

**Celebrating 20 Years of  
Recovery from Addiction**

## **20th Anniversary Spirit of Recovery Awards**

**11th May 1998 - 11th May 2018**

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## Introduction

Welcome to a very special 'Double Celebration'!

Today marks the 20th anniversary of Double Impact and is a great opportunity to reflect on **THE** charity's contribution to generating recovery in our communities over the past two decades. Today is also our annual 'Spirit of Recovery' awards, through which we celebrate some incredible personal achievements, honour the amazing work which goes on within our own and other services, and thank our partners and many friends of recovery who help make all this happen.

**Thank you for sharing this special event with us.**

*"Double Impact started small, with a sole member of staff and a commitment to supporting those with drug and alcohol problems achieve abstinence and work towards recovery. At that time Nottingham already had a well-developed drug and alcohol service, but more was needed to help those who were becoming abstinent to sustain their recovery and successfully re-establish themselves in society. We now employ more than fifty people in two counties working with over 1000 people per year. Despite the ongoing struggle with the cuts in funding, our commitment is as strong as ever."*

*On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to congratulate Graham Miller, our CEO and first appointed member of staff 20 years ago, and all of the staff and volunteers for their dedication, hard work and imagination."*

**Dr Ira Unell** Chair of the Board of Trustees of Double Impact

*"Over the past 20 years of working for Double Impact, I have been privileged to witness the individual and community impact of recovery through many hundreds of incredible success stories."*

*In celebrating the charity's 20th anniversary, I would like to recognise each and every individual that has worked so hard to develop their own recovery. I would also like to thank everyone who has supported these inspirational journeys along the way - family members, volunteers, staff, funders and trustees."*

*Looking forward, Double Impact will continue to work alongside its service users and partners to deliver innovative and transformational recovery services, and in doing so challenge the stigma which persists around addictions and raise awareness of the reality of recovery."*

*Here's to the next 20 years!"*

**Graham Miller** Chief Executive of Double Impact

# Award Categories

## Volunteer of the Year

Awarded to someone who goes above and beyond in giving up their time and energy to support the recovery field. This may be someone who is in recovery themselves and is passionate about giving something back or it may be someone who makes an extra effort to support those in recovery and the field in general.

## Mentor of the Year (x2)

Awarded to a current mentor in the city or county who is exceptional! Someone who has not only made remarkable personal progress but who is also giving back to others in recovery.

## Employment Champion

Awarded to an employer or supportive individual who stands out from the rest by the support they give to those in recovery. This may be because they offer training and employment opportunities to people in recovery or because they help to break down stigma and change attitudes towards working with people in recovery.

## Creative Recovery

Awarded to an individual, group, project or one-off piece of creativity that has inventively captured what it means to support recovery.

## Recovery Team

Awarded to a group, team or special project that goes out of their way to support recovery. A team that is striving to do different and exciting things to support the recovery community.

## Community Champion

Awarded to a person or people who are making a real social impact in the field of recovery. A person or group who works tirelessly to champion recovery in local communities and society in general.

## Partnership Award

Awarded to an individual or organisation who has embraced the vision of what Double Impact is trying to achieve by providing specific support to our organisation and its various projects.

## Exceptional Recovery Worker

Awarded to a truly fantastic worker in the recovery field who deserves to be recognised for the hard work they do in supporting recovery.

## Extraordinary Achievement (x2)

Tell us about an individual who has made great strides in their recovery, someone who has surpassed all expectations and is achieving remarkable things.

## Going the Extra Mile

Awarded to an individual who always goes the extra mile for others in recovery. Someone who is quietly and humbly making a massive difference to the recovery community without seeking reward or praise and who deserves to be recognised for the amazing things they do.

## Lifetime Achievement

Awarded to an individual who has made a long term outstanding contribution to the recovery community. A person who champions recovery everywhere they go and has been a role model and an inspiration to others.

Thanks to everyone who nominated and heartfelt  
congratulations to everyone who received a nomination!

# Double Impact - Timeline

The concept for a recovery based aftercare programme is born through the vision of Tony Herbert (Founder)

**1996**



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1997**

Interested local partners are brought together - Nottingham Health Authority, The Nottinghamshire YMCA, People's College (now South Notts/ Central College), Macedon (now Framework), the Nottingham Drug Action Team and Ira Unell Consulting

People's College secure start up funding from the European Social Fund (ESF) to develop a new initiative to support recovering drug and alcohol users

**1998**



**11 May  
1998**

Graham Miller is employed as sole employee and service opens, delivered from 1 room in the Nottingham YMCA

Service works with 50 service users in first 7 months

**May-Dec  
1998**



**End  
1999**

Group programme commences in partnership with People's College including an I.T and a peer support group

**Early  
2001**

Conference in Madrid to celebrate joint European project with other 4 partners



- Nottingham City Drug Action match funding with further ESF funding and a further two staff being employed



- 'S.T.A.G.E.' (support, training, access, guidance and employment) group programme is designed and launched

**April  
2001**

- First expansion of space within YMCA from 1 to 3 rooms.
- Steering group becomes a management group of a community partnership
- Double Impact User Involvement Forum (the Focus Group), is established

Start delivery of complementary therapies for service users, later to develop into 'Healthy Highs' programme including training for holistic therapists

**2002**



D.A.T / E.S.F funding pays for two additional staff, bringing the staff team to 5

**2003**

- Key partner in 'Gear Change', training recovering service users to work in the field of drug treatment

S.A.M.P.L.E.R' (Support, Access, Mentoring, Progression, Learning, Education, Recovery) programme is developed and launched as part of a semi-structured group programme

**End  
2003**

Graham submits proposal to Notts County D.A.T to start a county-wide service working with service users at an earlier stage of treatment

Funding secured for a new Nottinghamshire service employing 2 staff, based at Venture Centre in Worksop and later in Mansfield CVS

5 bed abstinent accommodation for Double Impact service users established in YMCA and managed by Double Impact – known as 'the Dry floor'

Nottingham service users enjoy free YMCA gym access for the first time and form a football team

A Service User Representative is appointed to the Board for the first time

- Nottinghamshire team expands to include a Basic Skills Tutor and expands delivery of accredited courses and training
- Double Impact is a key partner in another employment initiatives for recovering people, the award-winning Project Recruit in Nottinghamshire
- Double Impact delivers accredited courses in partnership with Enable
- Arts council funds first of several arts programmes and Double Impact holds the first of many public art exhibitions

2004



2005

- In reach prison services signpost inmates of HMP Nottingham and HMP Ranby to local drug services and education programmes



2006

Double Impact is commissioned to deliver services in the Nottinghamshire conurbations  
Organisation is incorporated to become a Not-for-Profit Company Limited by Guarantee with a Board of Directors.

3 May  
2006

- Double Impact hosts first national Aftercare and Recovery Conference, 'What Next? – the evidence for Aftercare' - attended by 170 people, supported by the NTA, Notts County DAT and the Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership
- S.A.F.E. (Structured Aftercare For Everyone) Programme starts offering more intensive structured programme

- Double Impact runs National Consultation Road Show visiting 6 major UK cities to inform best practice and policy in Aftercare
- Double Impact presents findings at National Injecting Drug User Conference

2007  
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2008

- Double Impact hosts second national aftercare conference 'Life Beyond Drug & Alcohol Treatment' supported by local commissioners and partners
- GATE (Guided Access Towards Empowerment) Mentoring Service starts, training and employing service users as volunteer mentors to support others in the system

- Double Impact delivers year-long 'Access to Arts' programme culminating in a regional arts conference about using the arts in drug treatment



- Tenancy Support Services (3 Ways and Solutions) commence in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire



- Nottinghamshire county develops new services including 'Time Out' for stimulant users, a structured education programme (D.I.C.E) and personal development/recreational programme (S.E.I.F)

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May  
2010

- Business Development Team established to focus on organisational sustainability

April  
2010

- 'Step Ahead' alcohol service commences delivery in Nottingham of an intensive 12 step-based day programme



**Jan  
2011**

- Recovery Partnership commences delivery of services in Nottinghamshire in partnership with NHS Trust, Framework, Hetty's and the Citizens' Advice Bureaux



**April  
2011**

- Organisation is awarded registered Charitable Status by Charity Commission



- Double Impact Volunteering Academy (D.I.V.A.) is launched which places service users into work placements with local and national employers

**June  
2011**

- Transition Fund enables expansion of Business Development Team to include a fundraising coordinator
- A group room within the Nottingham City Service is dedicated to Tony Herbert.

**Sept / Oct  
2011**

- Fundraising begins with service users and staff completing the Robin Hood Half Marathon



- Turnover exceeds £1m for first time
- Double Impact commences first schools programme, delivering alcohol awareness education and workshops to teenagers in local schools



**July  
2012**

- Double Impact flag is pitched at the top of Mount Kilimanjaro by our fundraising coordinator



**Jan  
2012**



- Double Impact holds first ever U.K. Recovery Ball in Nottingham Council House

**Oct  
2012**



**2013**

- Recovery in Nottingham Partnership commences service delivery in Nottingham city, in partnership with Notts NHS Trust, Framework and BAC-IN
- Over 4000 service users accessed the service over 15 years.

Double Impact's 2nd Recovery Ball is hosted at Nottingham Uni, featuring Mitch Winehouse and his band



**June 2013**



Homelessness Prevention Service commences in Nottingham, supporting tenants with drug and alcohol issues to remain in their homes

**July 2013**

Independent 'Social Return On Investment' report is published, revealing that our services deliver £4-£7 of social benefit for every £1 invested



**Dec 2013**

Synergy CIC Ltd is formed, a community interest company with the aim of generating income for the charity through recovery focused initiatives

Head office relocates to 22-24 Friar Lane

**Jan 2014**



Opening of Café Sobar, an alcohol-free cafe and social venue, set up to provide a safe space and work experience for people in recovery and funded by the Big Lottery Fund

**Aug 2013**

**March 2014**

Turnover peaks at £1.7m

**April 2014**



Recovery Recruitment, a specialist employment project, opens its doors to service users in Nottingham, funded by the Big Lottery Fund

**August 2014**



'Recovery Mondays', a social event aimed at the recovery community, starts at Cafe Sobar

**Oct 2014**

Double Impact's first Academy opens, delivering peer mentoring and service user involvement across Nottinghamshire, in partnership with CGL





Double Impact's first Spirit of Recovery Awards takes place in Café Sobar

**Jan 2015**



'Sobar Social' events aimed at the recovery community start, featuring live music and comedy



**April 2015**

Clean Slate Academy in Nottingham commences, in partnership with Framework, working with offenders in the community



**July 2015**



Recovery Recruitment supports 30 service users into paid employment and trains 21 local employers in drug and alcohol awareness

**Aug 2015**

**Sep 2015**

Café Sobar supports local recovery community through hosting 8 weekly mutual aid recovery groups

Staff embark on training in new 'Act Peer Recovery' skillset

**Oct 2015**



Double Impact purchases and begins to refurbish a building in Mansfield with a Public Health England grant, to house the Nottinghamshire Academy

**Nov 2015**

Double Impact's first Mentoring Awards takes place in Café Sobar

**Jan 2016**



Double Impact achieves 'Certa' Recognised Centre Status, enhancing our educational offer to service users

**Feb 2016**

Recovery Recruitment Notts project, a specialist employment and education programme for north Nottinghamshire commences, funded by the Big Lottery Fund.



Our new Nottinghamshire academy building in Mansfield opens its doors, providing a new recovery hub for people in the north of the county

**March 2016**



Café Sobar is highly commended in the inaugural National Zero Alcohol Awards

**April 2016**

Double Impact wins a Nottingham Post Business Award for the Best Non-Profit of 2016 and celebrates it's 18th birthday

**May 2016**



**July 2016**

New 'Nottingham Recovery Network' commences delivery in Nottingham, in partnership with Framework and Notts NHS Trust



**Recovery Portal**



Double Impact launch new 'recovery app', helping people locate support services and providing daily motivational support

**Sept 2016**

Our Digital Inclusion suite opens at Friar Lane in Nottingham to support our service users to gain digital skills, funded by Public Health England



New website for Double Impact and Café Sobar goes live

The Academy Lincolnshire opens, Double Impact's first service outside of Nottinghamshire, in partnership with Addaction



**Oct 2016**

'TEXT' group marks 5th year of delivery, working with people to reduce opiate substitute medication

Building Better Opportunities project commences, helping people with multiple barriers towards and into work, in partnership with Framework and Groundworks



CEO completes 2 half - marathons in 2 weeks, to raise money for the charity



**2017**



Café Sobar was awarded the Tripadvisor Certificate of Excellence for the second year running.

Our services in Lincolnshire expand with additional funding for a Mobile Training Team

**July 2017**



NRN service relocates into the new Nottingham Wellbeing Hub alongside partner services

**Aug 2017**

CEO Graham Miller commences his '20 half-marathons in a year' fundraising appeal

**Sept 2017**



Building Better Opportunities service in Lincoln commences

**Oct 2017**

**Nov 2017**



Big Potential award us a grant to scope out social investment options for our Academy model

Local business The Treat Kitchen announces us as their Charity of the Year 2018



**Feb 2018**

**CAFÉ Sobar**

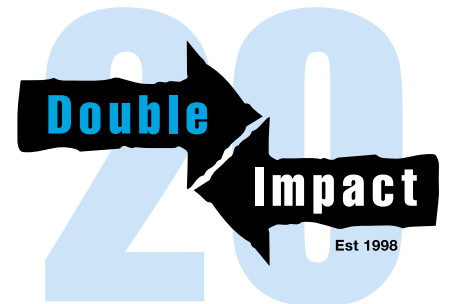
Café Sobar achieves record sales



**Mar 2018**

Henry Smith Charity awards us a three-year grant for core funding

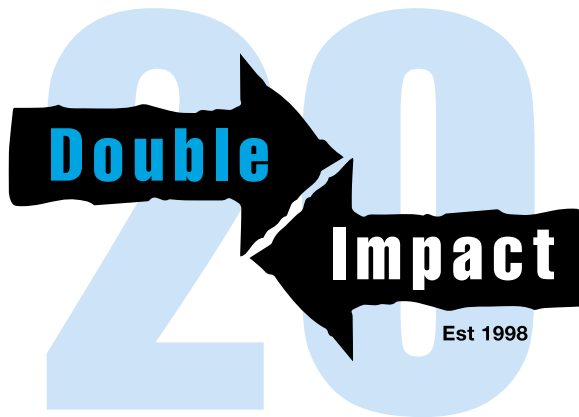
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**May 2018**

Double Impact celebrates its 20th Anniversary



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