



# Traveller FEST 2023-24

## ANNUAL REPORT



CHARITY NO.  
1165767



# TAKE ME HOME, COUNTRY ROADS.....





# STAGE 1

Abba did it first with Abba Voyage and now here's The King, alive and well and appearing in Traveller Fest!

Here you'll hear what's been happening, what's happening now and what's 'Blowin' in the Wind'. Certainly, 'The Times They Are A-Changin' and we need to adapt to meet new challenges and find advantages going forward.

LTI continues to grow. The number of young people we support has risen by 70% in the last year and their voice is being increasingly heard. The number of Travellers on the Board of Trustees has grown to 66% and they are behind the decisions and the direction in which LTI is moving.

Our partnerships are adding yet greater value to what we offer. We have new young blood in our teaching team. The old are learning from the young and vice versa. In the midst of all this change our overriding aims remain the same – to

empower and build confidence in the individuals

and families that use our services

and to promote community cohesion by providing educational, employment and

personal development opportunities

and reducing health inequalities

for the Traveller communities of Lincolnshire.

Of course, as always, we thank the Board of Trustees, who ensure that the charity is carrying out its duties responsibly, is accountable and acts with reasonable care and skill.



# HEADLINER

# THE KING



# "THE LTI BUS IS COMING AND EVERYONE IS JUMPING..."

*Supporting Act*

260 MILES PER WEEK

13 sites

Prince's Trust Awards

700 TEACHING HOURS THIS YEAR

Your paragraph text

80 students



STEM Science

90% Attendance

# "...THE WHEELS OF STEEL ARE TURNING..."

Functional Skills





# SWEET LIKE CHOCOLATE





# IMED TENT



AH..AH..AH..AH....  
STAYIN' ALIVE



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Live

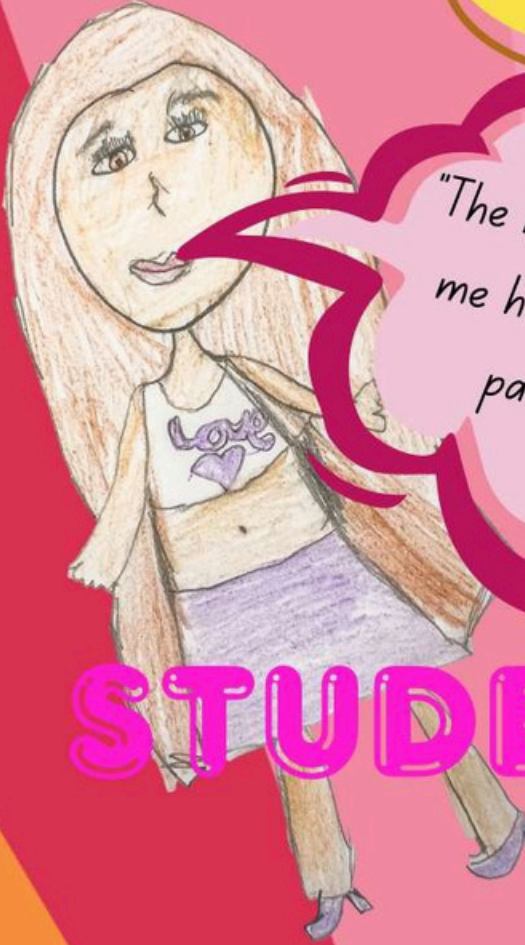
# Live Lounge








"I like seeing my friends."




"The bus has taught me how to write a paragraph."

# STUDENT VOICE



"The teachers are kind and the atmosphere is chill."



"The bus has helped me improve in Maths."






"I look forward to going on the trips"




"One thing I like about the bus is that it does fun activities"



"The members of the bus have been so supportive and have helped me improve so much"



"The teachers are lovely and encourage all students"



"I like the bus because of the: Art, Science and the boys!"



# Rising Star

## LEVI

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN COMING ON THE BUS?

Hi my name is Levi and I have been on the bus for about 2 years.

### HOW HAS THE BUS HELPED YOU?

The bus has helped me in many ways. I find it easier because it is slower paced and there's a lot less distractions. I can talk about my problems and thoughts with the teachers, and I enjoy the more laid back and chill atmosphere.

### WHAT ARE YOUR ASPIRATIONS?

My aspirations are to be an electrician, travel around the world and live a happy fulfilling life.

### HOW CAN WE IMPROVE THE BUS?

More scenic views and subjects.





# It's in the **D.N.A**



In November 2023, a group of 8 students from Spalding visited the EMBL EBI Genome campus near Cambridge. It is one of the world's largest research centres, mapping and analysing DNA.



The day involved a walk around the wetland on site, looking at how the wildlife live and interact with each other.

The young people then had a chance to extract DNA from strawberries!

The young people then looked at some organisms to identify their cells using a microscope. They then compared different DNA codes for microbes.





# VIRTUAL STAGE

## Online Learning Hub LTI

We have partnered with Bishop Grosseteste University to create an online learning hub. This platform gives our students access to all their portfolios online, allowing teachers at LTI and trainee teachers at BGU to interact more with students and provide additional learning time.

We're thrilled to share that as our platform continues to grow, we have exciting plans to expand our course offerings! In the near future, we'll be introducing a diverse range of subjects including health, outdoor education, first aid and science. These new courses will open up a world of opportunities for learners to gain qualifications in multiple areas, expanding their skills and knowledge in exciting new ways!

The screenshot shows a user interface for 'Entry Level 2 - English'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home > All Courses > Entry Level 2 - English'. Below this, a user profile for 'Admin' is visible. The main content area is titled 'Entry Level 2 - English' and includes statistics: 'Lifetime', 'All Levels', '8 Lessons', '17 Quizzes', and '6 Students'. There are tabs for 'Overview', 'Curriculum', 'Instructor', and 'Materials'. The 'Overview' tab is active, showing 'Learning Outcomes' for 'Reading' and 'Writing'. The 'Reading' section lists several bullet points: 'To read correctly words designated for Entry Level 2.', 'To read and understand sentences with more than one clause.', 'To understand the main points in texts.', 'To understand organisational markers in short, straightforward texts.', 'To use effective strategies to find the meaning of words and check their spelling (e.g. a simple dictionary, spell-checker).', and 'To use illustrations, images and captions to locate information'. The 'Writing' section lists: 'Use basic punctuation correctly (e.g. full stops, capital letters, question and exclamation marks)', 'Form regular plurals', and 'Use the first and second letters to sequence words in alphabetical order'. On the right side, there is a 'Continue' button and a progress summary: 'Lessons completed: 0/8', 'Quizzes finished: 0/17', 'Assignments completed: 1/8', 'Assignments evaluated: 1/8', and 'Course progress: 0%'.



# GIRL POWER



*Stage 3*

WELL WOMAN AND PLAY GROUPS





# YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND

## ADVOCACY

Every working day consists of some kind of advocacy support. This includes supporting families with online universal credit, completing passport forms and driving licence applications, downloading and navigating apps such as the NHS app, reading letters and completing forms and managing utility bills.

While we are supporting people with advocacy, we ensure we build their confidence and support them with knowledge and understanding. This improves motivation and reduces anxiety.

## ADULT TRAINING

We give everyone the opportunity to access careers advice and guidance. We offer access to training from a wide range of external sources in order to meet the individual needs of our learners.

CV building, job search and interview skills training are also part of the package. We have good networks with other organisations, allowing us to signpost. We encourage people to think about their interests and to make informed decisions about their future work and training needs.

" We have completed a Level 6 Diploma in Careers Advice and Guidance, so LTI can deliver a quality careers advice service. "

*Kirsty and Tash*





# WHAMI!

LAST CHRISTMAS I GAVE YOU.....

## Sundown Adventure Land



11th December 2023, The Saxilby Well Woman Group had a trip to Sundown Adventure Land. We all had such a magical day and of course we got to see the "big man" Father Christmas and all the children received a gift. It was very exciting! We all had dinner together in the indoor play centre and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the many areas of Sundown; playing on equipment, rides, and interactive walkways. Creating memories together left everyone feeling happy and entertained.

"Thank you for a lovely day, really enjoyed it, you're all amazing. Everyone who attended all said thank you for a lovely day. All the polite, well behaved wonderful children, loved it."

"Thank you very much for a good day, the children loved it!"

"Thank you ladies for a lovely day. The kids loved it and so did we."





# ONE DAY LIKE THIS.....

In August 2023, LTI took a coach full (45) on a Family trip to Lightwater Valley Adventure Park. The great British weather wasn't the best, but it didn't stop us having a great day out. The water ride was the biggest hit for the children and the adults were very grateful for the many coffee stops available. Seeing so many children together, Travellers and non-Travellers, having so much fun playing, laughing, and making new relationships is such a blessing to stand back and watch. It's a pleasure to create such fabulous memories for these wonderful families.





# **HALLOWEEN PARTY**

On the 11th October, at Saxilby village hall spirits were high. Lots of spooky fun was had by all; we enjoyed pumpkin carving, a fancy dress competition and we created lots of gooey mess with our spooktacular activities.

Hotdogs and sweet treats went down well! A fabulous event that we will hold each year for these wonderful young people and grown ups too!



# **THRILLER**



# SHINY HAPPY PEOPLE

It is such a pleasure attending the fortnightly Well Woman Group. All the members of the group come from one site. This site has gone through trauma and difficult times, so our focus has been to listen and to support. During the past year they have had access to counsellors as well as visits from the physical health care team. They have begun their functional skills maths and english and have enjoyed participating in creative activities such as crocheting. The group have also taken part in a Water Challenge. This involved drinking at least 2 litres of water everyday.

“The key ingredient of the groups is friendship.”

“It gives me something to look forward to and aim towards, I’m hoping the group help me to grow again as these last two and half years I feel like time has stood still and the fog of sadness is always with me but for that 2 hours twice a month I let myself breathe again and enjoy it.”

“A thriving Facebook group means everyone is constantly in touch and supporting each other. If you’ve got a problem it’s shared and it’s dealt with. Mention teeth or eyes and the group are marching you off to the dentist or optician - all in a friendly, caring way! You’ve always got someone to encourage you and help.”

“Our Monday sessions have been so good for me; I have always struggled with my nerves and anxiety but more so since we lost mam and our brother. I like the sessions because there is no pressure to be anything except myself. The ladies that run it are friendly and familiar to me now, so I don’t get myself in a tizz before our group because I know it’s a safe place with freedom to discuss issues and emotions. If I’m having a bad day, I usually don’t attend appointments/commitments but if I’m having a bad day I still go to the well woman group because nothing is expected of me they take me as I am, good, bad or indifferent. I always come away feeling better than when I went in.”

“The effects of the group are spreading into whole families. Everyone is doing steps; kids, partners and friends outside the group are joining in.”





# Hello

...IT'S ME (AMY)

**I am the NHS Traveller Community Wellbeing Link Worker.**

I work for the NHS to help the Traveller Community stay healthy. My job is to connect you and your family with doctors, services, and support when you need it.

I work for the Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, which provides mental health services and support for people with learning disabilities and autism. I'm part of a team that made the 'How Are You, Lincolnshire?' website to help people find mental health and community support I spend a lot of time with the Lincolnshire Traveller Initiative.

Together, we want to make sure Traveller families get the care they need. I want to build good relationships with you and help you to work with healthcare professionals.

If you see me on Traveller sites, please come and say hello – I love meeting new people!

If you have any questions or need more information, you can email me

at [amy.squire1@nhs.net](mailto:amy.squire1@nhs.net)

or call me at 0771 607 8958.



# QUEENs

## We are the champions



Lisa Wilson  
Holbeach



Carol Taylor  
Spalding



Liza Smith  
Gainsborough



Samantha Bryan  
Grantham

THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CHAMPION WILL VARY FROM COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY. **CHCS** CAN BE EFFECTIVE HEALTH PROMOTERS, CAN HELP IN TACKLING HEALTH INEQUALITIES AND POSITIVE IMPACTS CAN BE SEEN IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE THERE ARE **CHCS**.

CHAMPIONS CAN HELP COMMUNITIES TO STOP SMOKING , LOSE WEIGHT, EAT HEALTHILY, TAKE UP EXERCISE AND ACHIEVE IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING. THEY PROMOTE ANY HEALTH EVENTS OR TRAINING OFFERED BY LTI OR ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS.

HEALTH CHAMPIONS WILL ABIDE BY LTI'S STRICT CODE OF CONFIDENTIALITY. THEY WILL NOT OFFER THEIR OWN MEDICAL ADVICE; THEY ARE NOT MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS OR MEDICALLY TRAINED. THEY ARE PROMOTERS OF PREVENTATIVE HEALTH PRACTICES AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLES.







# Washingborough PLAY GROUP

“And we'll paint by numbers, 'til something sticks, I don't mind ...

**DOING IT FOR THE KIDS”**



Always full of fun, the children and young people are always so happy to see us. We often feel like celebrities as we drive on as they all come running.

This past year our play sessions have averaged 5-15 children on a weekly basis.

The children on Washingborough thrive on messy play, making slime, playing with foam, making playdough and painting. In the summer, we do water fights and bubbles (messier the better).

Our play sessions are child initiated. Every week we ask the children what they want to do on the following session. We listen to the child's voice and allow them to make choices. We always ensure the children and young people are learning through play introducing numbers, letters and exploring new learning opportunities.

We have regular monthly visits from the community nurses who have built good relationships with the families.



# THANK YOU!

## TO OUR PARTNERS

Partnerships are extremely important to LTI. They add massive value to LTI's services by providing practical help and support, expert advice and guidance, increased reputational kudos, volunteers and much more. In turn, LTI tries to give back to partner organisations by providing training and access to Traveller communities in order for them to develop their own partnerships and relationships.

Partnerships are win, win, win, all the way.

LTI's current partnerships:

LincHigher

Bishop Grosseteste University

University of Lincoln

Lincolnshire Council for Voluntary Youth Service

European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI)

Waddington Parish Council

Lincolnshire County Council

Lincolnshire

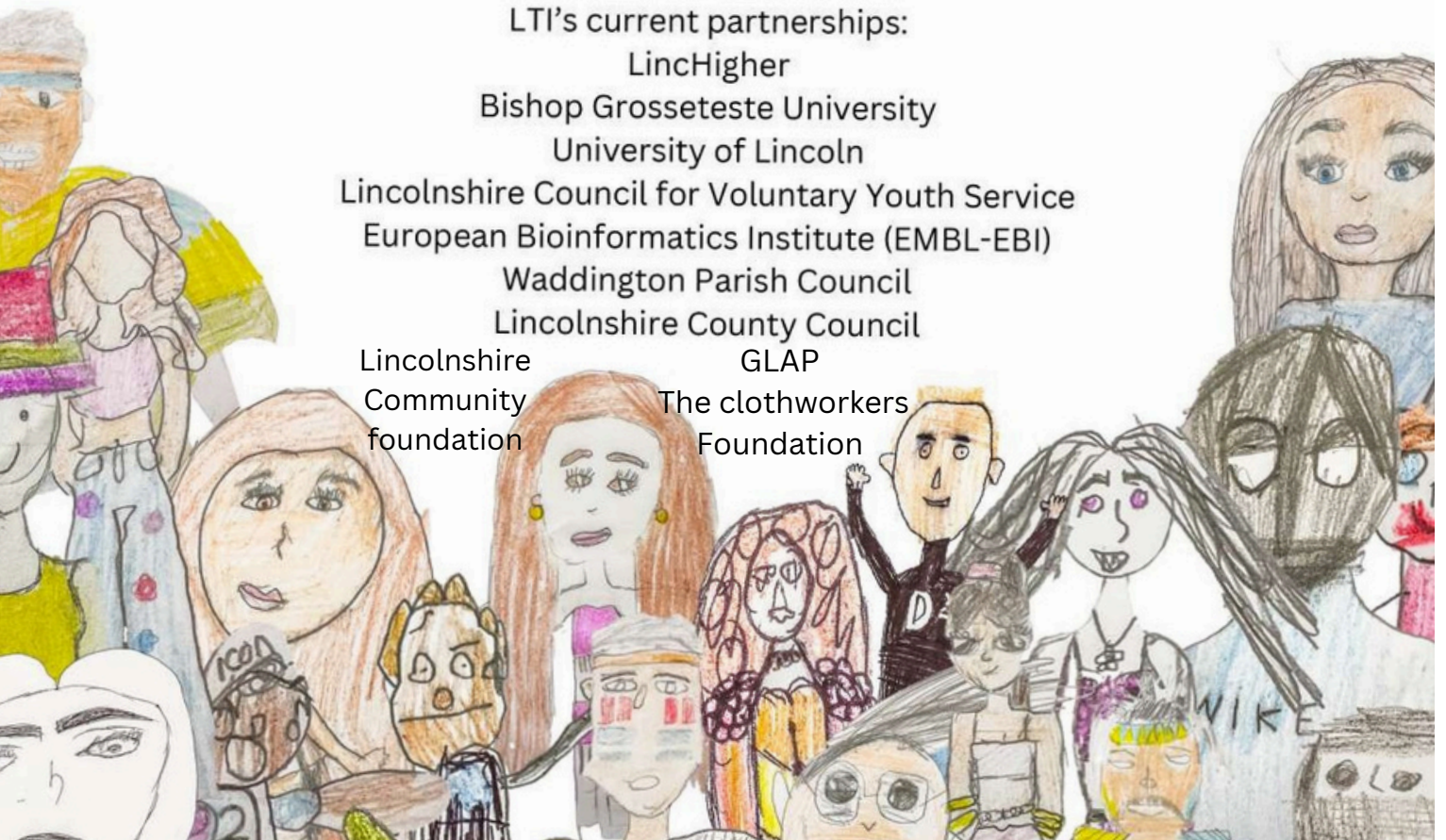
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# PARTNERSHIPS



BISHOP  
GROSSETESTE  
UNIVERSITY

Area  
meeting



LINCH↑HIGHER

Lincolnshire  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
*Working for a better future*



UNIVERSITY OF  
LINCOLN



Prince's Trust

LCVYYS

lincolnshire council for voluntary youth services



WOODLAND  
TRUST

EMBL-EBI



THANK YOU TO OUR FABULOUS FUNDERS



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## 2023-2024 FINANCIAL FIGURES

INCOME £154, 828.59

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### SPENDING

- EDUCATION-40.2%
- ADULT TRAINING-15.1%
- HEALTH-38.2%
- ADVOCACY-6.5%

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