



The **March Foundation** exists to help children with **special education needs** to reach their full potential and to achieve their own **personal visions and goals**.

The **challenges** facing children with special education needs in our mainstream schools are really very serious. For far too many of these children, the barriers standing in the way of the right education and support are significant. Even with the best will in the world, the time and energy required to give them the amount and quality of attention they need can be very difficult - for schools and parents alike.

The March Foundation's **core philosophy**, however, is not to focus on the problems and perceived shortcomings of these children. Our activities are designed to draw out the **positives** within each child - **their aptitudes, talents, interests, ambitions and goals**. To give them a chance to discover these for themselves; to develop the confidence to articulate them; and to have them positively welcomed and affirmed.

The Foundation's main activity is the provision of **Sponsored Projects**. These are out-of-school residential projects held over 3 days. Our innovative work helps teachers, children and parents to work together towards achieving quantifiable goals. The results can be **astonishing and immediate**.

We also work to ensure that these positive outcomes are picked up by teachers and parents and used to the benefit of the children's academic and career development on an ongoing basis. *More information on our Projects can be found in the next section.*

We feel that we have a particular contribution to make to **mainstream schools** that are *including* children with learning difficulties in normal classes. Mainstream schools especially find that it helps to take particular children away from their classes from time to time so that they can show their abilities and aptitudes without competition and distraction from the brighter children. In response to the current desperate need, the Foundation is currently focusing on the **inner-city** mainstream schools with the highest proportion of children with special needs. Although other schools continue to be supported.

Parents and teachers have found that our **innovative** offsite Projects help them to see their own children in a more **positive light**. And most importantly the children themselves consistently recognise the value of the opportunities they are given and the changes that they experience in their **confidence**, and in their ability to **integrate** and see other points of view, as well as to **articulate** their own needs in a clear and **responsible** way.

*"They pulled together as a team...
It's just been truly amazing..."*

Michelle Ferrara, teacher,
Plumstead Manor School, Greenwich

"...Their confidence is sky high!"

Alison Gunn, teacher,
Court Moor School, Fleet, Hampshire

*"It was really good for the children
to be out there and taking the lead...
That really made them shine..."*

Kemi Ellis, teacher,
Hackney Free & Parochial School



"The remarkable thing about the March Foundation projects is that they really do work. It isn't just the parents who say so, it isn't just the teachers who say so, it's the children themselves..."

..The proof of the pudding."

Joanna Trollope, March Foundation President

All quotes in this pack are taken from the video **Proof of the Pudding** which can be viewed at www.marchfoundation.co.uk



MARCH FOUNDATION

...Changing Lives

Helping children with special educational needs to reach their full potential and achieve their own personal visions

Key Personnel and Officers

President: **Joanna Trollope OBE MA (Oxon)** - Best-selling Author and former Teacher.

Vice Presidents: **M H Cave Esq** - Prominent in the investment management world. Involved with many charities.

P G Glossop Esq - Distinguished career in the City. Charitable involvement includes Chairmanship of large hospice and trusteeship of major Grant Giving trust.

J G E Monson Esq MA Hons - Extensive commercial and management experience in Banking and Investment Management. Investment adviser to leading universities.

Major General D Rutherford-Jones - Former Commandant of Sandhurst. Lecturer on Team Building.

Sir Blair Stewart-Wilson KCVO - Involvement with a number of national charities.

Trustees **Colonel A Blowers OBE** - Ran his own insurance company. Former Army Cadet Force Commandant.

(Projects) **Mrs R C Glossop** - Long-term involvement with a number of charities and a Primary School.

Mrs G Graham MA - Advanced diploma in Special Education. Experienced teacher of children with learning difficulties.

Trustees (Education) **R C Glossop Esq** - Extensive management experience with three national charities. Former Chairman of Governors of a Secondary Special School.

C M House Esq - Head Teacher at Secondary Special School. Commercial experience. Trustee of Specialist Residential Centre.

Mrs B A Stevens MA BEd (Hons) - Head Teacher of a large, highly rated secondary mainstream school in Hampshire. Wide experience of Personalised Learning provisions at all levels.

Trustees **Mrs P Ansdell MA (Oxon)** - Practicing Barrister. Considerable experience with children's charities.

(Fund Raising) **Mrs J Atherton** - Managerial experience. Successful career in communication industry

Mrs S W Esdaile BSc Hons PGCE - Teaching experience including children with learning difficulties.

R A Pyman Esq MA MBA - Merchant Banker. Founding Trustee of musical charity for the blind.

D Wiggan Esq - Distinguished career in the army. Now runs his own successful business in the City of London.

Trustees: **Mrs C Arkwright** - Experienced teacher of children with dyslexia.

Mrs R Baker Wilbraham MA Hons - Trained teacher of English as a foreign language.

Rt Hon D Cameron Esq MP - March Foundation Parliamentary Trustee

P Crump Esq - Prominent and successful local businessman, living in Minehead.

D Dimmack Esq Cert. Ed. - Wide experience of co-ordinating off-site educational visits.

R M Hudson Esq BA PGCE - Qualified lawyer, extensive teaching experience in public & private sectors.

Mrs L H Meynell BSc Hons PGCE - Taught children with severe learning, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Patrons: **Clare Balding** - TV and Radio Broadcaster.

John Humphreys - Broadcaster and Journalist.

The Lady Rose Monson - Professional and voluntary involvement with a number of charities.

Sir Frank Williams CBE - Formula 1 Team Proprietor.

The Marquess of Zetland - Chairman of Grant-Giving Trust for students in music and art. Extensive management experience.

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