

A message from James and Claire

Today, 13th June 2022, would've been Archie's 25th Birthday.
Archie was lucky enough to be born into a world full of opportunities and where his determination to be the best he could be was fully supported by family, friends, and teachers. Tragically he died aged 18, whilst travelling with friends, long before he had time to live up to the motivational mantras he loved.

The charitable foundation we set up in his memory aims to swing the pendulum of opportunity in favour of those who can show that they want to be the best that they can be, but who lack the support necessary to make it happen.

We work, often with partner charities or other organisations, to recognise talent and commitment and match it with programmes of funding, training, and mentoring, usually in sport, adventure, or the arts. The exact nature of the programme is less important than the lasting impact we and the young person believe it will have on them. Our goal is to ensure that personal circumstances are not a barrier to the fulfillment of potential. We hope that the beneficiaries of his legacy, like Archie, go on to inspire and motivate those around them.





ACE (SEJA)

George Crawley's ACE goes from strength to strength now working with community projects in London as well as all over Brazil. It has stayed close to its Brazilian roots though and has adopted SEJA – Portuguese for "be" as its new identity. teamArchie supports 2 community projects in the Favelas of Rio de Janeiro – Estrelas do Mandela and Playlife – where girls are allowed to be themselves playing sport and sharing cultural identity. Football and tennis are used to break stereotypes and help guide young people through their day to day lives. Like so many of our projects the most important aspect of the activity is that it allows confidence and leadership skills to develop.

Bradford City Girls

It has been a fabulous season for Bradford City Girls with all their age group teams winning either League or Cup titles. 5 girls have graduated to the Bradford 1st team and now play in the FA Women's National League. Not all the girls can of course become professional players so we are delighted that this summer we will be able to fund coaching and referee training for some of the girls after their GCSEs. The girls development programme is a community project and their inspirational chairman, Qasim, a former teamArchie beneficiary. We hope to see him at the Archie Lloyd World Cup at Cheam in September.





Clipper

We are starting a search again shortly for a young sailor to take up a place on the 2023 Clipper Round the World Race. Our first Clipper beneficiary Callum is an incredible role model for the power of this opportunity. After training funded by teamArchie he went transatlantic with Clipper in 2019 having been introduced to sailing by the CatZero charity in Hull. He now works full time for CatZero helping turnaround the lives of others like him who struggle to find a path in life. Still supported by, and supporting, teamArchie; he is working towards his Yachtmaster Offshore qualification and a career as a professional sailor.





First Story

We are so excited to be able to support the First Story residential again this year. 16 promising young writers from First Story's projects all over the country will be meeting up at Lumb Bank, Ted Hughes' former home in Yorkshire, for a week in July to work with professionals and each other on their writing. The online courses over the last 2 years have been a great success but the residential allows everything to be shared from first drafts to after dinner poetry to cooking for themselves and each other. Previous participants have described the freedom of "being able to write with no wrong answers", of not needing to justify feelings or ideas and of being able to listen to and appreciate others' work.

Greenhouse

It has been a difficult year for Greenhouse as the wonderful Greenhouse Centre has been undergoing renovation. Undeterred the table tennis programme continues to support children in the area in alternative venues with astonishing results. 2 teams won their age group competitions at the England Schools Championships with 1 boy selected to play for England. Most important though is the commitment and attitude of the children. When we visited a few weeks ago the enthusiasm was infectious – not surprising when the chief coach, Jason, and 2 of his assistants had all come through the development programme themselves as children. We are thrilled too that we have been able to further support leadership training at Greenhouse. Children from the Youth Council will be joining our amazing Ambassador George Bullard in Shropshire in August for The teamArchie Great Escape - 4 days of confidence building, command tasks and campfires.

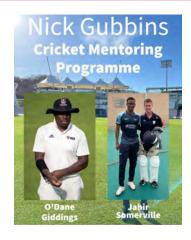




New Adventures

Our emerging artists apprentice Enrique was an absolute star as Cupid in Sir Matthew Bourne's New Adventures recent production of Nutcracker! Now a valued member of the company they will be helping deliver community projects with doorstep performances over the summer. We are now supporting a second apprentice Perreira Franque (Perry). We are hoping we might see both of them in the New Adventures production of Sleeping Beauty over the winter. We have a teamArchie gala performance on 10th January at Sadlers Wells. Thank you to the fabulous Mel Bowker for all her work supporting and mentoring our dancers





Nick Gubbins Cricket

Nick has been mentoring 2 young cricketers from the ACE (African Caribbean Engagement) project - Jahir and O'Dane. Through net sessions, advice, and support with kit and expenses, it has been wonderful to see them grow in confidence both as cricketers and as young men. O'Dane was thrilled to clean bowl Nick in a recent net session! The ultimate goal is to see them achieve their ambition of becoming professional cricketers – their performances on the pitch this season will be crucial. We wish them luck.

Nick has managed to persuade 8 of his Hampshire CC team mates and 3 Bristol Bears rugby players to join us for our golf day at Hockley on 20th June. teamArchie needs your support!

https://www.teamarchie.org/events/nick-gubbins-golf-day

Seenaryo

teamArchie's work with Seenaryo is best illustrated by the experiences of 3 young people. Aya and Ahmad have been taking part in community theatre projects in Jordan with Seenaryo for 3 years. They are from Rusaifeh – a low-income area on the outskirts of Amman where Seenaryo runs a Showbuild in partnership with Haya Community Centre. They have become passionate about theatre but what really stands out is their growing professionalism and maturity. Rather than insisting on taking the biggest and best roles they strive to include and help other, younger participants. Gradually, they have naturally taken on greater leadership roles and the aim is to support them to lead some exercises independently next year. Maybe one day Aya and Ahmad will be running the Showbuild in Rusaifeh themselves just like Seba who was part of Seenaryo's very first Youth Theatre programme. With Seenaryo Seba has trained as a facilitator and in a fantastic teamArchie crossover has been mentored by Paul Smethurst from New Adventures. Seba is now leading the teamArchie Childrens' Theatre programmes in Mafrag as well as establishing her own theatre company 'Art Vision'.



Snowcamp

In April, 2 cohorts of teamArchie's Snowcamp bursary recipients were finally able to travel to Italy to complete their training on real snow on real mountains. For most like Calum, it was their first experience of the Alps or even of being away from home. Calum struggled at school with a difficult homelife and severe dyslexia but from the initial first tracks programme he has been able to watch and feel and gradually listen and learn through skiing. The culmination of the programme in Italy allows the students to shadow instructors and gain their Snowsport England or Scotland qualifications and First Aid and Safeguarding certificates. Calum was awarded most improved skier on the trip and then Scotland Young Person of the Year. He has been able to write a letter of application and as a result has been taken on as an apprentice with Snowcamp Scotland where he will teach others and work towards his BASI instructors qualifications.



Fundraising

We have been enormously grateful this year for support from the following:

The Albert Van den Bergh Charitable Trust
The Bernard Sunley Foundation
The Caram Trust
The Hummingbird Charitable Trust
The Lloyd Family Trust
The Oak Foundation



If you are involved with a grant making charity please do consider us.

We are also once again enjoying meeting our wonderful friends and supporters at our events



Over 100 gathered for a splendid evening at Sadlers Wells in January for Sir Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker! and a chance to see Enrique in action as Cupid and meet Perry and the team supporting them. We are so grateful to Ross Badger and Satis Wealth Management for their support.

Bill Shipton and Bold & Reeves very generously supported our tour of the wonderful gardens at Malverleys in May. We were blessed with fine weather, a fine tea and an incredible host and guide in Mat Reese. Mat, who trained at Great Dixter, has designed and built the garden for the Von Opel family. We all felt so privileged to have this creator's eye view of it.







On 20th June we have a Golf Day in support of Nick Gubbins cricket mentoring programme. Nick has managed to persuade 8 of his Hampshire CC team mates to come and play with us along with 3 Bristol Bears rugby players. We are though confident that with your support (places still available) teamArchie can beat the lot of them at golf (although maybe not at the barbecue lunch afterwards!)

On 3rd September we are very much looking forward to the renewal of the Archie Lloyd World Cup at Cheam. We are looking for 16 teams to battle it out - usual rules: 6 a side, to include one over 40 and one female. There will be a hog roast and Cheam are very kindly hosting a drinks reception after the final.

Please do support our events or if you would like to take on a challenge in aid of teamArchie but need some support yourself - do get in touch - we're here to help info@teamarchie.org