



**Annual Report**  
**1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021**

**Leicester Vaughan College Limited**

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A Community Benefit Society registered under the  
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### **The objects of Leicester Vaughan College Community Benefit Society as set out in the rules of Society:**

“The objects of the Society shall be to carry on any business for the benefit of the community by providing flexible, university-level education which is aimed primarily at mature students, and delivered in an equitable and sustainable context for staff.

We, the Society members, believe in education as a public good: it benefits both society as a whole and its diverse communities by enabling self-improvement, mutual-improvement and civic participation.

The Society exists to provide those over 18 in Leicester and beyond with university-level education [Higher Education]. This education is centred on fully-accredited, face-to-face, part-time learning and is open to anyone who can benefit from it professionally, personally or intellectually. It offers individuals opportunities to develop, change or advance their lives and careers. It benefits communities through solidarity, co-operation and gaining the tools to address the challenges faced by society.

We will continue and expand the Vaughan tradition of providing adult learners in Leicester with high quality university-level education, which is compatible with the requirements of working and personal lives. We will secure the provision of this kind of education and opportunities for a broad range of students from diverse communities. We will support an equitable and sustainable working context for adult educators and all who work and learn as part of the College. We will ensure the courses we develop reflect local needs and our local and economic context. Through co-operation, we will provide an alternative, reproducible and sustainable model of Higher Education focused on the needs of students, staff and the wider community.

We will use these values and the ethics of co-operation to build an institution which prioritises education over profit.”

## Membership

LVC membership reached 152 (including 3 founder members) in July 2021. Since then a further 5 members have joined. New members are always welcome as the number of members is a reflection of the level of support for LVC and its aims.

## Governance

The following is a list of the officers and directors who served on the Board of Directors between August 2020 and July 2021:

Chair: Nalita James; Sue Waddington

Secretary: Thomas Swann

Treasurer: Robin Stevenson, Blase Lambert

Directors: Jane Avery, Sally Birch, Lucy Faire, Kerry Gray, Tina Holt, Scott Jennings, Shirley Munden, and Cilla Ross.

All officers and directors served in an unpaid capacity. Malcolm Noble was employed part-time as Transition Manager and attended board meetings in a non-directorial role. Throughout the period he was partially furloughed as COVID 19 impacted on some of the core activities of the College.

## Financial report

<b>August 2020 - July 2021</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
Donations	1391				
Course Fees	1899				
Recoveries	40				
Grants	9084				
Loans	8392				
	<b>20806</b>				
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Employment	10466				
Course Costs	1690				
Administration & IT	2196				
Affiliations	120				
Events	20				
CEP Project	6719				
Professional Fees	350				
Insurance	307				
	<b>21869</b>				
Balance B/F	11747				
<b>Balance C/F</b>	<b>10684</b>				

The Board of Directors is enormously grateful to the monthly donations from members.

## Summary of activities

### Validation of degree programmes and partnerships – update

2021 was characterized by the need to generate and refine an immense amount of documentation for an intended franchise partnership with an HE institution:

- Curriculum development for three proposed programmes
- Institutional documentation and policies

In January, the paperwork for three degree programmes were produced, including the outlines for 46 modules. The degree programmes were:

- BA in Counselling and Psychotherapeutic Interventions
- BA in Societies and Cultures
- MRes [Master of Research] in Histories and Cultures

LVC is grateful to all those members and LVC supporters who gave their free time to this curriculum development: Miriam Gill, Ellie Pridgeon, Conny Bailey, George Ballentyne, Dilwar Hussain, David Wharton, Gareth Watts, Malcolm Noble, Lucy Faire, Tina Holt, John Monk-Steel, Patrick Crawley, and Junaid Zico.

LVC is also very grateful to members Steve Rooney (Aston University), Dr Chris Williams (Open University) Dr Alex Mosely (Anglia Ruskin University) and Dr Denise McHugh (Open University) who reviewed paperwork, to ensure that it aligned with the correct HE level requirements.

The institutional documentation was completed, brilliantly co-ordinated by LVC Transition Manager, Dr Malcolm Noble. Again, this task involved contributions from unpaid directors and members. Around 35 documents were required which included: financial statements, business plan, draft prospectus, institutional structures, mission statement and an access and participation statement. LVC was grateful for the generosity of many members who donated to help pay for professional support in producing some key documents.

### Non-accredited courses

Between November 2020 and January 2021 LVC ran the online course 'Resonances and Representations: Aspects of The English Country House' taught by Malcolm Noble. In Spring 2021, 'How to Write Fiction' was delivered by author David Wharton. Both were ten-week courses and were the first LVC modules delivered entirely online.

### Vaughan Open Research Forum

This had a very successful year with some excellent papers. Despite being online, the Forum was well attended, especially during lockdown periods. It has helped to raise awareness of LVC as audience members have come from not only all around the UK but also from the US, Canada, New Zealand and India. In all there were ten forums covering a variety of topics:

Sep 2020: '14-18 NOW: Archiving the First World War Arts Centenary Programme', Dr Ellie Pridgeon (Consultant Archivist)

Oct 2020: 'Adult Education in the 1919 Centenary and the Time of Pandemic', Professor John Holford (Nottingham)

Nov 2020: 'Poetry and the Adult Student', Professor Bill Jones (Leicester)

Dec 2020: 'Medieval Towns in the Modern Age', Dr Deirdre O'Sullivan (Leicester)

Jan 2021: 'Looking Forward: What are the Prospects for Lifelong Learning after the Pandemic?', Professor John Field (Stirling)

Feb 2021: 'The Class Politics of Foundation Years', Dr Sarah Hale (Sheffield)

Mar 2021: 'Body Positivity: A History of a (Once) Radical Movement', Dr Gemma Gibson (Sheffield)

Apr 2021: 'What's it Like Writing a Novel?', Dr David Wharton (Leicester)

Jun 2021: 'The Lost Story of Part-time Higher Education', Adam Matthews (Birmingham)

Jul 2021: 'Disruption for Good: Where Next for Continuing Education at the University of Liverpool?', Dr Glenn Godenho (Liverpool)

### **Vaughan Tradition Project**

This project aims to gather memories, stories and pictures about Vaughan College and to produce a mini-exhibition. A Saturday morning session in March 2021 was attended by several former tutors and students of Vaughan College who shared memories and pictures of it. LVC is grateful to the Leicester Archaeological and Historical Society's Public Heritage fund for their support of this project.

### **LVC Social Media Presence**

LVC now has 600 followers on Twitter and 350 followers on Facebook. LVC is grateful to Ulla Rajala for her work in running our Twitter and Facebook accounts.

## **Member engagement**

LVC continues actively to recruit members through its social media and Open Research Forum. Membership is an important indication of support for the aims of the society. LVC is grateful to all those members who: regularly attend the Open Research Forum; share and comment on LVC material on social media; and who promote LVC events. LVC would particularly like to thank those members who make a regular monthly donation.