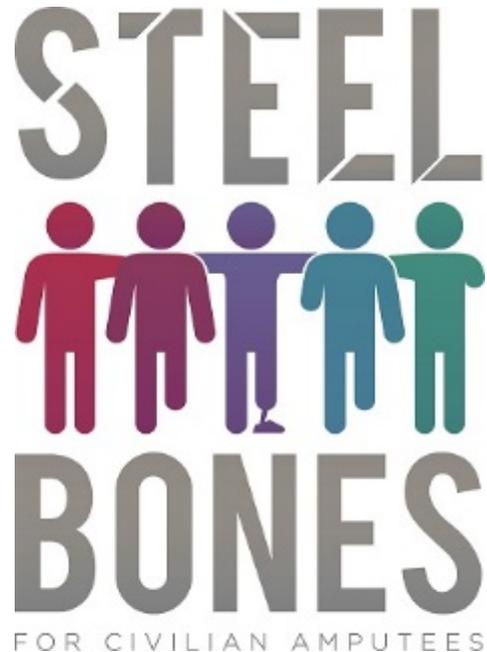


From association to CIO to

Introduction

Steel Bones works to connect the amputee community by sending out support packs to all new amputees, promoting stump health news, healthy lifestyle and providing flexible careers opportunities. It also arranges networking and fundraising events and lobbies statutory agencies on behalf of amputees and their families.

The group has grown out of the lived experience of its founder members. Eight years ago Leigh Joy-Staines lost his leg as a result of an operation that went wrong. In the aftermath of this life-changing event Leigh and his wife Emma felt very isolated and struggled against a general lack of understanding among the general public and statutory agencies about what amputation means for an individual and a family. As a result of their experiences they decided to form STEEL BONES to provide support for other amputees and their families.



The Need

Steel Bones contacted CCVS because they wanted to become a registered charity, seek funding and put in place policies and procedures to help them develop and support more beneficiaries.

The complete package of support

Emma met up with a CCVS development worker to discuss registering Steel Bones as a charity. They were able to help Steel Bones undertake a review of what they wanted to achieve and to consider what structure would best serve their needs and future ambitions. Having reviewed the options Steel Bones decided to become a Charitable Incorporated Company (CIO) and with CCVS's support registered successfully with the Charity Commission giving Steel Bones the charity status they wanted but also limited liability for their trustees.

As a member of CCVS Steel Bones have also been able to access support to develop policies and procedures. They have attended a range of valuable training workshops including Safeguarding, Financial Management, Writing a Good Funding Bid, and Duties of Trustees'.

The Impact

With CCVS help Steel Bones considered the options on how they could incorporate, and decided the CIO structure was for them. They then successfully registered as a CIO. This is something they feel they would not have had the confidence to attempt without CCVS help.

CCVS have continued to give them valued support that has made a real difference to their ability to persevere and support new amputees and their families.



Testimony

“The support I have received from CCVS has been outstanding. From the first instance of talking to them on the phone they immediately understood what we needed and explained how they could help us. At the time I was finding it tricky to decide on a structure for Steel Bones and CCVS gave us guidance

*that made things understandable and clear. **CCVS have helped Steel Bones establish for the long term with a very exciting future ahead.**”*

“The CCVS training sessions I have attended have been phenomenal and what I find fantastic is they bring their own considerable charity experience to the training. Plus, CCVS have been a great brainstorming resource and have been brilliant at giving us a fresh perspective. I know I can email the team anytime with questions and they come back to me quickly with superb advice giving our committee the assurance we need to push forward in the best way possible.”