



1st Annual Report 2015

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Jonny Wilkinson



The vision of Achieve 2B is to be an 'inspiring intercultural exchange programme for young people with disabilities.'

When I look back at my own Big OE, I realise just how life changing it was, I've thought back and said to myself "if you can handle rush hour in the London Tube Station by yourself, you can handle this Jonny! Any travel takes you out of your comfort zone. The social model of disability says it is not the individuals who are disabled but the environment, the community and society they live in that disables them. When disabled people travel, their usual supports are stripped away. It challenges us to develop a keener sense of resiliency and adventure which will support us through life. Thus the need for a Student Exchange Programme that actively targets youth with disabilities.

This year a major achievement for Achieve2b has been the establishment of the trust with the companies office and the charities commission .The Northland /Auckland based Achieve 2B organisation is in the starting blocks, ready to operationalise- thanks to the unbridled determination and commitment of its founder, Julia Hartshorne.

Thanks are also due to the board. Thanks to Vanassa McGoldrick who resigned from her board role recently. Vanassa was instrumental in developing our trust deed. Thanks also to board members Darrin Brinsden and Ezekiel Robson for their strategic prowess.

At our next AGM I look forward to an exciting annual report that shares transformational positive O.E tales from our disabled protégés.

I wish each one of you the very best for a happy and safe festive season.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

We salute our incredible Board

*Jonny Wilkinson
Ezekiel Robson
Darrin Brinsden
Vanassa Mc Goldrick (Resigned)
Marina Hdetaraka
Kuia and Kaiumaua: Warahi and Linda Paki*

We also salute our incredible Volunteers

*Cole Thorburn
Sam Robinson
Laura Murray
Pauline Bennett
Su Marshall
Dr. Jonathan Smith
Codie Mc Intyre (Resigned)
Jo Morgan (Resigned)
Julie Bartlett - MNZM*

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FOUNDER REPORT

Julia Hartshorne



While 2014 saw a whirlwind of excitement with a new thought seed being formed, 2015 has felt like a more consolidating year. Building sure foundations.

It was delightful on one Autumn’s morning to find an email that announced Achieve 2B’s Registration. Thanks to the dogged work of our Trustee Vanassa McGoldrick.

Achieve 2B held its first strategic workshop in April. Participants echoed their enthusiasm for Achieve 2B. The dreamers, dreaming of Achieve 2B having a global impact. The workshop resulted in a 10 year Strategic Plan being signed off by our Board.

It is now well known that Achieve 2B has formed a partnership with Interchange Outer East in Melbourne. I had a very successful visit with Interchange in the winter. I was delighted with the way they have embraced Achieve 2B for New Zealand and Australian students.

Research has played a large role in the life of Achieve 2B this year. The purpose of the research is to gain a thorough understanding of what is happening in the student exchange world, disability This collective knowledge and wisdom will help us to build Achieve 2B

We have raised some funds this year which has included a mixture of support from donors, grants received and a successful Quiz Night held in Whangarei in October. Thank you all for your support.

As the year draws to an end I would like to warmly thank our Board. Thank you for offering your wisdom and leadership. I especially salute our Chair – Jonny Wilkinson for his kindness, commitment and strong leadership.

To you all, thank you for your continued commitment to ensure that Achieve 2B soars and flies. 2016 has to be the year that Achieve 2B will make its debut. In closing May the beautiful spirit of Christmas remain with you, your families and in your hearts.

Much aroha
Julia Hartshorne

2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

Achieve 2B recorded a small surplus for the 2015 financial year after only operating for a few months. We received our first donations and set the scene for a bright financial future.

The 2016 financial year focus is on funding our Pilot and necessary operational expenditure.

BRING ON 2016!

We will fly.....

