

# SHACKLETON FOUNDATION Newsletter

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Inspired by the leadership of 20th century polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, The Shackleton Foundation provides seed funding to social entrepreneurs wishing to make a difference to the lives of disadvantaged young people in the UK.

**Our seventh newsletter showcases our charitable work in 2015**

## CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

# 100 years on, our thoughts return to Antarctica

*Hello again to old friends, and welcome to new supporters*

We learned on Sunday 24 January the shocking news that former Trustee and Shackleton Foundation Ambassador Henry Worsley had died in Chile having been airlifted off Antarctica thirty six hours earlier. Henry and I met at prep school and without his contribution, and that of his wife Joanna, who was our Administrator until last year, the Shackleton Foundation might never have got off the ground.

Inspired by his lifelong hero Sir Ernest Shackleton, Henry set off on 13 November, passed the South Pole on 3 January, and after 71 days was within 30 miles of completing an unassisted and unsupported crossing of Antarctica – a feat never before achieved by man. But it wasn't to be and so on behalf of the charity, the Ambassadors, Trustees and Leaders we send our love and condolences to Joanna, Max and Alicia. We will never forget the contribution that Henry made to the Foundation.

A hundred years ago this Easter weekend, 20 months after leaving London, Sir Ernest Shackleton, Frank Worsley and four crew, set off in one of the 22 foot lifeboats, the James Caird, rescued when the Endurance was crushed in the Antarctic ice, to sail the 800 miles to South Georgia to get help. With just a compass to guide them they arrived on South Georgia, having survived 40 foot waves and atrocious weather, 16 days later on 10 May. After three false starts, Shackleton safely rescued all his men on 30 August 1916.



Lieutenant Colonel Henry Worsley MBE  
(4 Oct 1960 – 24 Jan 2016)

The Shackleton Foundation seeks social entrepreneurs in Sir Ernest's mould and in 2015 we gave £10,000 each to seven remarkable individuals whose stories you can read on pages two and three.

Finally, we would be very grateful for your help and support in forwarding our newsletter to friends and family and sending us the email addresses of all those who you think might like to receive next year's edition. Also, if you know of anyone who might be kind enough to donate to our cause, or anyone who might be a suitable Shackleton Leader then please email me at [chairman@shackletonfoundation.org](mailto:chairman@shackletonfoundation.org)

*Thank you*

*Bill*

Bill Shipton, Chairman



NEW LEADERS



From Left: Jacqueline Williamson, Jasper Kain, Stacy Bradley, Rich Grahame, Luke Rogers

**Jacqueline Williamson**

Jacqueline Williamson is the Founder and Chief Executive of Kinship Care Northern Ireland – an award winning charity which supports children who cannot be cared for by their own parents to live safely and securely within their own families and communities.

The organisation has achieved considerable success building the confidence and resilience of some of the most disadvantaged children and young people – working with around 340 children and young people each year.

Jacqueline has a special interest in supporting children without parental care having grown up in the care system. The Shackleton Leadership Award is supporting Jacqueline to set up a “School of Confidence” so she can extend the reach of her work to include children who haven’t had the easiest start to their lives in other parts of Northern Ireland.

[www.schoolofconfidence.co.uk](http://www.schoolofconfidence.co.uk)

**Jasper Kain**

Jasper Kain founded Football Beyond Borders with a group of friends at the University of London. Having played for Chelsea and Gillingham youth, he had aspirations like so many other teenagers of becoming a professional footballer. He was released at the age of 16 but five years later decided to set up the organisation to harness the educational power of the game to transform the lives of young people.

An initial pilot project at a school in South London had some notable successes in its first year, with attendance going up from 86% to 95%, an 82% drop in the number of participants on school report and 100% of participants stating that they felt more confident about their futures. This was reflected in him being shortlisted for the Daily Mirror’s Pride of Britain Awards in 2015.

The Shackleton Leadership Award will enable him to roll the programme out to more schools in London, develop a team

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to assist with the delivery of the sessions and enhance the football based learning curriculum to ensure a lasting impact.

[www.footballbeyondborders.org](http://www.footballbeyondborders.org)

**Stacy Bradley**

The Smile Organisation is a social enterprise founded by Stacy Bradley. Stacy is a Prince’s Trust National success story who has overcome substantial barriers to transform her life and lives of hundreds of other young people.

The Smile Organisation works with unemployed 16-30 year olds across Norfolk to improve their employability skills, increase motivation and assist in securing relevant training and job opportunities.

Smile has an emphasis, yet is not limited to, supporting offenders, ex-offenders and those at risk of (re) offending and delivers a service to offenders in custody pending their upcoming release. Smile understands that sustained employment is a key to leading a crime-free life.

The Shackleton Leadership Award will enable the Smile Organisation to launch an Employers Campaign to raise awareness of social enterprise, Corporate Social Responsibility and to inspire employers to give young people work experience, jobs and training. The Award will also allow for a funding pot to be available, enabling young people to access emergency financial support which would otherwise jeopardise their chances of securing work.

[www.smileorganisation.co.uk](http://www.smileorganisation.co.uk)

**Luke Rogers**

Foster Focus is the triple award winning social enterprise that creates youth participation strategies for children’s services. Our mission is to provide young people who have experienced care a platform to share their experiences, views and voices about how children’s services can be shaped and work better to improve the life chances of children in care and those leaving care. We value young people’s opinions and wishes and

empower young people to achieve beyond their expectations.

The Shackleton Leadership Award will be used to create a number of inspirational videos that highlight and raise awareness around the subject of care leavers and children in care. The vision is to create media that is aimed at raising aspirations through sharing stories of successful care leavers, providing children who have experienced care a real life example of achievement and role models that they can aspire to.

[www.fosterfocus.co.uk](http://www.fosterfocus.co.uk)

**Rich Grahame**

Rich is the Co-Founder and Chief Executive of Settle – a social enterprise that supports vulnerable young people moving into their first home. The transition from homelessness to independence is precarious. If it doesn’t go smoothly, the impact on a young person’s life can be disastrous. Eviction is now the leading cause of homelessness in the UK as young people are leaving hostels to find themselves unable to manage their money, health and home. Without anyone to turn to for help, a small issue can quickly snowball and have dire consequences.

Settle was started by Rich Grahame and Katie Slee in 2014 after working in homeless hostels and seeing the problem first-hand. Settle intervenes at this crucial juncture in a young person’s life by equipping them with the practical skills they need to live independently.

After a successful pilot in March 2015, the Shackleton Leadership Award will enable Rich and Katie to refine and deliver the programme to 65 vulnerable young people across three London boroughs in 2015-16. This will lay the foundations of a sustainable organisation that can grow to reach more young people who are making the difficult transition to living on their own.

[www.wearesettle.org](http://www.wearesettle.org)



NEW LEADERS CONTINUED....

Sarah Wallbank

Yes Futures is an education charity run by Sarah Wallbank. As a qualified teacher with over ten years' experience in youth engagement, Sarah is passionate about the power of extra-curricular activities in boosting the confidence, resilience and life skills of young people.

The Yes Futures Programme is designed to empower young people to achieve new successes in a range of unfamiliar environments, developing their skills and ultimately increasing their access to fulfilling future lives. We work with disadvantaged young people, who have been identified by their schools or youth groups. The fully-trained Yes Futures Coaches support and motivate our participants through a developmental journey of immersive, challenging experiences and integrated Career Coaching.

After a successful pilot in 2014, the Shackleton Leadership Award is enabling Sarah to work full-time on the official launch of Yes Futures Programme and develop a strong team to support its delivery.

[www.yesfutures.org](http://www.yesfutures.org)

Robin Chu

Robin Chu is the Founder of CoachBright, which helps disadvantaged children win places at top universities through performance coaching.

CoachBright matches a current pupil with a professionally-trained university student or graduate coach. Through a self-directed, values driven, coaching approach they help pupils improve their grades, confidence and daily expectations so they can become independent and resilient learners. Their vision is that each pupil, regardless of background, can fulfil their potential and lead the lives they want.

Robin is going to put the Shackleton Leadership Award towards funding three school-based programmes so CoachBright can successfully coach 60 school pupils helping refine and finesse the programme so they can impact on many more pupils in future years to come.

[www.coachbright.org](http://www.coachbright.org)



Sarah Wallbank



Robin Chu

Shackleton Leaders' Forum

After eight years and with a cohort of 28 Leaders, the charity created the Shackleton Leaders' Forum in 2015. The purpose of these twice-yearly events is to facilitate and support learning between Leaders through inviting speakers on specific topics, as well as encouraging discussion and debate, through shared experiences.

The first Shackleton Leaders' Forum was held in London in June at which the speakers from the Charities Aid Foundation addressed fundraising and social investment. The second was held in January 2016 at which new Trustee Plum Lomax gave an inspiring talk about impact reports and measuring effectiveness which prompted a lively discussion.



Spark Inside  
HMP Brixton

Spark Inside is a fast-growing young charity using professional life coaching to facilitate a more productive, fulfilling and rehabilitative culture throughout the criminal justice system. The organisation's flagship programme is called the Hero's Journey which increases young people's understanding and awareness of change so they can navigate their futures with greater success. Spark Inside was a recipient of a Shackleton Award in 2012.

In December 2015, Spark Inside hosted a luncheon at The Clink Restaurant, inside HMP Brixton, a training restaurant that gives practical skills to prisoners to support their rehabilitation. The event gathered stakeholders across political, business, charity, government and justice sectors, and showcased Spark Inside's work.



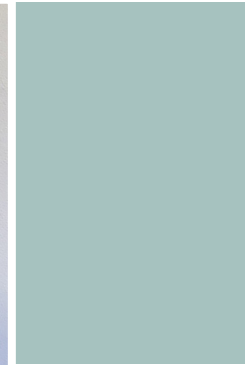


# Changes at the Shackleton Foundation

It was with sadness that the charity said goodbye and thank you to founding Trustee Matthew Beardmore-Gray at the end of 2015.

At the same time we were delighted to announce that former Trustees Dave Cornell and Tim Fright had agreed to become Ambassadors.

In 2015 the Trustees were joined by Mark Gwynne (from Polygon Investment Partners) and Plum Lomax (from New Philanthropy Capital) who between them bring huge financial and philanthropic experience to the team.



## About The Foundation

Sir Ernest Shackleton is well-known as one of the most inspirational leaders of the last century. While he never achieved his personal dream of being the first to reach the South Pole, his reputation as leader of men is based on a still greater success: the survival and safe return of all his team members, while overcoming almost unimaginable odds. Shackleton's name lives on as a beacon for courage, bravery and, most of all, leadership.

Shackleton's era of heroic explorations has passed. However, The Shackleton Foundation believes that many challenges still exist where the rallying power and indomitable spirit of Shackleton are needed. We believe that strong leaders can provide inspiration to those around them, and we wish to support these people. The Shackleton Foundation seeks to help disadvantaged and socially

marginalised young people. It does this by providing seed-funding to social entrepreneurs who exemplify the spirit of Shackleton: inspirational leaders with fresh and innovative ideas striving to make a significant difference to the lives of disadvantaged young people.

Each grant recipient is reviewed by the Trustees to ensure that their inspirational projects really will make a significant difference. Founded by descendants of Shackleton's 1907-9 Nimrod Expedition, the Shackleton Foundation was established in 2007 to celebrate the legacy of the great man in a 21st-century context. To date the Foundation had made 28 Leadership Awards of up to £10,000. We are now in the midst of the centenary anniversary of Shackleton's incredible Antarctic survival journey, the Endurance expedition.



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