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However, Regenesi² is supported by a wide range of individuals, organisations and agencies, too numerous to list but without whom it simply would not be able to achieve what it has. Our thanks are due to all.

Members of the Management Board 2007-2008	
Naseer Nazar	<i>Chair of R2</i>
Zahid Hussain	<i>Director / Chief Exec</i>
Asia Mehasi	<i>Secretary / Director</i>

Chairperson's Introduction

Regenesis² was formed only a few months ago: it was created on the 17th of April 2007 as a non-profit social enterprise.

It seems amazing that in such a short period of time we have moved from our original home in Wythenshawe to Fallowfield and achieved all the things we have.

We moved into the old Loreto Convent in September of 2007 and following that move we have been making changes to the building and getting it "ship-shape" for the centre's users.

What is clear is that there are few local amenities in Fallowfield and Whalley Range and we have tried our best to link in with Ward Coordinators and the Council to ensure that they are aware of us. Our first act on moving to the renamed Loreto Convent – now Shakespeare House – was to contact Maria Boylan and the rest of the team, and then we found out we weren't in Whalley Range, but in Fallowfield!

I have the pleasure of presenting the first Annual Report and I know that in months to come there will be more exciting achievements to tell you about and I look forward to it.

Naseer Nazar

Chief Executive's Introduction

This is the very first Regenesis² report and each year from now it will grow and change as the organisation expands and starts new projects.

In an incredibly short period of time we have become a de facto training institute focussing on the teaching of English and we have started a range of community projects that meet the needs of the local community with particular emphasis on social enterprise, youth, women, BME and faith communities.

We have, in a snapshot achieved and done the following with more exciting things to come!

Zahid Hussain

Vision & Mission

Regenesis² strives to create a world without borders, where diverse societies, communities and individuals are further enriched, strengthened and empowered through the power of faith and social equity.

Regenesis² believes in a world where justice exists for all irrespective of their wealth, status or education and that everyone has a right to self-actualisation and self-determination.

Regenesis² will work towards becoming a key global component in brokering partnerships to develop communities and societies from within in a sustained, cohesive way which involves all and excludes no-one.

Regenesis² is a not-for-profit social enterprise based in Manchester. We build communities, develop human, social and financial capital in order to build a more cohesive and tolerant society. We aspire to build the capacity of other organisations, and individuals through a mixed and eclectic approach to development. We work locally and internationally.

Our services include:

- Training/education
- English: ESOL, IELTS, Business English
- Capacity Building Training:
 - Fund-raising, governance etc.
- Social enterprise training

- Room hire for meetings, training and events

- Networking & brokerage
- Advice & Consultancy
- Specialist community cohesion projects

Shakespeare House



2007/8 was our first and therefore start-up period. We placed a great emphasis on getting the centre ready for the users and it has taken shape around us as we worked through the year. The pictures illustrate how the Centre looks now and how it caters for the burgeoning needs of our users.

The centre has:

17 rooms of which 9 are bedrooms which allow for residential study – these sections are self-enclosed and have a separate entrance. We also have 6 training rooms and we have a library and dining room as well as two kitchens. The garden is quite large and has an area of over 1400 square metres.

All visitors to the centre are gob-smacked as it is quite deceptive looking from the outside. It appears to be a large detached property from the outside, but on entering it takes on the dimensions of the Tardis.

In the coming year we shall focus on making the centre more child friendly and expanding the range and depth of our services as well as launching more flagship type projects.

Services & Projects



Education

Association of Business Executives (Accredited Member)

The Association of Business Executives (ABE) is an International Examining Body and provider of business and management qualifications, leading onto Degree and Masters routes. ABE has 'Awarding Body' status in the United Kingdom and is also recognised in many other countries worldwide.

We were audited by ABE and passed with flying colours. We can now teach people to degree level Business, Marketing, IT and plethora of other courses including Tourism and Hotel Management.

English Classes

We deliver ESOL, IELTS and Business English classes to a wide range of people, from ethnic minority women in the UK to foreign executives.

Health & Well-Being

We have delivered Yoga and Belly-dancing classes for women, attracting the interest of over 20 women of different ages and ethnicities.

Centre Users

Shakespeare House caters for all communities with a specialised interest in:

- BME Communities
- Faith Communities

And within those communities it caters for the needs of:

- Children
- Youth
- Women
- Elderly

Our Centre's policy is to be open to all irrespective of background. Most of our services are free to use. However, in order to remain as independent and sustainable as possible we rent out our facilities such as training rooms, meeting rooms to organisations and agencies at a competitive rate to ensure we can continue to meet the needs of our users.

Summary & Future

This first year has been a tremendous period of upheaval and change and we know that there is an exciting future ahead of us.

Undoubtedly, this first year has necessitated that we focus on the preparation of Shakespeare House for our diverse range of users.

We have already begun to establish ourselves as a local community centre that really meets the needs of all Mancunians despite our specialist nature and this is probably due to the fact that most issues and problems affect everyone and not just one exclusive community and therefore the solutions determined can help support many groups.

There have been a great number of ups and downs over the last year and so and we recognise that without the support of the local community, local community organisations and the local council our work will be made more difficult.

Nevertheless, we seek to improve our centre and continue to meet the needs of local people in our particular way which is all about fusing social enterprise with an eye on the long-term and mainstreaming wherever possible.