

MISCELLANEOUS FUND

Trustees have established the Miscellaneous Fund in order to support projects and organisations which fall outside the remit of the thematic programmes described above. Some of the organisations currently funded through the Miscellaneous Fund have created innovative projects for children; others are theatre companies or film projects. One helps homeless people. The Fund is not intended to have a focus other than that of charitable public benefit.

Based in Newham in east London, **Anchor House** is a residential and life skills centre for single homeless people. It supports around 220 homeless and vulnerable people a year to turn their lives around by addressing the root causes of their issues through training, education and personal rehabilitation. In April 2012 residents of Anchor House sang at a gala concert at Sadler's Wells, accompanied by the National Symphony Orchestra, to raise funds for the centre's Home and Hope Appeal. The appeal aims to raise funds to modernise Anchor House's premises including refurbished accommodation and training facilities, and build 25 new 'move-on' studio flats to help residents as they move back towards independent living.

Established in 1996, **Kids Company** is a UK registered charity providing practical, emotional and educational support to vulnerable inner-city children and young people in London. It currently supports over 36,000 children through 38 schools-based programmes and two street-level centres. A 2012 independent evaluation of young people who self-referred to Kids Company found that they had made significant progress since their referrals, with reading ages having, on average, gone up by two years. Of a cohort of 220 young people from Kids Company's Urban Academy, 76 are now at university, studying medicine, nursing, business, art, accounting, and other subjects.

Sistema Scotland's vision is to transform children's lives and empower marginalised communities by involving children in making music within the structure of a symphony orchestra. Sistema is the first organisation in the UK to use this method, but its success has been proved over more than three decades by El Sistema in Venezuela, where it has operated for the last 33 years. In August 2012, Sistema held a gala concert in conjunction with the Simon Bolivar Symphony Orchestra, who travelled to Stirling from Venezuela with their conductor Gustavo Dudamel, himself a product of the original El Sistema programme. The concert, featuring the Simon Bolivar Orchestra and the children of Sistema Scotland, was televised on BBC4. Sistema have also recently announced the opening of their second centre in Govanhill, Glasgow, which will begin operating in April 2013.

Right: A participant in Sistema Scotland's 'Big Concert' in Stirling in June 2012, during which the children of the Sistema programme performed with Gustavo Dudamel and the Simon Bolivar Symphony Orchestra. Dudamel, now a distinguished conductor, was himself a product of the original El Sistema programme in Venezuela.

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