



Impact report 2017-2018

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Daniel's Den is a Company Limited by Guarantee 5303714 and a Registered Charity 1147172

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Purpose

To encourage and enrich family life in order to build stronger communities.

Our Vision

We have a vision to see:-

Parents/carers and children having the opportunity to know and be known in their local community;
People building relationships that matter within and beyond their cultural and ethnic group.

Our Objectives

To have family life valued in all levels of society both locally and nationally.

- firstly by establishing and running parent and toddler groups, recognised as first rate by users.
- secondly by offering parenting support
- thirdly by enabling people to recognise the value of parent and toddler groups
- fourthly by fostering mutual cooperation and support for toddler groups
- fifthly by supporting the choice of stay at home parents and raising awareness of the value they bring to society



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During the year, 565 children and adults had the opportunity to know and be known in their local community and...



... the opportunity to build relationships that matter within and beyond their cultural and ethnic group





Sowing seeds – 195 sessions



Messy Play




Crafts



**All
generations
welcome!**





My child really enjoys coming to DD. It is nice to see all the children playing together. Lots of toys to play with. Rhyme time is all fun. Also, I can enjoy having a cup of tea

Very welcoming atmosphere, clean, great entertainment and a possibility to get advice

A great place to bring my baby! Lovely staff, great organisation and lots of fun for babies. I'm extremely happy here and love every bit of it.

Timing is just right to keep the kids going – length of activities just right. Routine is good as kids thrive off routine so maintaining the schedule, so they know what's coming

Publicity



A new mural on Wembley High Road included a dedicated noticeboard for Daniel's Den. A mum and her daughter Maanvi started attending our group at Park Lane, having seen the noticeboard 2 weeks after she arrived in the UK from India...

At the end of the year, we were delighted to welcome both of Maanvi's grandmas to England to our group and the first thing they wanted to do was have a selfie!



Would Maanvi have known the benefits of the group if there wasn't a noticeboard on the High Road?

Volunteers



Daniel's Den would not be able to do what it does without its amazing team of volunteers. Over the year, 36 volunteers contributed 3,000+ hours

Time to say hello ...



We opened a new group - sharing with St Cuthbert's in North Wembley, in the London 'Burrow' of Brent!

Time to say goodbye ...



Ron and Joan Herbert retired and moved away to Folkestone. Joan shared her story about joining the team of volunteers ...

‘It opened up friendship, laughter, support, fun, worthwhile activity, and the chance to play - which I love’!

Events



During the year we ran craft workshops at events at St Raphael's Children Centre and a 'Kid's Zone' area at the Heart of Wembley Festival.

Great Get Together

For the second year running, we organised a bring and share picnic in King Edward's Park. As well as a run round the park with our relay batons, face painting and delicious food, we also had a singalong ...





An invitation to someone's home to have fun in the paddling pool, plus something to eat, started a new friendship and is a true testimony to the spirit of the event



Rhythms of Grace was a conference we ran for toddler groups across London. From a rhythmicity workshop to crafts, toddler group leaders were inspired to develop the ministry of their toddler groups across London



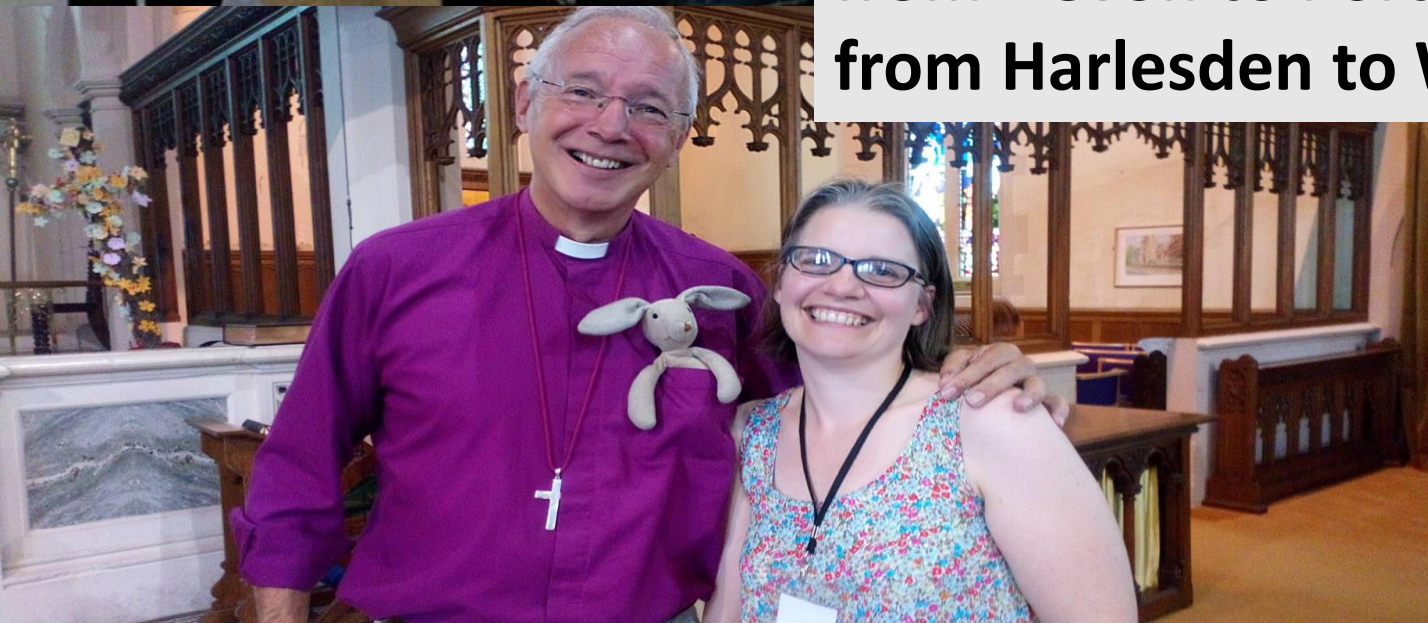
Prayer networks are developing across the city and our dream is to have one in every one of the 32 London boroughs. The London Network of Toddler Groups was officially formed and we are looking forward to seeing this grow



Joining this network in Barnet and having people pray has brought joy to my heart in serving families in the community. I love it!



**Opportunities to speak came
from Devon to Portsmouth,
from Harlesden to Westminster**





Campaigning for children and their parents is something we do and we attend meetings of the All Party Parliamentary Group for 1001 Critical First Days as well as a member of the Strong Start 4 Children Commission



Our ambassador Funny Bunny enjoyed making new friends across the UK ...



From Belfast to the Lord Mayor's Show,
local schools and Lambeth Palace

MISSING !!! 'Funny Bunny'



9th October 2017

**Lost in and around the WEMBLEY area.
His last trip was between the Yellow
pavilion car park, down to Wembley way
to Wembley Park tube station.**

Then Jubilee line to Westminster.

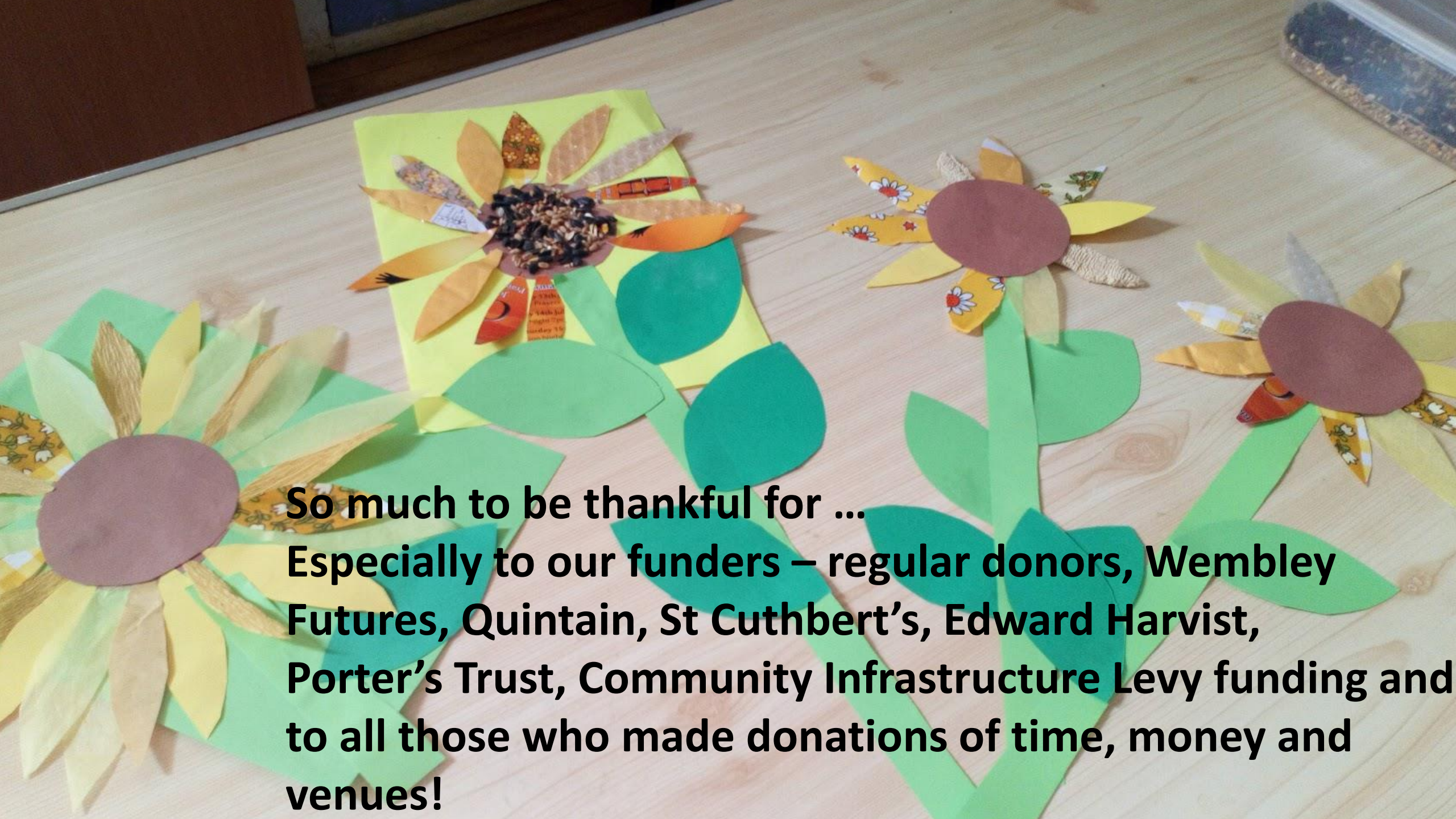
Noticed gone near the Thames

**Let's use the power
of Facebook
to get him home!**

Call: 07984 042777

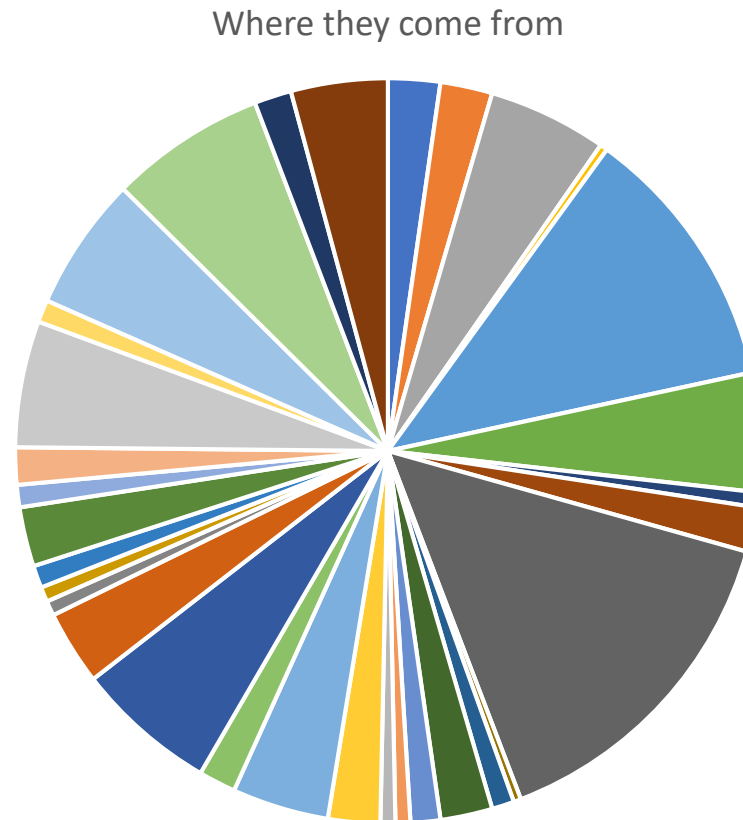
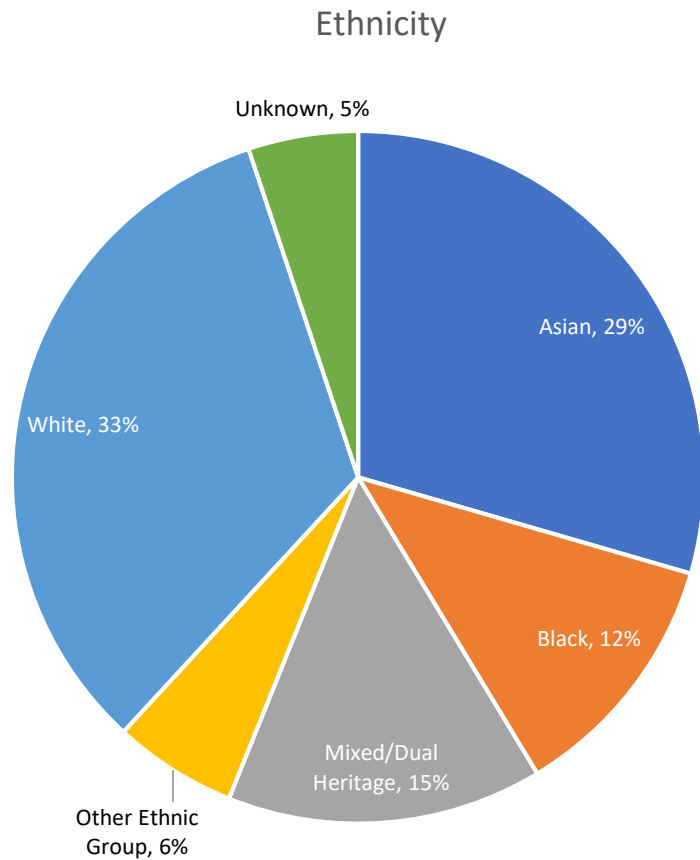


And 24 hours of drama!



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to all those who made donations of time, money and
venues!**

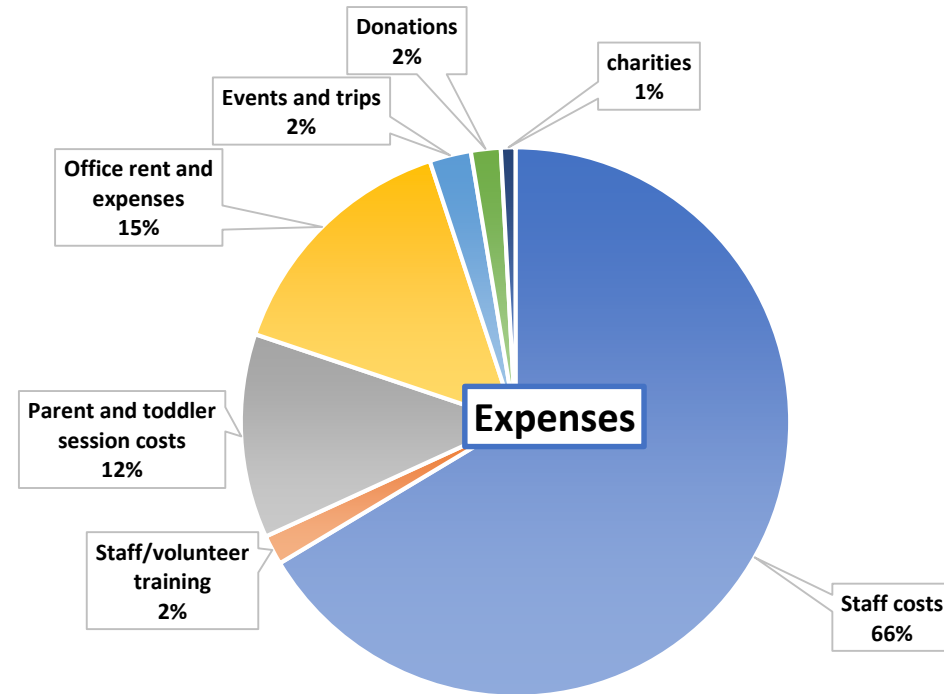
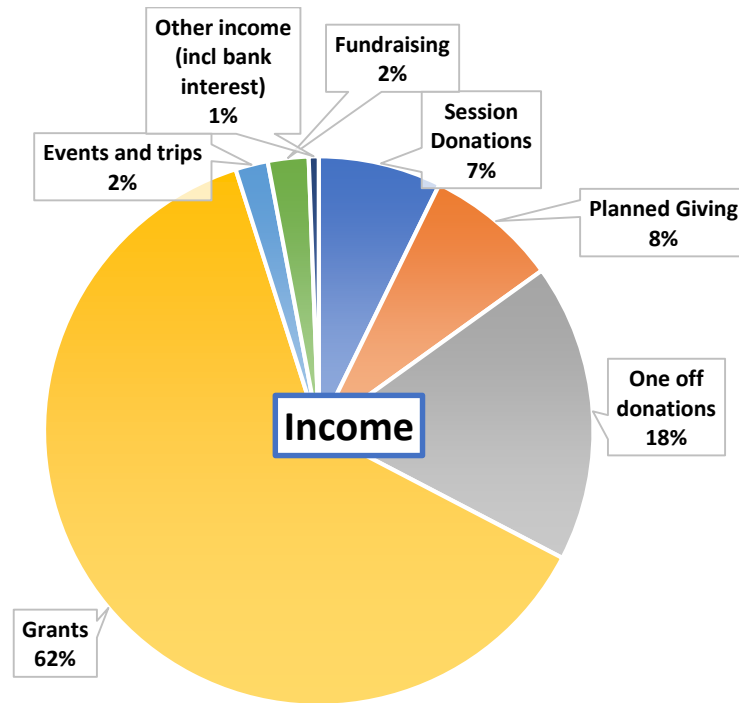
Who comes to Daniel's Den?



Our clients come from so many different countries and backgrounds – there is no space to identify them all!!

Nearly 40 different languages spoken!

Where our money comes from and how we spend it:



We are very dependent on grants to provide our sessions. **We could not run sessions using the income from session donations alone.**

Last year was a very good year for grants – one grant covered two years.

And so we look forward to 2018-2019 ...
Please feel free to join us
Together Everyone Achieves More!

