

# *The Kestrelman Trust*



## **KT Trustees Report 2018/19**

### **Achievements and performance**

In the year ending August 2019, the Trust committed grants of £466,000, around 12% more than the year before. Over half of these were made to environmental causes, a third under the social inclusion category and the rest mainly to relief for refugees and those in need, with a small amount to education and arts.

Most of the 31 different organisations given to this year were previous beneficiaries of the Trust. The average amount granted to the nine new beneficiaries was under half of those given to organisations supported in previous years. Four-fifths of the total granted went to 'strategic' causes with the rest to 'sticking plaster' areas.

Previous beneficiaries granted to again this year include Client Earth, John Muir Trust, Global Justice Now, Global Witness, Trade Justice Movement, Crisis, Temwa, St. Mungo's, The Climate Coalition, City of Sanctuary, Medicine Sans Frontieres, Network for Social Change, Trailblazers and Warsaw-based Otwarta Rzeczpospolita.

Some examples of new initiatives supported in 2018/19 are as follows.

Feedback Global – a charity focussing on food waste and the impact that current food production methods (deforestation, draining freshwater reserves and exhausting soils) are having on our planet. Their vision is for a more sustainable 'circular' food system whereby less is produced and wasted and what is left is put to better use. Other beneficiaries under the environmental theme were Hope for the Future which trains constituents in more effective lobbying on climate change, London Wildlife Trust's London Wildlife Festival, the Scottish Wildlife Trust, the RSPB's recent work in the North Kent marshes, independent think tank E3G and the WWF's work in creating an experimental seagrass meadow (as an effective absorber of carbon) off the Welsh coast.

Under the 'relief for those in need' category this year was Asylum Matters "Lift the Ban", a campaign for the UK Government to grant asylum seekers the right to work. Related but also within the social inclusion and arts space, was The Irene Taylor Trust's Lullaby Project, whose aim is to inspire positive change in ex-offenders and marginalised refugees through the creation of music.

### **Plans for future years**

The Trustees will continue making grants with a focus on climate change and the environment.