

 **TDS** Annual
Charitable Foundation

Review

2016 – 2017



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Charitable Foundation

The TDS Charitable Foundation exists to raise the standards in the private rented sector. This is achieved by providing education and information to tenants, landlords and agents directly and through grants to other organisations.

The Foundation looks to support projects which focus on:

- Promoting knowledge of landlords' obligations
- Promoting knowledge of tenants' rights and responsibilities

All applications received are renewed by the Board of Trustees. Three Trustees are appointed by the Tenancy Deposit Scheme and the remaining trustees are appointed by the Board as Independent Trustees. The maximum size of the Board is nine Trustees and they are appointed on three year terms of office.

The Trustees who currently make up the board are:



Steve Harriott

Steve is the Chief Executive of The Dispute Service, the UK's only not for profit provider of tenancy deposit protection.

He has worked as chief executive of three housing associations, and is currently chair of the Waterways Ombudsman Committee.



Colum McGuire

Colum is a Third Sector Campaigns & Policy Specialist.

For two years he served as the Vice President (Welfare) at the National Union of Students covering housing, health, transport, finance and faith.



Professor Martin Partington CBE, QC Chair

Martin has been Chair of The Dispute Service since May 2010.

A leading authority in housing law, Martin worked as a Law Commissioner for England and Wales until 2008 and is an Emeritus Professor at Bristol University.



Martin Blakey


Martin Blakey has worked in student accommodation for over 20 years. As Chief Executive of the student housing charity Unipol, Martin has helped develop a portfolio housing 3,000 students in Leeds, provides services to around 15 HEIs, accredits just over 220,000 bed spaces and operates the main training programme for those involved in student accommodation.



Peter Bolton King

Based at RICS headquarters at Parliament Square, Peter oversees the institution's global residential standards and professional groups.

A regular media commentator, he joined RICS in 2012 and is a well-known and highly respected figure throughout the property industry.




David Cox

David Cox joined the Association of Residential Letting Agents (ARLA) as Chief Executive in June 2014. He has a strong policy and stakeholder engagement background, having held senior policy roles at the National Landlords Association (NLA) and the International Union of Property Owners (UIPI). A trained barrister, David has also acted as Parliamentary Advisor to a well-known backbench MP.



Sheila Manchester

Sheila is Joint Managing Director and Editorial Director at Propertydrum Ltd., publisher of Propertydrum and The Negotiator magazines. Her property career spans 20 years, initially within a lettings group, then publishing magazines for ARLA, NAEA, ICBA and NAVA for many years before launching Propertydrum in 2009.



Alison MacDougall

Alison is Director of Dispute Operations at The Tenancy Deposit Scheme. She has been involved in dispute resolution for over 12 years, including senior positions at the Police Complaints Authority and the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education. Alison joined TDS in 2007 as an adjudicator and is now responsible for the operational management of the dispute resolution team.

Summary of Accounts

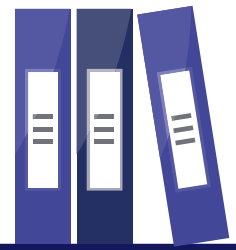
Financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2017.

Incoming Resources	Unrestricted funds £	Total year ended 31st March 2017 £
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income	150,314	150,314
Interest	1,240	1,240
Total Incoming Resources	151,554	151,554
Resources Expended		
Charitable activities	(69,931)	(69,931)
Support costs	(2,503)	(2,503)
Total Resources Expended	(72,434)	(72,434)
Net Movement in funds	79,120	79,120
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	354,932	354,932
Total funds carried forward	434,052	434,052

Projects

completed

in 2016-2017



A spotlight on projects previously funded by the TDS Charitable Foundation

This is a flavour of some of the projects which have been completed with the financial support of the TDS Charitable Foundation in the past year.

Young Enterprise and Personal Finance Education Group (pfeg)

pfeg is part of **Young Enterprise**, and together they are the UK's leading charity that empowers young people to harness their personal and business skills, developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need for work and in life.

Their project received funding to create a new financial education teaching resource to help young people aged 14-19 understand housing and accommodation options relevant to their life stage and situation.

The guide was designed to “deconstruct the often confusing world of housing options for young people and provide teachers with a range of practical activities that encourage students to work through the choices involved in choosing a financially suitable housing option, based on their personal circumstances.”

The resource sits on the pfeg website, where it is free to download and to order as a hard copy.

www.pfeg.org/resources/details/practical-guide-housing



A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO HOUSING
THROUGH FINANCIAL EDUCATION



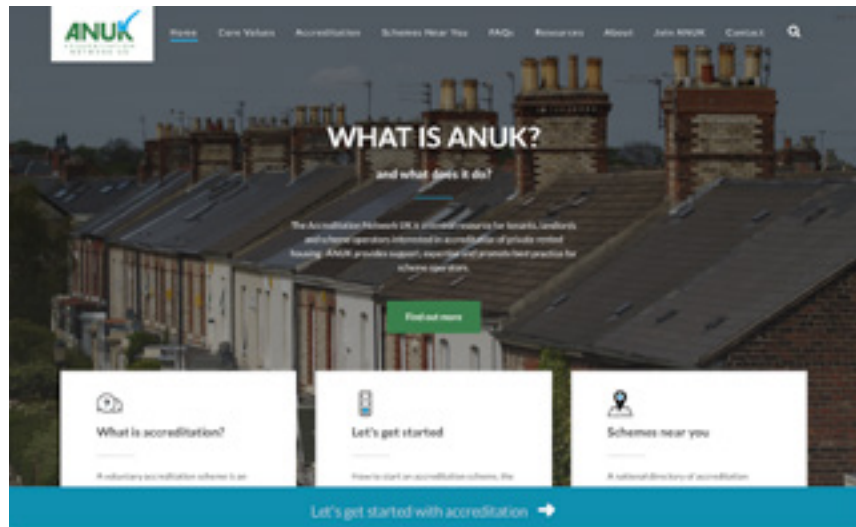
ANUK

ANUK is a network of professionals and organisations which promotes and assists the development of accreditation of housing and management standards within the private rented housing sector.

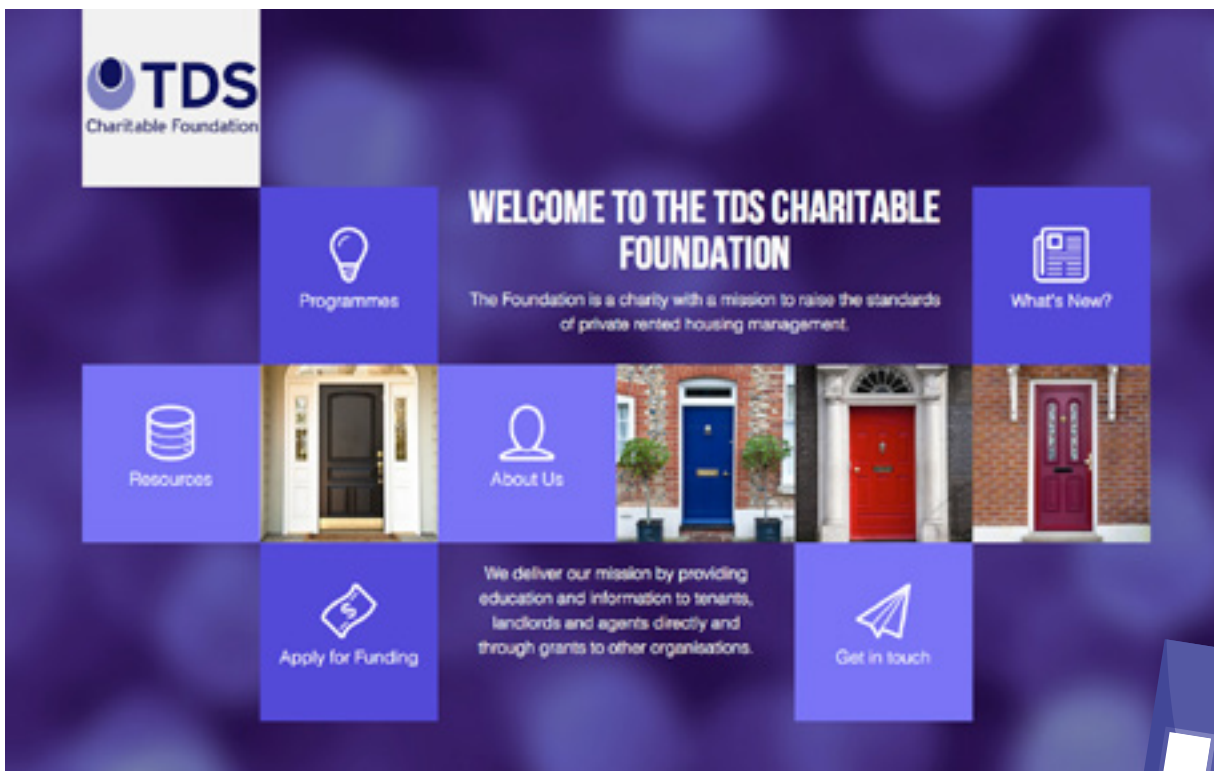
The TDS Charitable Foundation awarded a grant of £10,112 towards the development of a new website for ANUK. The website is aimed at educating both providers of accommodation and students of the benefits and fundamentals of accreditation.

The website is accessible to all and provides details of accreditation schemes around the country as well as access to a vast number of resources.

www.anuk.org.uk



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We have many more examples of the projects we have funded on our website, www.tdsfoundation.org.uk

What has the TDS Charitable Foundation funded this year?

During 2016–2017, the TDS Charitable Foundation has provided 7 grants totalling just under **£80,000**.



Open Doors Housing

£8,520

Recording a series of short clips explaining tenant and landlord responsibilities for students.

Enfield Citizen Advice Bureau

£1,500

Launching an innovative new partnership between landlords, statutory and voluntary agencies called the Enfield Housing Alliance.

Leeds University Union & Unipol Student Homes

A Buddying scheme which will see student staff delivering peer-to-peer support to other students, particularly those transitioning from Halls of Residence.

£11,988.66

Brent Private Tenant's Rights Group T/A Advice for Renters

A dedicated worker to explore new channels for communicating with migrant workers and refugees in the private rented sector.

£18,650

Stride Partnership

Delivery of a 12 month programme of training workshops in different languages aiding tenants to gain awareness of their rights and responsibilities.

£10,640

Law For Life

'Know-how' guides to boost the knowledge, confidence and skills of students and other young people.

£11,560

Arch (North Staffs)

Training programme for teachers/welfare mentors, enabling them to deliver a Realities of Independent Living (RIL) programme.

£15,008.09

“ With support from the Trustees **we are now able to progress our vision of developing the programme to reach more young people** – developing a responsive programme and set of training resources and networks we will empower teachers to deliver the programme themselves. ”



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