



ENABLING QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN PRACTICE

Tower Hamlets Our Latest Newsletter (13/05/2019)



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Lovely people, we have **big news!!** I am practically combusting this week, as I put these comms together.

EQUIP SELECTED FOR TOP CHARITY SCALE ACCELERATOR



We have been selected to take part in [Spring Impact's 2019 Scale Accelerator](#), joining the ranks of seven UK change-maker charities and social enterprises, with an ambition to scale their impact.

Backed by the [National Lottery Community Fund](#), the Scale Accelerator helps mission-driven organisations gain vital support, skills and perspective to scale their impact and change more lives.

You already know more than enough about the EQUIP programme, because you *are* the programme, but a bit more on the exciting adventure ahead... The 2019 Scale Accelerator cohort includes six other charities from across the UK, all at the

frontline of addressing key societal issues – from mental health and loneliness, through to children’s health and development.

This year’s Scale Accelerator participants will benefit from an intensive programme of support, using Spring Impact’s clear, but flexible five-stage replication process, to help them gain the strategic skills to overcome hurdles and transform their ambitious vision into a clear plan of action.

Since 2015, seventeen ambitious charities and social entrepreneurs from across the country have participated in the Scale Accelerator. The programme has helped organisations tackling the UK’s toughest social problems – including homelessness, food poverty and domestic violence – to increase their reach and impact, and to gain funding for their next phase of growth.

Joe Kallarackal, Spring Impact Director said: “We are excited to be welcoming EQUIP to join the Scale Accelerator to take its trailblazing social innovations further and change more lives. There are so many fantastic mission-driven organisations up and down the country with the ideas, ambition and heart to change people’s lives. Yet the UK’s social sector still finds it challenging to scale impact, meaning great social innovations don’t reach as many people as they should. Spring Impact was founded to fix this.”

The announcement comes as Spring Impact expands its Scale Accelerator, thanks to £1.5 million in additional funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, the largest funder of community activity in the UK. National Lottery has backed Scale Accelerator since it launched in 2015 and has recently committed to a further three and a half years of funding, due to the success of the programme.

Here at EQUIP, we are beyond thrilled that the National Lottery funding (for which I will start buying tickets as of this afternoon) is continuing to support the Scale Accelerator, which helps organisations to grow and increase their impact. Thanks to the money raised by National Lottery players, ambitious projects across the UK will be able to scale up their effects, enabling more people and communities to thrive. **Ambitious projects** – that’s **us!!**



Pitching the Kool-Aid



All the folks on our cohort

Nothing else this week, peeps, "just" this so as to not detract from the spotlight... We are super excited. And, as ever, it's the collective sound of all our marching feet leading us to this and to other successes.

To (y)our continued success.

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