

Inclusive Homework Club Annual Report 2020-21 March





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About us

The Inclusive Homework Club was founded in 2018 to create an educational support hub for people with learning difficulties and from disadvantaged backgrounds in mind. Since then, the impact of the IHWC has continued to grow and officially received charity status on the 22nd of June 2020. The Club is currently being ran by Firdaus Ahmed and is funded by BEMIS, the Endrick Trust and the St. Nicholas Care Fund.





Mission Statement

A Homework Club for every child

We provide a variety of educational support to young people in the Glasgow area, including young people with learning difficulties and from disadvantaged backgrounds.

At the Inclusive Homework Club, we believe that every child deserves access to literacy and numeracy support. Not only to help them succeed in their academics, but also to help build their confidence and enthusiasm for learning.

Our Values

Educational support from school and at home is often not enough, especially for children that require additional support. Our mission is to tackle barriers to learning and ensure every child receives the individualized learning support they need to reach their full potential. We dream of a world where every child gets the same educational opportunities.

“When I see my students excelling in school it makes me feel very proud that they are working hard to unlock their true potential and achieve great things.”

- A dedicated volunteer

Our Objectives

To help students with homework and exam preparation.

To help children with additional support needs.

To help children who come from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Our response to Covid-19

Adapting to change

Since having to change the way we delivered the homework club, we have fully embraced the use of online-learning. Throughout the pandemic we have provided one-to-one sessions and small group lessons via. zoom so that all our young peoples' learning needs can be met.

In addition to this, we have held regular meetings to discuss progress and ways in which we can improve how we are reaching our users online. We also continuously ask for feedback from our volunteers into how we can make teaching online classes easier for them, so that both our volunteers and students are getting the most out of their lessons.

Our goal throughout the pandemic has been to make at-home learning even more accessible for our users by providing them with the tools to stay connected in a safe and functional environment throughout the duration of Covid-19.



Our Funders

2018/2019 – Brief Overview of Past Funds

Throughout this period, we received £10'000 in funding from the National Lottery Fund which was essential in the start-up of the Inclusive Homework Club and allowed us to hire a hall for classes and provide volunteer training.

We also received £2'000 from Uber Community Fund which enabled us to increase our services to 3 days, adding an extra day per week of learning support for the children.

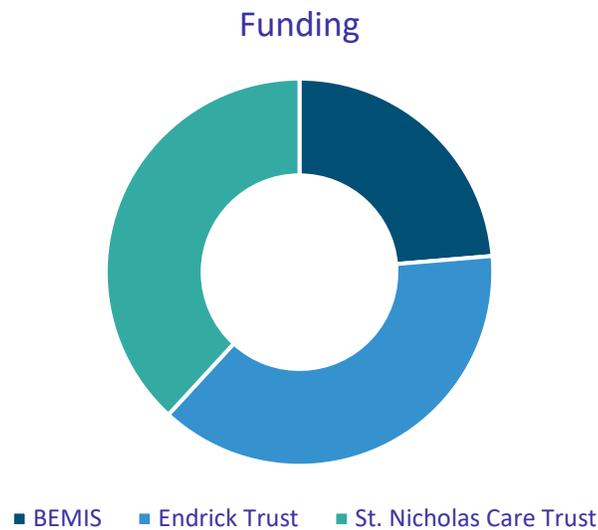
We would not have been able to run our services and create a positive impact within our community without this support and we are eternally grateful for the help we received in getting the Inclusive Homework Club up and running.

2019/2020

We are extremely grateful to our funders BEMIS, The Endrick Trust and the St Nicholas Care Fund and would like to extend our deepest thanks.

This year we received an amazing £3000 from Endrick Trust, £1860 from BEMIS in restricted funds, and £3000 from the Nicholas Care Trust in restricted funds.

This funding from BEMIS will be put towards Zoom Subscription costs and providing parents with digital training so that our service users are able to continue learning safely. The St Nicholas Care Fund will be put towards laptops for the homework club.



Our Supporters

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the many charitable organisations who provided integral assistance in getting the Inclusive Homework Club operational.

Glasgow Council for Voluntary Sector who helped us set up the charity and helped us set up the constitution to refine it and make it all possible.

Volunteer Scotland who helped in creating our new website and advertising for new volunteers.

Scottish Refugee Council who helped in writing up our objectives and the constitution.



Progress

At the start of last year, we had 20 volunteer tutors and were supporting 32 children and young people. We now currently have 50 volunteer tutors supporting 42 pupils with a range of ages and abilities from Primary right through to Secondary School levels.

50

volunteer
tutors

42

young people
supported

Our dedicated volunteer tutors specialise in a variety of subjects in addition to literacy and numeracy support. These include Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Geography.

We are continuously recruiting more volunteers where we can to meet the increasing demand of interest in our services. We are training more volunteer tutors from the University of Glasgow and Strathclyde University so that trainee teachers can gain experience during these difficult times – with existing volunteers acting as mentors.

Promoting the Homework Club

Over the past year we have created a new website, designed a new logo and are continuing to build upon our social media pages to increase our outreach within the community.

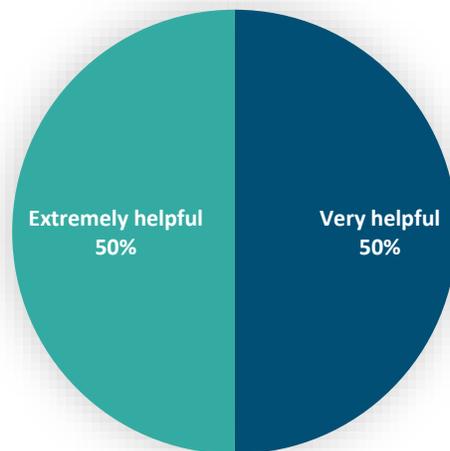
Our Impact

We spoke to our volunteer team and sent out a survey to service users to find out how the Inclusive Homework Club has impacted them.

Parents & Young People

In our annual survey, 100% of respondents said they were very satisfied overall with the Inclusive Homework Club.

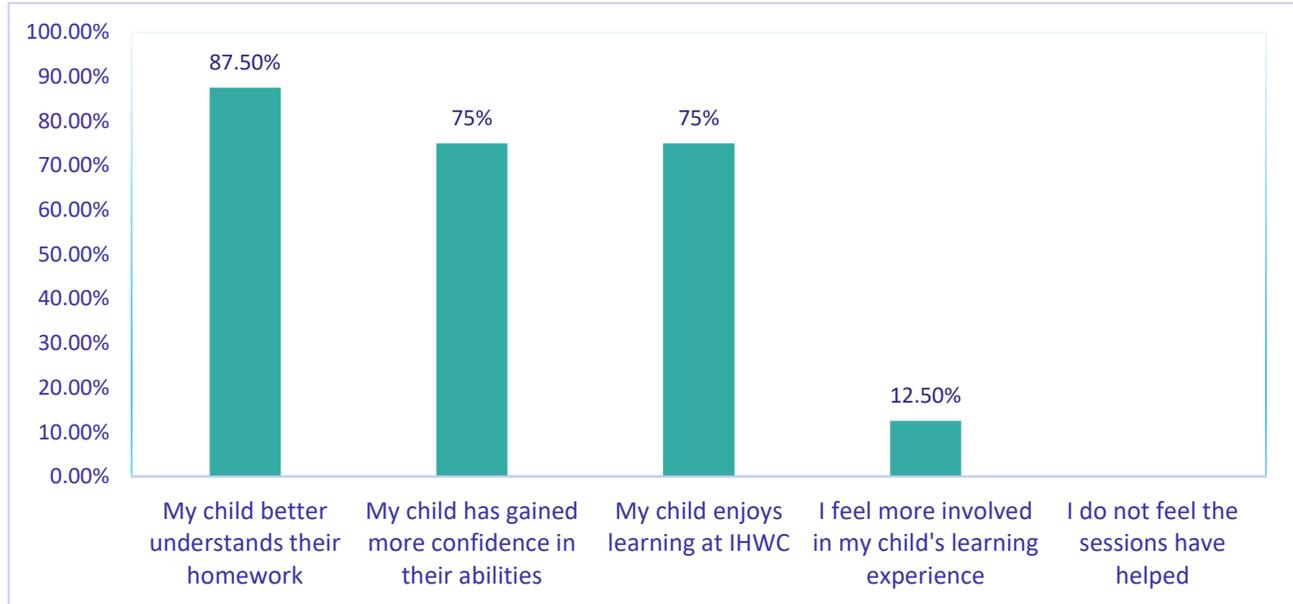
How helpful are the online sessions to your child's understanding of the material?



When asked what we could improve upon, some parents mentioned they would love to see an increase in hours in future for young people to learn and some more 1-to-1 sessions.

As we recruit more volunteer tutors, we are increasingly able to provide 1-to-1s based on young people's individual needs and we are continuously trying to maximise the time and quality of additional learning support young people receive outside of school.

We asked our service users in particularly what ways the Inclusive Homework Club support sessions have helped:



Many of our parents agreed that their child better understands their homework and has gained more confidence in their abilities. We strongly believe in the importance of building confidence and enthusiasm for learning when supporting our young people in their progress.

A few of our parents agreed that they feel more involved in their child’s learning experience and this is something we hope to increase as the Inclusive Homework Club grows.

Feedback:

“I am grateful to the service the IHWC provides.”

“Keep up the good work.”



Feedback from Volunteers

Why do you volunteer for the homework club?

“I volunteer with IHWC because during lockdown I realised I didn’t do enough for my local community and I really wanted to give back. I’ve been tutoring basically all my life, so it felt like a really good way to use my skills to help out.”

“I joined the volunteer homework club to help kids who need extra support during an especially difficult time for schoolwork. I have found it so rewarding being able to help the kids I tutor and watch them learn more and more each week.”

“I know that as a young person I would have loved to get some external help from someone that isn’t a teacher or a parent - not a person who gives a grade or needs to rate in any way, just helps out.”

What do you think you have gained from working for the homework club?

“I think the homework club is really rewarding in terms of seeing what a difference a bit of support or attention in a specific area makes. Young people are such sponges of knowledge and it’s so nice to see it happen in real time.”

“My fellow volunteers are so supporting and helpful and I’m so glad I was given this opportunity.”



The Inclusive Homework Club is a Glasgow-based charity providing vital literacy and numeracy support to young people who require it most.

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