantee. Another Trustee, who had been one of the original Trustees in 2005, asked not to be re-appointed when her appointment fell due, because of family commitments, but will remain with us as a Selector. A new Trustee was appointed in June 2021, the fourth Trustee to come from among former grantees.

Another Trustee has decided not to renew their Trusteeship this year, because of pressure of work. We have recorded our gratitude to all our former Trustees for all they have done for the Trust.

We are now six Trustees, two short of the maximum of eight provided by our Trust Deed. We still need to find two Trustees.

*Accounts:* The Treasurer's accounts for the year ending 5 April 2021 show: Income £4,387.50 (last year £7,433.35); Expenditure £3,706.03 (last year £5,253.95); Balance £13,162.86 (last year £12,481.39). All expenditure was on grants. Both income and expenditure were lower than in 2019-2020, reflecting the restrictions caused by the pandemic.

*Grants:* Two interviews were held online, and grants awarded for mentoring in creative writing, and for a Certificate of Professional Practice course in music, run by the British Kodály Academy.

This contrasts with 3 interview sessions and 6 grants in 2019-2020.

We have not made much use of our panel of Assessors in recent years, perhaps because when planning an interview session at a meeting of Trustees, it is easier to ask the Trustees who are present to take part, than the Assessors who are not present. At present there are 7 Assessors.

*News of Present and Former Grantees:* One was appointed to a lectureship in English and Creative Writing, and has also published a novel. Congratulations on both these achievements. Another has completed a master's degree by research, and is hoping to start a PhD. A third, who received a grant in for an Advanced Diploma in British Sign Language, has helped a deaf student to achieve a first-class degree.

*Fundraising events:* We regret that the coronavirus has prevented us from holding any such events since the last one in October 2019, but hope that it will become possible in 2022.

Dermot Killingley, 12th August 2021