

Our Client Groups Say



"The trip was a tremendous success...the experience is one that will be remembered forever!"



"They discovered new found skills and brought confidence back to the classroom."



"The team building between the young people"

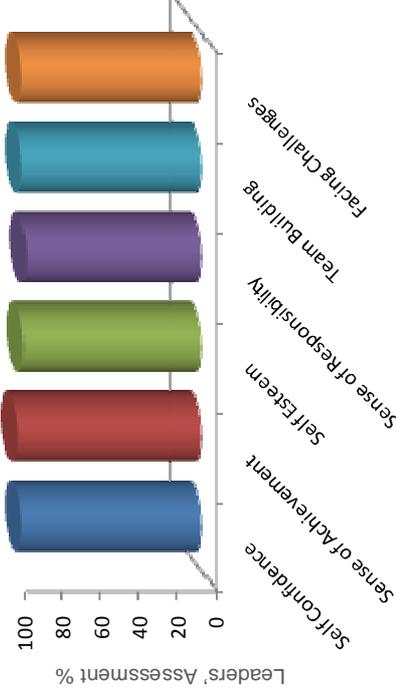
And one of our skippers says...

"It was a joy to hear some of the young crew say, 'I never believed I could have done that.'"

Evaluation and Outcomes

To ensure the service we deliver is effective, we have systems in place not only to obtain feedback after the experience but also to determine the desired outcomes from each individual voyage. This provides us with information on the benefits gained from the experience we offer; this, together with the unsolicited feedback we receive, supports our claim that the service we provide plays an integral role in the work of our youth leaders in bringing about long-term benefits and changes for the young people in their care.

We show benefits gained from the experience as developments at significant, moderate, slight or zero levels. Of the 14 areas we record, in 2011 six were highlighted by the youth leaders as being of primary importance with regard to desired outcomes, these were: self-confidence, sense of achievement, team building, self-esteem, facing challenges and sense of responsibility. Evaluation of the benefits gained in these particular areas indicates that our youth leaders consider that developments at moderate and significant levels were gained at an average level of 94%.



If you would like information about arranging a voyage or would like to offer your support we would be pleased to hear from you.

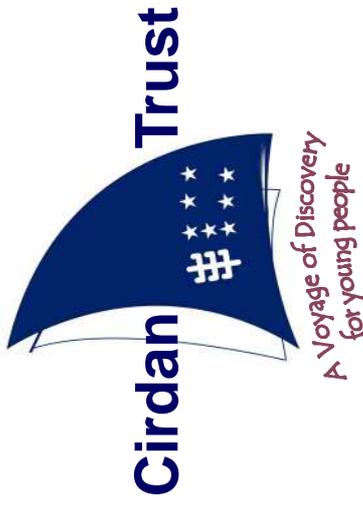
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The Cirdan Sailing Trust is a registered charity established in 1983 to provide young people, in particular those who are disadvantaged, with the opportunity to develop life skills through the challenge and adventure of life at sea, living and working on large sailing vessels. We aim our service mainly at groups of disadvantaged young people who come on board the vessels together with their youth leaders.

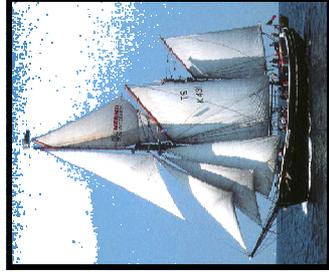
A voyage with The Cirdan Sailing Trust encourages young people to accept personal responsibility whilst confronting the demands and challenges of life at sea. The experience itself promotes acceptance of others, no matter what their social or cultural background and the experience as a whole boosts self-esteem, develops confidence, promotes a willingness to face new challenges and take controlled risks.

Our work is carried out aboard a small fleet of large traditional style sailing vessels, some of which have an added historic value. Each season we have the capacity for up to 1,000 young people to experience an off-shore sailing voyage of between 3 and 14 days from various ports around the UK. Sailing passages include UK coastal areas and to the Channel Islands, France and the Netherlands. Occasionally we sail further afield for the Tall & Small Ships' Race events.

The Trust's work is partly self-funding through voyage fees which, by careful management, are kept as low as possible. However, very few of the organisations and young people who wish to benefit from the experience we offer are in a position to cover the full costs involved. They rely on support from our **Voyage of Discovery Fund** scheme to supplement the limited monies raised through their own resources to ensure the experience can be made available to their young people. With our focus on the provision of voyages for disadvantaged groups, we in turn rely on the generous support of benefactors throughout Britain for the successful operation of the scheme.

OUR FLEET OF VESSELS

Queen Galadriel



A gaff rigged ketch built in 1937 in Svenborg, Denmark. With an overall length of 32.9m, Queen Galadriel has 16 berths to accommodate groups of young people aged from 12 years with their youth leaders. Queen Galadriel generally sails on 7 day voyages from the East or South coasts.

Faramir

Built in 1982 as the sail training vessel **Arethusa** she was renamed **Faramir** when she joined the Cirdan fleet in 2006. A 22.4m long Bermudan rigged ketch, **Faramir** accommodates groups of 15 young people aged from 12 years with their youth leaders and has a typical sailing area of the East and North East coasts.



Duet

A 22m long gaff-rigged yawl retaining the features of a classic Edwardian yacht. Built in 1912 and later bought by the explorer Augustine Courtauld, Duet accommodates groups of 7 people for overnight sailing. Duet generally operates from the East coast but travels south to participate in the annual Cowes Small Ships' Race.



OUR CLIENT GROUPS

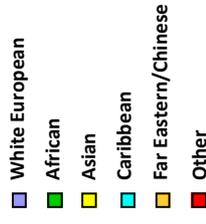
In recent sailing seasons, 92% of all our youth charters were undertaken by disadvantaged young people. The remaining 8% involved young people on leadership or adventure projects.

Disadvantaged young people

The main categories of disadvantage among our clients are young people with low self-confidence, those from low income families, those 'at risk' and young people with special needs and learning difficulties. Amongst the many youth organisations that make use of our service are youth offending services, charities, youth clubs, main stream and special schools.

Gender and ethnic origin

In recent years, 36% of the young people who sailed with Cirdan were female. Over 30% were from minority ethnic groups, with Asian, Caribbean and African groups among the frequent users of our service.



Regional uptake of our service

Our client groups come from many parts of the UK and occasionally beyond:

