



IMPACT REPORT

2007-2021

SIEVEMK GATEWAY

Creating Opportunities • Delivering Excellence • Changing Lives

Welcome to our Impact Report, showcasing and celebrating SIEVEMK's achievements since the organisation was founded in 2007. Now in our fourteenth year, as in our first, we remain committed to our mission: *Creating Opportunities, Delivering Excellence and Changing Lives*. This continues to drive our world view, activities, and initiatives, as well as our partnerships and projects. Our mission has underpinned our development and continues to push us to grow, learn and improve the services we provide to our learners and customers.

The last year has been like no other. In March 2020, almost overnight, the pandemic changed our lives and our community dramatically. Our plans and ways of working had to change too, to ensure we could support the learners who needed our support and guidance more than ever. Despite closing our doors physically for most of the last 12 months, we are proud to say we have raised £112,000 and continued to support over 180 learners this year.

We are excited to announce an update to the SIEVEMK brand and image. SIEVEMK started in 2007, as a supplementary education initiative for 'ethnic minority kids'. Today we are SMK, a platform, driving multiple initiatives and programmes that improve access to education, academic achievement and employability to learners and service users of all ages. The SMK identity reflects our widened scope and reach and provides a relevant and recognisable brand identity for the organisation we are today.

SIEVEMK's Expanding Horizons

As our city continues to grow, so does the demand for our services and the requirement to remain relevant to the needs of the communities within Milton Keynes. We are proud to announce two initiatives that will amplify our community impact.

SMK Alternative Provision – After a rigorous UK OFSTED inspection SIEVEMK now has Department of Education approval to operate as an Alternative Provision School. SMK Alternative Provision will focus on the delivery of the key stage four curriculum to students with behavioural issues. We will be able to work with individual students to give them the support and stability they need to reintegrate into mainstream education.

SMK Community & Learning Centre – We have embarked on a £1.5million capital programme to develop a purpose-built community and learning centre. The centre will not only serve the community of Heelands, it will be a home to a social enterprise hub, examination centre and community cafe.



Tony Oyakhire
CEO

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Reflecting on 14 years...

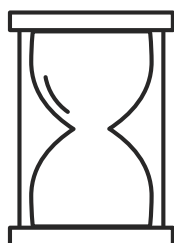
As well as new challenges, 2020 brought with it an opportunity to reflect. In this Impact Report, we reflect on the last 14 years and demonstrate how **SIEVEMK** has created opportunities and changed the lives of so many in our local community.

This report also celebrates our wonderful staff, volunteers and donors who have made **SIEVEMK** the success it is today. **Together we are proud to have made such an impact so far...**

£845K

OF FULL SCHOLARSHIP
FUNDING

has been awarded
to **SIEVEMK** students through our
Springboard bursary foundation
partnership



18,026

HOURS OF
TEACHING

delivered to primary,
secondary and adult learners
in **SIEVEMK** classrooms

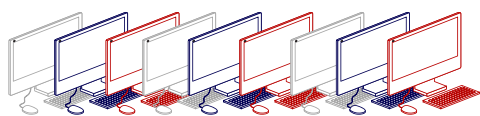
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COURSES

& training
programmes offered to
adult learners

£160K

in funds secured for training
programmes for adult learners



6084+

adults have taken
professional exams
within the **SIEVEMK**
exam centre

1100+

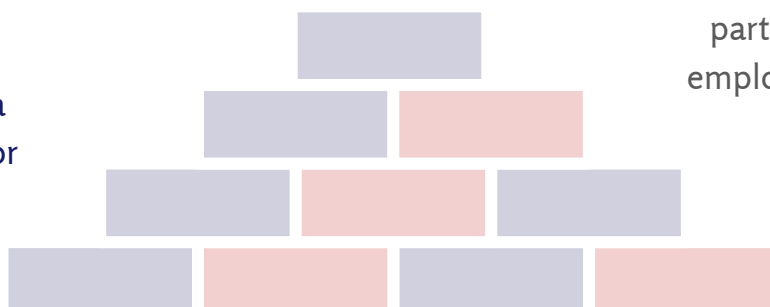
hours

of free information, advice &
guidance offered to our
community

3,278

STUDENTS

have benefited from a
SIEVEMK programme or
initiative



205+

participants in **SIEVEMK**
employability programmes

SchoolsMK Project (2015-2018)

Funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation



In 2015 SIEVEMK obtained a three year grant (of £120K) from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation to address the high incidence of academic underachievement among young people from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups and migrant communities in Milton Keynes. The project benefitted a total of 192 BME learners from two mainstream secondary schools and two primary schools over a three year period from 2015-2018.

Some notable statistics pulled from the success of the SchoolsMK Project include:

Over 90% of year 11 learners were confident of their ability in English Language and Mathematics

A 100% pass rate among Year 11 learners taking GCSE level English & Maths

Over 70% of the 192 learners improved by two sub-levels in English



SIEVEMK: THEORY OF CHANGE

Creating Opportunities Delivering Excellence Changing Lives



What We Do...

Provide opportunities for young people to help them acquire the employability skills and/or qualifications required for further and higher education and career advancement.

Who We Serve...

SIEVEMK are very much a community focused charity and support individuals of all backgrounds however our main focus is in supporting the black, minority, ethnic and disadvantaged youths.

What We Aim To Achieve...

Address the problem of educational underachievement, particularly those of black and minority ethnic descent in the Buckinghamshire locale. Supporting our community with leadership and mentoring,

And Our ultimate Impact...

Increasing confidence and broadening horizons for all students, inspiring them to use their skills and experiences to give back and make a difference

'The small classes go a long way in developing a deeper relationship with individual students, which goes beyond academic support. This includes mentoring, moral and spiritual support. The result of this is that students display self-confidence and are equipped to deal with issues in an informed manner, irrespective of the student's background or social status.'

- Arinola Adejola - SIEVEMK Maths Tutor

SIEVEMK's successful partnership with The Royal National Children's SpringBoard Foundation continues to transform the lives of students from disadvantaged backgrounds across Milton Keynes by providing them with opportunities to achieve an excellent education and valuable life experiences.

Through the support **SIEVEMK** Arlette became a Royal SpringBoard scholar.

Arlette was a student at Stantonbury International School and took classes at **SIEVEMK** to support her studies for the English and Maths GCSE's.

SIEVEMK introduced Arlette to the Royal National Children's Springboard Foundation and the opportunity to move to a private boarding school for A-levels.

SIEVEMK helped Arlette in finding a boarding school and supported Arlette through the application and entrance examination process. After achieving GCSE grades she needed, Arlette was successful in securing a place at Wyndondham College to study Economics, Business, French and Maths A Levels.

For Arlette, life at Wyndondham College was a huge contrast to the schools she had previously attended and provided many different experiences which she might not have otherwise had. Examples include taking part in open mornings, a wide variety of extra curricula activities and sports, and taking part in projects such as 'Young Enterprise'.

Reflecting on her experience as a student at the college, Arlette felt that attending the college with its smaller class sizes enabled her to have more contact time with teachers and get the support she needed to succeed academically.

SIEVEMK is instrumental in supporting students like Arlette to improve their life chances so that they can set goals for a brighter future and have every chance of achieving them. Arlette is grateful for the opportunities that **SIEVEMK** created for her and the support the organisation has given her throughout her academic career.



We are immensely proud of what we have achieved thus far at **SIEVEMK** and the difference we have been able to make in the lives of young people in Milton Keynes but we don't want you to take our word for it, read on to hear direct from some of our alumni!



"**SIEVEMK** routinely demonstrates a commitment to excellence in the service they offer. A commitment which is so infectious and contagious that it permeates into all who come into contact with the organisations, thus pushing its students to replicate such a commitment to excellence in their own works and lives."

Paul Olubayo



"**SIEVEMK** helps children reach their full potential and give children extra guidance that the school may not necessarily give. It's so important to have a centre like this that I can even go to in the holidays, and I can study here, and there are still lessons! The atmosphere is nice as well."

Rebekah Agunede



Jennifer

"I am so grateful for **SIEVEMK**, its a place that I really feel at home and welcomed. Being here helps me to focus on my studies with support of teachers and mentors"



Minh

"I had the pleasure of working with **SIEVEMK** on multiple marketing projects which not only helped boost my confidence but I am now well equipped and ready to pursue a vision of my own"

Lillian

"**SIEVEMK** has given me educational opportunities that I would not have received anywhere else. Thank you **SIEVEMK!**"



Gabrielle

"**SIEVEMK** has helped develop my leadership skills as I was given the responsibility to assist with an English GCSE class"



SMK Community & Learning Centre

SIEVEMK's vision and mission is to inspire the members of our communities to realise their full potential!

We recognise that Milton Keynes is the fastest growing city in the UK and that to better serve our growing population of learners it is essential that we find a new permanent premises. Our vision is to build a sustainable future for our organisation by creating a multi-purpose community-focused centre in Milton Keynes. The centre will provide space for our core current activities (tuition and exams), training suites, meeting rooms, studio space and a community cafe.

We know building a community centre would create countless opportunities, deliver excellent results for the learners and allow us to create a positive change in the lives of many more of the people of Milton Keynes.

If you share our passion, get in touch to find out how you can support our vision and make a difference to your community today.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

We have come a long way, but there is so much more to do to impact many that need our help. We cannot do this alone which is why we are looking for your support! For more information on how to support us through donations, fundraising or volunteering please see the links and contact details below.

Together we can make a difference!

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