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Dear Colleagues,

We've Re-booted and Raised

Our first virtual fundraiser 'Re-boot and Raise' came to a close on Monday. Thirty-eight members of staff, trustees, members, commercial partners and supporters took part and have so far covered 3,310.5 miles and raised an enormous £5,630 towards our Grants for Schools programme. The final updates and posts are still coming in and the sponsorship promises from friends and family who "don't do online donations" are being chased up. So a final grand total along with news on who has won prizes will be announced shortly. Well done all of you.



Doubling Donations with the Big Give Green Match Fund

We are excited to join the Big Give Green Match Fund this April. Everyone who makes a donation can double their money and double their impact. By donating through our Big Give portal between the 22nd April and the 29th April the Big Give will match your money. The fundraising team will be sharing a media pack for centres and staff to share on social media and encourage friends and family to take part.

We have pledged to raise £5,000 with the Big Give this April, and every penny of this will be match funded, meaning we can double our money, and receive £10,000 during this week. We would love you to help us hit our target so if you have any warm leads, please do contact Gemma Edmonds or David Plant



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group

Last Thursday the EDI working group had their first in-person meeting at Preston Montford. I was very pleased to hear the feedback that it was with a very productive and enjoyable day.

Using the DMAIC framework (Define, Measure, Analyse, Improve, Control) the group were able to guide discussions and effectively consider their role and aims. The existing long list of 48 goals was prioritised into 4 workable projects which has allowed them to come away with a clear direction and refreshed drive for the near future. I will keep you updated on these.

The day also included a brilliant talk from Chris Binks, from [Anyone Can](#), on making fieldwork and outdoor activities inclusive for all. This very much aligned with one of the 4 projects: assessing the current accessibility of our education delivery and tailoring programmes to meet the needs of a diverse customer base.

I'd like to thank Helen Greatorex and Gus Goodwin for arranging, what was, a very well organised and productive day, creating a safe space for open discussions and a variety of activities to clarify what the group set out to achieve. They hope to arrange more in-person meetings in future.

Special Mention

Due to a fault with the Networkx recruitment system some vital functions were causing trouble last week for the Regional Senior Tutor recruitment drive. Janette Ford from HR went above and beyond to support behind the scenes, finding solutions and creating work arounds for managers. Janette's help and positive attitude made a stressful situation easier to navigate, so a big thank you to her for all her help.

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Three new Casual Hospitality and Catering Assistants have joined us this week: Sarah Bowden at Castle Head, Alice Williams at Slapton and Poppy Stevenson at Millport.
Chris Rowlands has joined the team at Preston Montford as Hire a Canoe Team Leader.

Previous catch ups can be [found here](#).

Best regards

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