



# Ruth Hayman Trust

*Providing educational grants to adults who have come to settle in the UK and whose first language is not English*

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## KEY POINTS FOR ANNUAL REPORT 2016-7



**We celebrated 33 years of the Trust** and the retirement of Sheila Rosenberg (pictured right) as Chair with a party that raised over £6,000. Mary Simpson (left) took over as the new Chair and Sheila continues to be actively involved as President.

**We awarded just over £40,000 to 171 successful applicants.** This was £10,000 more than last year (£30,000 to 165 applicants). In addition to grants for fees there were 17 awards of book tokens and 41 for dictionaries.

**We supported applicants from 42 countries** with the largest group this year coming from Sudan followed by Syria, Eritrea, for the first time Albania and Iran. The majority were refugees, and there were more men than women.

**We supported applicants across England, Northern Ireland and Wales on a wide range of courses.** The highest number of applicants came from the North of England, followed by London, Northern Ireland and the Midlands. We gave 85 awards for ESOL including IELTS, an increase on last year, 7 awards for doctors for exams and registration to qualify to work here, 5 for dentists and 3 for pharmacists. We gave 11 awards for security qualifications and registration. Other awards included interpreting, accounting, beauty, dance therapy and our first for boatbuilding.

**We raised just over £50,000** thanks to our very generous supporters, including the wonderful ESOL teachers and students who entered our Star Challenge – Congratulations to our winners from Derby College and runners up from Walsall. One of the highlights was being chosen as the TES FE Awards nominated Charity and beneficiary Naima Isgow spoke at the Awards ceremony about how the Trust had changed her life.

We are again grateful to the Charities Advisory Trust for their grant from which we make awards for essential textbooks and to Oxford University Press for donating and sending out dictionaries. Also to our sponsors, English Speaking Board and Wordbright Ltd and to all those who cover administrative costs and/or give their services free, so that **98% of what we raised goes directly to our applicants.**

