



Lads Need Dads

Equipping, Engaging and Inspiring Young Men

Our Mission: To empower and enable boys age 11-15 with absent fathers or limited access to a male role model, to be motivated, responsible, capable, resilient and emotionally competent to prevent them from becoming at risk of under achieving, offending, exclusion or dropping out of school.



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**AN ENTREPRENEUR
TENDS TO BITE OFF A
LITTLE MORE THAN HE
CAN CHEW *HOPING
HE'LL QUICKLY LEARN
HOW TO CHEW IT.***

- ROY ASH



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The Fatherlessness Crisis

- 1.1 million children in the UK are growing up without a father in their lives
- 2.7 million children live in lone parent families

(Centre for Social Justice 2017)





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- **51** billion pounds

The economic cost of family breakdown last year

- (Relationships Foundation 2018)

Why I set up Lads Need Dads

Two main motivators:

1. Professional
2. Personal

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THE BIGGEST RISK IS NOT TAKING
ANY RISK. IN A WORLD THAT
IS CHANGING REALLY QUICKLY,
THE ONLY STRATEGY THAT IS
GUARANTEED TO FAIL IS NOT
TAKING RISKS

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Males – the high-risk gender

76% of all
male prisoners
in England and
Wales had an
absent father

(Prison Reform Trust
2015)

84% of the
hidden homeless
are men. (Crisis '17)

2 in 3 Murder
Victims are male

(Office for National
Statistics 2017)

The biggest killer
of men **under**

45 is suicide

(Off. of Nat.Stats 2015)

Boys are
excluded from
school **3** times
more than girls

(DFE 2015/16)

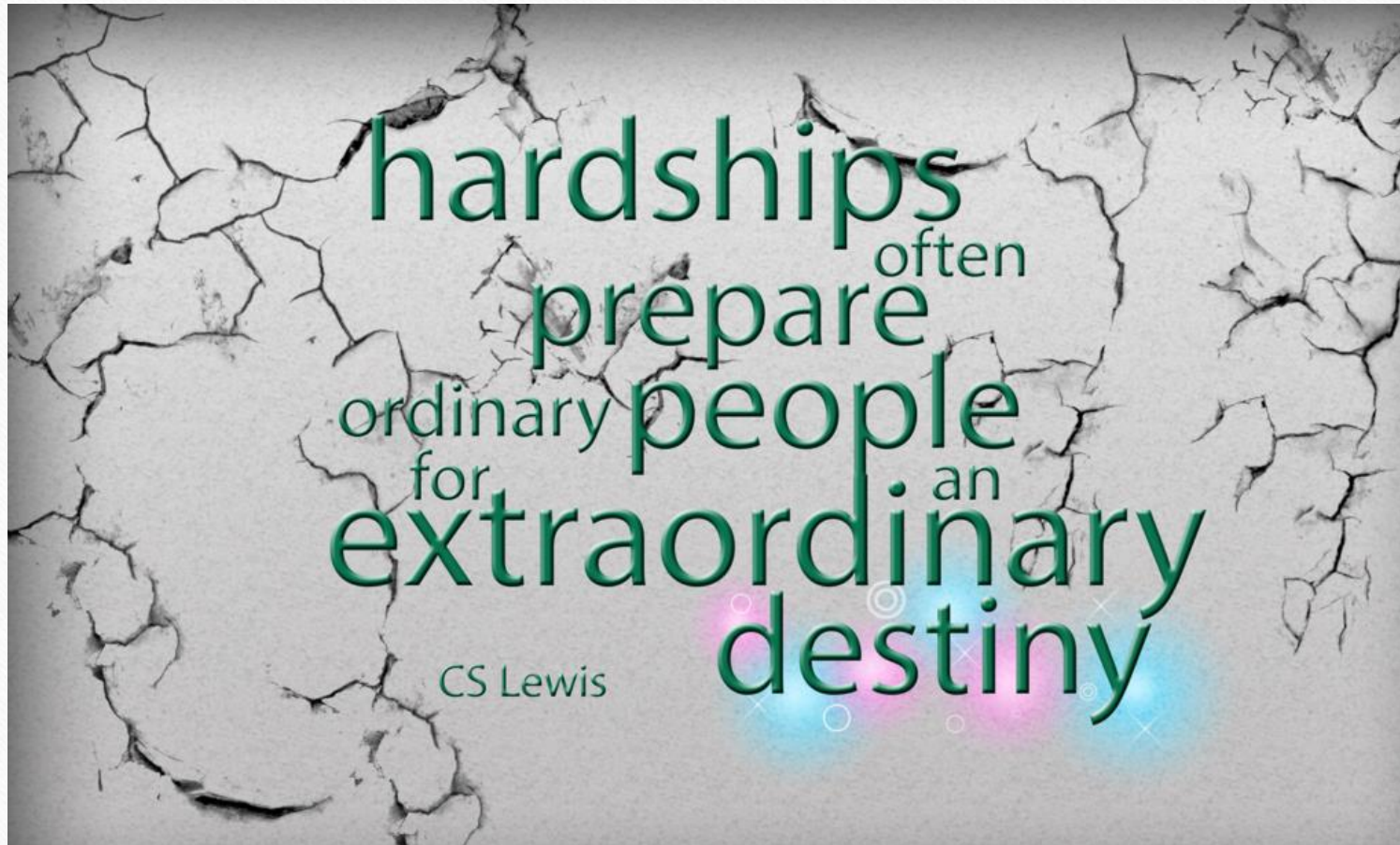


My Dad



My
Grandad





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Why Lads Need Dads?

Countless statistics show that young boys, where a father is absent and who have no appropriate male role model, will struggle as teenagers and are at a higher risk of low self-esteem, and/or dropping out of education, anti-social behaviour, substance abuse and crime.

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‘To empower and enable boys age 11-15 with absent fathers or limited access to a male role model, to be motivated, responsible, capable, resilient and emotionally competent to **PREVENT** them from becoming at risk of under achieving, offending, exclusion or dropping out of school.’

- To raise awareness and understanding of the important role fathers play in the emotional, mental and educational development and well-being of boys.



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What does absence look like?

- Mum and Dad separated, Dad not in the home
- Never met or known Dad
- Dad lives out of area, contact lost
- Dad prevented from having contact
- Domestic abuse
- Dad has died
- Dad may have walked away
- In prison
- See Dad sporadically
- Looked after children
- Foster care

The impact of the absent father

- Sense of rejection leading to unworthiness, self doubt and self hatred
- Adrift / rudderless / lost
- Crisis of identity
- Anger, bouts of rage
- A Lack of motivation
- A need to belong
- Loss of value – under achieve
- Poor judge of character
- Unfilled void – leading to addictions
- Lack of confidence



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“The Impact you have is more important than the size of your organisation”.

(How to change the world, 2017) Craig Deardon-Phillips



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What we are doing now...



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SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT.

It is hard work, perseverance,
learning, studying, sacrifice, and most
of all, love of what you are doing.

— Pelé —



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**‘WHILE WORKING
TO CHANGE THE WORLD AND CREATE
TRUE IMPACT, YOU CAN’T
FORGET TO SPEND
THE TIME TO LIVE IN IT’**

**– MICHAEL
DONNELLY,
FWD
COLLECTIVE**


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