

Global Noticeboard

Snippets

Team update: August, 2014

Hello and Welcome from Dianna Moylan – Editor



Hello again. There's no doubt in my mind that, although working away on your own in a quiet room is **one** way of achieving a goal, knowing that the work you are doing is being shared by others is quite another, more beautiful thing.

I have been involved one way or another in CC for a long time. There were days when it seemed the dream would always remain just that: a dream. To be able, by working with others somewhere in the ether, to change the lives of some of those many millions of people whose lives are relentlessly painful, is a beautiful idea, and today I feel our fingertips are a few inches from reaching the dream.

During my life I have seen the world change completely. Contacting someone in Australia, for example, was by phone, and each person would speak and then wait until the other had heard and could answer. Nowadays we can interrupt each other in real time. That's progress! (I'm sorry: just couldn't resist it).

I am daily delighted that things are moving so fast. The involvement with schools excites me: get that generation involved and we are really 'cooking with gas'. Changing the mind-set of the young is a good way of ensuring that the future will be a more beautiful place, with people aware that others in the world need our help. The money we raise will go towards helping bring knowledge to people across the globe, through education and training where none is currently available. Long after we are dead the echoes of what we have begun to achieve here will resonate around the world. Three cheers for co-operation!!!

Update from Guy and Mark : Founders



Hi there Everybody and a very warm welcome from Mark and me to this August 2014 team update.

A big thank you this month goes to Jazmine and Zoe for all their work securing our stationery,

email accounts, calling cards, branding/marketing support etc., and for the development of our first external communication strategy. An awful lot of work has gone into this and we are very grateful to both of them, and also to Keith for his wider support and ongoing encouragement. Thank you.

Preparation continues with getting ready for the first schools launch of the GNB and the Pound a Month Campaign at St Thomas More in Essex at the end of October.

Web development is accelerating with the focus the above brings.

In parallel to this, the Leadership team is now also focusing on the development of an Investment prospectus, which will cover the following areas; 'About the GNB', 'Who we are', 'The Story so far', 'The Future Vision', 'Finances and Future Funding', and then, finally, 'Risks and Opportunities'.

Finally, an enormous thank-you to everybody for all that you are doing to bring this alive. This is happening because of **you!**

Thank you.

Guy and Mark

How's the Web build going? : Ola Awogbade



Key development work delivered this last month comprises:

Implementing brand improvements from Forbes and Jane this month. Thank you guys.

On the development side the guys have been working on the following:

Simplifying the registration process

Implementing changes (simplification again) to 'getting started 1,2,3'

There's shortly to be a new front page design appearing, again with heightened focus on simplification and (hopefully) making the site more intuitive

The guys have also been focusing on a series of mini Illustrations to help aid navigation: a big thank you to Jane for the concept, which you will be able to see very shortly now.

Finally, there's also been some early work this month on the closing out of transactions completed and looking at how this feeds through into our site analytics showing the impact we've collectively had.

Above picture list Ola, Helen, and Nathaniel on web development and Forbes on design. Thank you guys

Plans for the GNB roll out : Chris



Chris and the team are in project planning mode now and have 5 early tests running piloting the roll out of the GNB across different user types. The biggest of course will be with St Thomas More school in Essex and Chris has further meetings there with Phillip Maxwell in around a week's time. This activity goes live at the end of October and, dependent on the results of that first significant test group, a further roll out to two more schools may well happen before Christmas, with St Angela-Ursuline and St Bonaventure schools.

Chris is also advertising for Interns as we speak and has interviewed Marianne, who we very much hope will be joining us shortly.

Update from the Leadership team : Susan Field



Susan (project lead) and the team will be spending the next few months on pulling together a robust first Investment proposal. Each team lead member will be working on/leading a section which as mentioned above will comprise the following: 'About the GNB', 'Who we are', 'The Story so far', 'The Future Vision', 'Finances and Future Funding', and then finally 'Risks and Opportunities'.

Susan is joined in the project by Andrew Leadbetter, Maff Potts, Tom Morrell, Ben Cox and Guy Insull

Susan, pictured above, is a member of the Leadership team with specific responsibility for all matters financial. Susan is our FD.

Middlesex University Partnership : Update from Andrew Giddings



A big thank you this month goes again to Andrew Giddings. Andrew is pulling together a functional spec of the current version of the GNB with 'future vision' enhancements covering the following three planned levels: L1: Transactional Support (as is), L2: Knowledge Transfer support, (future state) and L3: Campaigning/People's voice (future state).



This work is being done to provide a clear brief for Professor Tony Clark (above right) and his team at Middlesex University in readiness for our application for funding and support for a 'Knowledge Transfer Partnership' role, which once in place will be helping us to focus on 'architecting the **next version platform build** that will be necessary and robust enough to send the GNB around the world. Middlesex University come with specialist and highly relevant experience in technical areas covering 'visualisation', 'modelling', and 'matching technologies' all of which will be key to our further development and roll out.

Once built in this way, the site will have the framework in place to attract undergraduates and post graduates to the project to help deliver the overall vision through providing the Middlesex Computer science department with interesting course work modules for their students ... a win/win situation.

Again a big thanks to Andy and to Tony. Thank you.

Schools Outreach with Garth Delikan



As we near the new start of term, conversations are taking place with Garth around the redesign and next level reinvention of the schools programme. In the last 12 months Garth has been into 48 schools to deliver talks on the risks of homelessness as well as raising overall awareness of the GNB vision and the 'Pound-a-Month' Campaign. More on this to follow shortly as we firm up our objectives for this coming term.

Scott Bader PLC – Update on Developing Relationship



This month Guy met with Jacquie Findlay from Scott Bader PLC. Jacquie is a Guardian Trustee at Scott Bader and is facilitating discussions within Scott Bader for us to meet in December at a combined forum of their Executive Board, Guardian Trustees Board and

Members Assembly Board, regarding the opportunity to partner with Scott Bader and their members (employee owners) to roll out the GNB and the Pound-a-Month campaign across their 12 sites globally.

Scott Bader have already been wonderful supporters of the project right from a very early stage and so the opportunity to work together in this way, for the benefit of very many people less fortunate than ourselves is really quite special and extraordinary.

A bit thank you goes to everyone at Scott Bader, to Sue and Hayley in the Commonwealth office and especially this month to Jacquie, whose wonderful support and encouragement is gratefully received! Thank you Jacquie.

Our Impact so far : Mike Morrison (Chair of Trustees)



Our Trustees will be attending World Homeless Day at the House of Lords on the 9th of October in conjunction with a planned visit to Anchor House, the award winning homeless partner flagship charity in the East End of London, gaining valuable exposure and understanding of the issues of homelessness and how the work we will be supporting is helping over 220 previously homeless people every year reclaim their lives.

Breaking News : Well, **still** not quite yet!



Getting closer! Should be moving in in September.

The new premises are in Nelson Street, Canning Town, two stops down on the Jubilee line from Canary Wharf. It's a great place to come have GNB meetings and to be able to start working together in the same room.

Community Members in Focus (140 Characters) : Meet James Passingham and Nigel Busby



A big thank you this month to James Passingham from Foehn and Nigel Busy from ICM, strategic partner companies of the GNB, for all the work they've been doing to set up and configure our mail servers. Specifically, through the work James and Nigel and their team have been doing we are planning to focus the use of these servers on the US as well as UK. Thanks both!

Upcoming Meetings ;



St Thomas More School: Pound-a-Month/GNB project planning meetings
Our Lady of Ransom primary school: Pound-a-Month project planning meeting,
Andrew Headon from St Peter and St Paul's in Ilford: Getting started on the GNB
Project meeting
Web development and design meeting
Leadership team meeting
Back to St Marys University Twickenham

Resourcing Help Needed: All



As ever we are constantly looking out for values-aligned, highly-skilled **Web Developers** with the following skill sets: Word Press, PHP, CSS, HTML, Lamp, Javascript, J Query

Remuneration is via the share scheme. Lunch provided, travel allowance too.

If you think you might know anyone that could be interested either in volunteering or taking an Internship please do let me, Dianna, know and I will pass the message on. Thank you

Any Questions?



If you have any questions you'd like to ask, we'd love to hear from you. Thank you.



And finally, some words from the wise:

- “More than ever before in human history we share a common destiny. We can master it only if we face it together.” Kofi Annan
- “One hand washes the other.” Seneca
- “If everyone helps to hold up the sky, the one person does not become tired.” Ashkari Johnson Hodari
- “A choir is made up of many voices, including yours and mine. If one by one all go silent then all that will be left are the soloists. Don't let a loud few diminish the nature of the sound. It makes for poor harmony and diminishes the song.” Vera Nazarian
- “We all do better when we work together. Our differences do matter, but our common humanity matters more.” Bill Clinton

And **absolutely** finally:

Through our Pound a Month campaign we're currently supporting young homeless people and also helping to support the provision of ointment to prevent river blindness. If you'd like to join in, you can download the form below. Thank you.

<http://poundamonth.championsclubcommunity.com/files/2014/07/gnb-donation-form.pdf>

After all, it's just a £1pm! Thank you.



The next newsletter will be in four weeks' time so if you have anything to share please contact me, Dianna Moylan, Editor of GNB Snippets, by emailing diannasong@me.com

