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Front cover Andrea Weder, courtesy of the Austin Eurythmy Ensemble



Introduction

I am pleased to announce that Jacqui Rogers has joined GATF as Administrator. Jacqui is in the office in the mornings, Monday to Friday and is dealing with the day to day work. I am still doing the book keeping. GATF shares the office space with the Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship, so I am in the office daily when not in meetings.

During this year we have reviewed GATF policies, procedures and forms and hope they will be user friendly. We are in the process of developing a new student database in conjunction with an HND student from Stourbridge College and have upgraded our financial programme to enable statements to be sent by email.

If past and present students have art work, photographs or reports they would like to submit for possible inclusion in the next annual report, please send them to Jacqui.

Mrs Sally Schad resigned at the AGM in October 2009 after fourteen years' service as a Trustee. We thank Sally for her support and wish her well for the future.

We welcome Michael Mehta who became a Trustee in May 2009. Michael trained as an eurythmist with the help of a Godparents' loan and is a member of the Council of Eurythmy, Eurythmy Therapy and British Osteopathic Associations.

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please get in touch.

The Trustees are:

Johanna Baker	Gabriel Kaye
Agneta Calderwood	Tom Leonard
Angela Clark	Michael Mehta

The Trustees are very grateful for the continuing donations and support given by organisations and individuals who send donations to the Training and Children's Funds. See page 9 for ways to donate.

Jane Avison
Company Secretary



Friends' mailing list

If you would like to receive a copy of the Annual Report each year, please complete the form below and return it to the address on page 10.

Title		Forename	
Surname			
Address			
Post code			
Country			
Email address			



Gift aid declaration

GODPARENTS ANTHROPOSOPHICAL TRAINING FUND (GATF)

Registered office: 11 Church Street, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 1LT.

Charity Number: 1102158

Please treat

- The enclosed gift of £ _____ as a Gift Aid donation; **OR**
- All gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations; **OR**
- All gifts of money that I have made in the past 6 years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations.

✓ Please tick the appropriate box

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the charity will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year.

Donor's details

Title _____ Initials _____ Surname _____

Home address _____

Post code _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Please notify GATF if you:

1. Want to cancel this declaration.
2. Change your name or home address.
3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

*GATF will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you give on or after 6 April 2008. The Government will pay to GATF an additional 3p on every £1 you give between 6 April 2008 and 5 April 2011. This transitional relief for GATF does not affect your personal tax position. **If you pay income tax at the higher rate, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief.***



Mission Statement

The Godparents Anthroposophical Training Fund (GATF) was founded in 1968 as the Godparents Association. GATF is a registered charity offering interest free loans and grants for tuition fees to students undertaking designated Anthroposophical vocational training courses in the UK.

GATF also operates the Children's Fund. This fund offers loans and grants for children's tuition fees to assist families in short term financial difficulties to keep their children in Steiner Waldorf education.

For further information see pages 5 and 8.

Investment policy

GATF operates a policy of ethical investment and holds the majority of its cash reserves in the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) Bank. The Charities Aid Foundation is a registered charity that works to create greater value for charities and social enterprise.

From a Hibernia student:

"May I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you for your help over the years. I am happy to tell you that am about to be in my FINAL year, my sixth year. To be on the course for this duration, in addition to the fact that English is not my first language and the distance which I travelled each week have been a real ordeal but I am truly grateful for the wonderful learning I received at Hibernia. Thank you very much."



Work by Charlotte Cobbald, Hibernia 2002



Analysis of loans and grants 2008-2009

During the year 2008/2009 the Training Fund helped 40 female and 7 male students ranging from age 24 to 64. The tables below show the different training courses and nationalities assisted.

	Students	Loans	Grants		
EDUCATION					
Edinburgh Teacher Training	1				
Emerson College Early Years	1				
Emerson College Education p/t	5				
Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Education	1				
London Waldorf Teacher Training	4				
Plymouth University Steiner BA	6				
Plymouth University Steiner FdA	3				
Total	21	£31,275	£8,775		
EURYTHMY					
Camphill Eurythmy School	6				
London College of Eurythmy	1				
Intensive Eurythmy	3				
Total	10	£15,835			
THERAPIES					
Eurythmy Therapy	4				
Tobias School of Art	3				
Hibernia College	5				
Total	12	£12,400	£600		
OTHER					
Artemis School of Speech & Drama	2				
Bothmer Gymnastics	2				
Total	4	£3,470			
Grand Total	47	£62,980	£9,375		
NATIONALITIES					
American	2	Hungarian	1	Portuguese	1
Australian	1	Icelandic	1	San Salvador	1
British	19	Israeli	3	South African	2
Canadian	1	Italian	3	Swiss	1
Czech	1	Japanese	3	Thai	1
French	1	New Zealand	1		
German	2	Polish	2		



Ways to donate

If you would like to make a donation, please send a cheque to the above address payable to GATF or the Children's Fund. You can also donate by bank transfer to:

Training Fund

Bank: HSBC, East Grinstead
 Account: GATF
 Account number: 81438565
 Sort code: 40-20-09
 IBAN: GB13MIDL40200981438565
 BIC: MIDLGB2111W

Children's Fund

Bank: HSBC, East Grinstead
 Account: Godparents Children's Fund
 Account number: 91287036
 Sort code: 40-20-09
 IBAN: GB15MIDL40200991287036
 BIC: MIDLGB2111W

Please quote your name and "donation" as the reference.

If you pay tax in the UK, please complete the gift aid declaration on page 10 and return it to the GATF office.

From an email sent by a Steiner Waldorf Education student:



"I am a student at the University of Plymouth studying a BA Hons Degree in Steiner Waldorf Education. Unfortunately, the funding I was anticipating to pay my course fees has not materialised. As a result I am hoping that you may be able to help me with the funding"

Thank you so very much for all your help and time. You have been more than fair, kind and generous to me and I whole heartedly appreciate it."



Children's Fund

The Trustees will only consider applications from a Steiner Waldorf School or Kindergarten, who recommend a family for support. Application forms are sent to all qualifying educational establishments in March each year. The Trustees consider the applications in May and funds are paid to the school or kindergarten in September for that academic year.

- ✧ The Trustees will not consider applications direct from parents.
- ✧ Priority is given to those families who have a short term need due to reasons beyond their control such as bereavement.

For the academic year 2008/09 we were able to support 19 families in 13 schools and kindergartens with grants of £22,110.

Extracts from letters from parents:

“Please accept my heart felt thanks for your kind and generous award to assist my child in his schooling. Your assistance has helped to ease the burden and for your kindness I am truly grateful. Thank you.”

“I would like to write to express my deep gratitude for your support. It has been a deeply challenging year for us all and the grant that you have given us towards our children’s school fees will help us so much.

I feel blessed that we are held within such a loving community and am so grateful that my children can remain at the school, it brings so much to all of us. With the support of so many from the school we are starting to rebuild our lives. I am getting a sense of a deeper inner strength, falling so far reveals so much. I am hopeful that as time goes on I will continue to grow and be able to support the children on their journey through the school. Thank you for helping to keep my dreams alive.”



Information for students

The Training Fund offers financial assistance to students undertaking the following courses in the UK:

Steiner Waldorf Teacher Training	Rhythmical Massage Therapy
Anthroposophical Art Therapy	Bothmer Gymnastics
Eurythmy and Eurythmy Therapy	Anthroposophical Speech and Drama

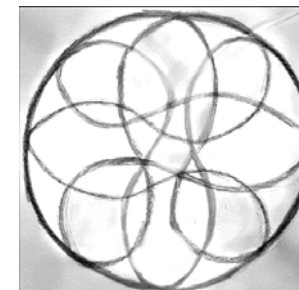
- ✧ Loans are interest free and are given towards **tuition costs** only, for one academic year. Students can apply in February for a further year’s assistance.
- ✧ The Trustees will only consider applications from students who have been accepted on their training course.
- ✧ Students resident in countries outside the European Economic Area (EEA) will be required to hold a visa valid for the duration of the course.
- ✧ Loans are to be repaid within five years of completing the training.

For further information and an application form please contact the Office:

Email address: info@gatf.org.uk Telephone: 01384 374132

From a West Midlands Eurythmy student:

“You have no idea how important and good your support is! I am doing my 4th year and as part of the course we had to give 3 weeks teaching practice which I decided to do in my own country, Venezuela. It was a very challenging but marvellous experience because the National School of Dance opened its doors to me and I gave a eurythmy workshop to their students. It was fantastic because it gave me a huge perspective of all that can be done with Eurythmy at other levels of society and it also inspired my 4th year research project “Relationship between colours, planets and music”. I would like to invite you to our end of year performance. I really hope you can make it!”





Information for courses

The Trustees of the Godparents Anthroposophical Training Fund (GATF) rely on training course leaders for assistance in assessing students' suitability for a loan towards **tuition costs** only. The following are the criteria for course eligibility:

- ✘ All courses taking non EEA/EU students must hold a UK Border Agency Sponsor Licence.
- ✘ Teacher Training Courses must be recognised by the Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship and comply with the criteria laid down by the Teacher Education Circle.
- ✘ Therapeutic Courses must be recognised by the appropriate body in Dornach.
- ✘ The Trustees will not fund foundation courses, art, music and language courses.
- ✘ The Trustees can only lend to students on viable courses and may ask to see audited accounts.
- ✘ The Trustees will not fund the first year of a course or give retrospective loans.

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From a Rhythmical Massage Therapy student:

"I would like to express my gratitude for the grant you gave me. The course in Stroud is really good; we learn a lot and the teachers are incredible ...

I am practising already what I have learned on my clients in Prague and I am excited about the future!"



Extract from financial statements

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2009

The following figures are taken from our Trustees' report and financial statements as inspected by Gibbons Mannington

	2009	2008
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	£3,135	£3,479
Programme related investments	£386,942	£423,315
	£390,077	£426,794
Current assets		
Debtors	£888	£2,679
Cash in bank	£430,573	£379,634
	£431,461	£382,313
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	-£2,293	-£1,820
Net assets	£819,245	£807,287
Restricted funds	£819,245	£807,287

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income		
Donations	£90,395	£70,407
Interest receivable	£8,602	£17,336
Other income	£900	£760
	£99,897	£88,503
Less: Expenditure		
Education	£83,847	£84,228
Governance costs	£3,048	£3,269
Other resources expended	£1,044	-
	£87,939	£87,497
Surplus/deficit for the year	£11,958	£1,006
Balance of fund at end of year	£819,245	£807,287
<i>A full copy of the accounts is available on request.</i>		
Loan repayments for the year	£83,976	£65,388