

Abundance Centres Development Trust
uLearn Naturally Learners' Co-Operative
Chestnuts Community Centre
280 St Ann's Road
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Reference for Abundance Centres Funding Appeal

I am writing to support the application of Abundance Centres for funding to support their project. I am Russel King and hold the position of Community Services & Facilities Manager at Chestnuts Community Centre which is managed by the Bridge Renewal Trust. I know the applicant as they are a resident centre user group, their office is within our centre. I support the applicant's proposed project, and believe it will be successful because as a community centre manager I am very aware of local community needs, I have observed that Abundance Centres also have a very clear respect of local community need, they have focused into the needs of BME families and children in a unique depth and quality. I believe their project will be successful because they have shown on several occasions their ability to bring parents, families and young people together in cooperative action.

Their Special Report: Flaws in Attainment 8 demonstrates their ability to analyse situations with great depth, their current projects appear to build on quality solutions to address the inequalities highlighted in that report. I have seen their service delivery and find it professional and groundbreaking, the Abundance teamwork is a well respected part of the centre life and is uplifting of the whole of the broader community.

I am willing to be contacted by a member of the fund team to discuss my thoughts and experience of professional engagement with Abundance Centres and their project.

Yours faithfully

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