

GREATER **LONDON** AUTHORITY

Mayor's Office

Steven Norris
Chair of Trustees
London Action Trust
88 Clapham Road
London SW9 0JR

City Hall
The Queen's Walk
London SE1 2AA
Switchboard: 020 7983 4000
Minicom: 020 7983 4458
Web: www.london.gov.uk

Our ref: MGLA120808-3130

Date: **20 AUG 2008**

Dear Steve

Many thanks for your letter.

Absolutely delighted to help in any way I can.

Keep up the good work!

Best wishes,



Boris Johnson
Mayor of London

*London Action Trust
instrument 2015
ceased trading
22 Jan 16.*

4 August 2008

Boris Johnson
Mayor of London
City Hall
The Queen's Walk
More London
London SE1 2AA

08 AUG 2008

London Times

Dear Boris,

On a personal note, I am particularly pleased to invite you to agree to continue as ex officio the Patron of the London Action Trust, a charity which works to break the cycle of offending in London and which I am very pleased to say does excellent work.

Our projects include the very successful Dyspel programme which supports ex-offenders with special needs relating to varying degrees of dyslexia. A predictably huge number of them fail at school not because they are thick but because they are dyslexic or dyspraxic. Both conditions can be ameliorated with professional help. When people can read and write their ability to access employment is understandably massively enhanced. We also developed London's domestic violence strategy which has been recognised as the country's leading project in this area of work. We work to place ex-offenders into employment which is the best way of all to keep them away from prison or the probation service. We train employers in the rehabilitation of offenders - how to do it and how to make sure they are not exposed to risk in the process.

This really good charity which grew out of the charitable arm of the old London Probation Service continues to help tackle what you rightly describe as the most important challenge of your mayoralty. Whenever we can turn a young person away from that first brush with the law or make sure that the first brush is definitely the last we have not only done a world of good for that young person we have done more to help make London a better place to live in than almost anything else we can spend taxpayers' money on.

You will be relieved to know the ex-officio position of Patron involves you in no duties of any description at any time. That said, you would always be very welcome to see more of our work if it was of interest.

Yours sincerely
Steve

STEVEN NORRIS
Chair of Trustees



London Action Trust	Patron	Vice Patron	Trustees				Director
Registered Charity No. 1039534	Mayor of London	The Hon. Mrs Susan Baring OBE	Maggie O'Neill (Chair)	Phyllis Dunipace	Lanre Oke		Ian Powell
Registered in England as a Limited Company No. 2897056			Louise Engleman (Vice Chair)	Rani King MBE	Martin Thorneycroft		
Registered Office: 88 Clapham Road, London SW9 0JR			Colin Reid (Treasurer)	Peter McNeal	Phil Woodford		
			His Honour Judge Jeremy Connor	Steven Norris			

Mayor's Office

City Hall
The Queen's Walk
London SE1 2AA
Switchboard: 020 7983 4000
Minicom: 020 7983 4458
Web: www.london.gov.uk

Steven Norris
Chair of Trustees
London Action Trust
88 Clapham Road
London SW9 0JR

Our ref: MCLA120808-3130

Date: **20 AUG 2008**

Dear Steve

Many thanks for your letter.

Absolutely delighted to help in any way I can.

Keep up the good work!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Boris', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Boris Johnson
Mayor of London

4 August 2008

08 AUG 2008

Boris Johnson
Mayor of London
City Hall
The Queen's Walk
More London
London SE1 2AA

Dear Boris,

On a personal note, I am particularly pleased to invite you to agree to continue as ex officio the Patron of the London Action Trust, a charity which works to break the cycle of offending in London and which I am very pleased to say does excellent work.

Our projects include the very successful Dyspel programme which supports ex-offenders with special needs relating to varying degrees of dyslexia. A predictably huge number of them fail at school not because they are thick but because they are dyslexic or dyspraxic. Both conditions can be ameliorated with professional help. When people can read and write their ability to access employment is understandably massively enhanced. We also developed London's domestic violence strategy which has been recognised as the country's leading project in this area of work. We work to place ex-offenders into employment which is the best way of all to keep them away from prison or the probation service. We train employers in the rehabilitation of offenders - how to do it and how to make sure they are not exposed to risk in the process.

This really good charity which grew out of the charitable arm of the old London Probation Service continues to help tackle what you rightly describe as the most important challenge of your mayoralty. Whenever we can turn a young person away from that first brush with the law or make sure that the first brush is definitely the last we have not only done a world of good for that young person we have done more to help make London a better place to live in than almost anything else we can spend taxpayers' money on.

You will be relieved to know the ex-officio position of Patron involves you in no duties of any description at any time. That said, you would always be very welcome to see more of our work if it was of interest.

Yours sincerely
Steve

STEVEN NORRIS
Chair of Trustees



London Action Trust	Patron	Vice Patron	Trustees			Director
Registered Charity No. 1039534	Mayor of London	The Hon. Mrs Susan Baring OBE	Maggie O'Neill (Chair)	Phyllis Dunipace	Lanre Oke	Ian Powell
Registered in England as a Limited Company No. 2897056			Louise Engleman (Vice Chair)	Rani King MBE	Martin Thorneycroft	
Registered Office: 88 Clapham Road, London SW9 0JR			Colin Reid (Treasurer)	Peter McNeal	Phil Woodford	
			His Honour Judge Jeremy Connor	Steven Norris		