

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CRANFIELD TRUST



1988

Staff, students and alumni at Cranfield University are challenged by **HRH The Princess Royal** to use their skills to help good causes.

1989

Cranfield Trust becomes a **registered charity**. Our first assignments were secondments to international aid organisations in **Malawi** and **Mozambique**. As we grow, we focus on supporting **charities** working in the **UK**.

1999

We celebrate our **10th anniversary** and recruit our **100th volunteer**.

2000

We launch **HRNet** as demand for help with employment questions increases.

2004

We start the '**Smart Fund**' to raise funds to support our regional development and become a national charity.

2008

We start offering free management consultancy to charities in **Scotland** and more regions across **England**.

2014

We celebrate our **25th anniversary** and launch our free **masterclass** programme for charities.

2015

We welcome our **1000th volunteer** and celebrate delivering **3,000 free management consultancy projects** to charities across the UK.

2016

We restructure and **grow our team** to **build our capacity** to work with more charities.

We launch our **largest ever programme of work** in London, in partnership with City Bridge Trust.

2017

We get funding to launch our work in **Wales**, recruiting **local volunteers** to support **local charities**.

2018

We start work on our new three year strategy to **reach more charities** across the UK and introduce **new services**.

2019

We celebrate our **30th birthday** with the launch of **new services**.