

## The Human Values Foundation..... *Life-enriching values for everyone*



### Celebrating 25 years

The Human Values Foundation education charity was established in 1995 by the late June Auton. As a Primary school teacher, she realised that many children were failing at school due to the lack of essential life skills, so she set up the charity to foster the healthy development of all children and

young people - mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually - laying the foundations for them to flourish as human beings and to make the most of themselves throughout their school careers and on into their adult lives.



### Education in Human Values

In her own class, June had experimented with teaching through values and noticed how this approach transformed her pupils' behaviour, with academic results shooting up. So, in 1995 we published **EHV**. It had very wide appeal. For maximum impact, we mainly targeted schools "Requiring Improvement", those rated 3 by Ofsted.



By 2017 over 2,000 schools in the UK had taken **EHV**. Ofsted uses 4 key areas for assessments: *the Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, and Leadership and Management*. **EHV** was shown to improve all 4 aspects but especially Personal Development, with most **EHV** schools achieving this well and being complimented by inspectors on their provision for it.



### Social and Emotional Education

In 2002 a group of EHV children were so upset when moving into their secondary school and finding a values void that they asked Mrs Auton for help. So in 2004 we produced **SEE**. By 2017 we had over 130 **SEE** schools but it was clear that, with the increasingly intense focus on exam results, the life skills component of education was

being squeezed out of school timetables, to the detriment of pupils' health, wellbeing and academic attainment. So although the take up has not been so widespread, it is still available.



### The Big Think

Global research confirms the powerful effects of values-led education. Encouraged by this and recognising the need for a 21<sup>st</sup> century version of EHV plus the possibilities offered by new technologies, in June 2019 we launched **TBT**. This user-friendly digital programme comprises 88 units (44 for ages 5-7 and 44 for ages 7-11) and is designed to assist teachers and their schools meet the balance between academic learning and personal /character development.



From September 2020 Primary schools must also include *Relationships Education* in their curriculum, which is central to **TBT's** philosophy. With its stimulating bank of **stories, songs and activities based on values**, **TBT's** 88 learning modules provide teachers and others with a modern day resource to help educate children in values and thus not only enable them to thrive and achieve their potential but also equip them for life in today's world and for the challenges that lie ahead.