



December 2011

March 2011 marked the 5th anniversary of Frank's death. It is amazing how quickly time passes. We discussed forming a Trust in Frank's name later that year, and established it in 2007. It is wonderful for Frank's memory, for us and for hundreds of young people in East London that the Frank Haines Memorial Trust is still going strong, over four years later. This achievement has been possible thanks to the generous donations that have been made, both directly to the Trust and indirectly, via sponsorship of runners, cyclists and walkers over the last few years.

All of these donations of time and money make a huge difference to the lives of the young people being supported by our six supported charities. As a number of the charity representatives have mentioned to us, the August 2011 riots were a graphic reminder of how boredom and lack of safe, sociable after-school activities can quickly lead teenagers towards more dangerous and anti-social alternatives. The goal of the Trust – to support deprived young people in East London – is becoming more urgent than ever.

Your Support

Some exciting new fund-raising events took place during 2011. In March this year, the Trustees organised a second sponsored bicycle ride, this time in Essex. 45 cyclists took part, riding either 35 or 55 miles, to raise money for the trust, which they did very successfully – £8,000 was raised in total. Many thanks are due to the Tower Hamlets Wheelers, who volunteered to arrange the entire ride, including organising routes and providing enthusiastic navigators to ride with the cyclists.



Rather more gruellingly, Rob Haines (a Trustee) organised the inaugural Where Eagles Dare triathlon, with his friend Tom O'Brien, who was also looking to stage an event to raise money for another charity, Ty Gobaith Hope House for terminally ill children. The event started with a 1km swim in the freezing Irish Sea off Holy Island, North Wales, followed by a 55km

cycle through the foothills of Mount Snowden, and then a 15km run up Snowden and back. 25 people took part, raising a fantastic £5,200 for the Frank Haines Memorial Trust. This was an outstanding achievement on Rob's part, especially given the arduous nature of the tasks (the other Trustees would love to join Rob next year, but unfortunately we're all fully booked).

Slightly more leisurely was the annual Frankstock festival, which took place in Dorset again. The organisers write:

Frankstock was another massive success thanks to the generosity and hard work of the Barbour family and all the musicians and helpers that put so much time into making the evening possible. We had 12 bands this year and the quality of music was superb, as ever. We raised £1,000 for the FHMT. Thanks again to Lavinia, Robin and Alex and an extra enormous thank you to Henry who pulled together his fantastic friends and crew (Sudjee in from the Falkland's!) to make Frankstock 2011 an incredible and memorable weekend. Thank you to everyone- musicians and others behind the scenes - Simon and Tom



Rosie Wesemann, Harry Davies and Tom Worsley (Organisers)

The Trustees are also grateful for further donations of £3,185. We would also like to say a special ‘thank you’ to Kerrin Isaacs, who volunteered to support the trust through helping us manage our charity relationships. Kerrin has been especially helpful in keeping up to date on the activities of Urban Youth.

The Charities

Over 2011, the Frank Haines Memorial Trust has supported the following charitable projects:

- **Toynbee Hall Aspire Programme - £20,000.** The Aspire programme arranges trips for children who are marginalised or excluded from the education system. Its aim is to build up their self-esteem, and to give them experiences of teamwork and exciting activities such as sailing, that they would never ordinarily access in London. This year, 44 children went on residential trips to Jamie’s Farm, to learn about the outdoors and animal welfare. 80 children took part in Aspire events overall.
- **SPLASH - £20,050.** The Trust’s funding enables SPLASH to keep a leisure centre open during an additional evening, once a week, providing a crucial recreational, safe space for young people to socialise and engage in healthy activities.
- **Urban Youth - £7,200.** Urban Youth works with isolated and deprived teenagers, offering youth work to build their confidence, offer confidential counselling and education on drugs, sexual health and nutrition. The Trust’s funds pay for Urban Youth’s annual rent.
- **Newark Youth - £5,000.** Newark Youth offers after-school activities, such as football, and safe social spaces for children between the ages of 8-12.



- **Bangladesh Football Association - £4,500.** The Frank Haines Trust's money has been supporting the Bangladesh Football Association's 'estate football' programme, in which trained coaches organise football in courts and pitches within housing estates in Tower Hamlets. This way, younger children don't need to travel to play football.
- **Oxford House - £5,000.** This supported a very successful Somali Week Festival in October, and continues to try to find jobs for members of the Somali Community. Four Somalis had been offered parts in a Tom Hanks film! The Trust pays for the rent for one office in Oxford House's building.

Unfortunately, as time passes since Frank's death, it is inevitable that our fund-raising capacity is declining. This year, the Trustees faced the difficult decision of how to cut funding for 2012, so as to extend the lifespan of the Trust overall. Unfortunately the Bangladesh Football Association will no longer be funded from April of next year, while our support for Urban Youth will be cut by 50%.

We will be in touch with further activities, announcements and fundraising events over the course of 2012. Another sponsored bike ride is anticipated for the spring, currently being planned to take place in Norfolk, and Frankstock will hopefully take place as usual. Trustee Will Davies is planning to run the Connemarathon again, and will be recruiting runners in the New Year! If you'd like to contact us about anything at all to do with the Trust, or would like to run, walk, swim or cycle (or anything else) for us, please don't hesitate to email frankhainestrust@googlegroups.com. In the meantime, thanks again for all your support, and from all the Trustees, have a great 2012

Elizabeth Haines, Richard Haines, Rosie Haines, Rob Haines, Nicholas Carlton, Will Davies, Marie McCartney
The Trustees