

# The Beckmead Trust Newsletter



*Our CEO flew to Dublin in May to watch two Bruce Springsteen concerts and to advance the partnership between TeachRock and The Beckmead Trust.*



On the night of the second concert; Jonty and his wife Judith were thrilled to be unexpectedly invited backstage to meet with Steve Van Zandt 50 minutes before the show began to discuss the use of the TeachRock materials at Beckmead.

As well as being Springsteen's lifelong right hand man in the E` Street band, Steve / Little Steven / Stevie / SVZ / is also known across the globe for his acting in 'The Sopranos' and 'Lillehammer'. He is a passionate humanitarian who works tirelessly for human rights and freedoms.

Teach Rock is a charity founded by Stevie that offers free arts based curriculum and teaching resources to educators across America. The Beckmead Trust and TeachRock have been partnering for over a year to deliver the materials to kids in the UK who have additional needs.

*Rock and Roll!!!*

*Bruce Springsteen, Steve Van Zandt and Gary Tallent pounding out Jonty's favourite song 'Thunder Road' to an enraptured Dublin crowd of 40,000 fans at the RDS Arena.*



The Irish Examiner summed up what everyone felt about the shows in Dublin...

**'There's no getting around it; Bruce Springsteen is the greatest live performer there is. In terms of showmanship and soul, the others just aren't at the races'.**

**'You wouldn't bet any kind of serious money on it but if this was the final Irish hurrah for the mighty E Street Band then they've gone out on an almost impossible high. We were blessed to be there'.**

What a privilege to meet with Stephen and discuss Beckmead in the middle of such a great event.

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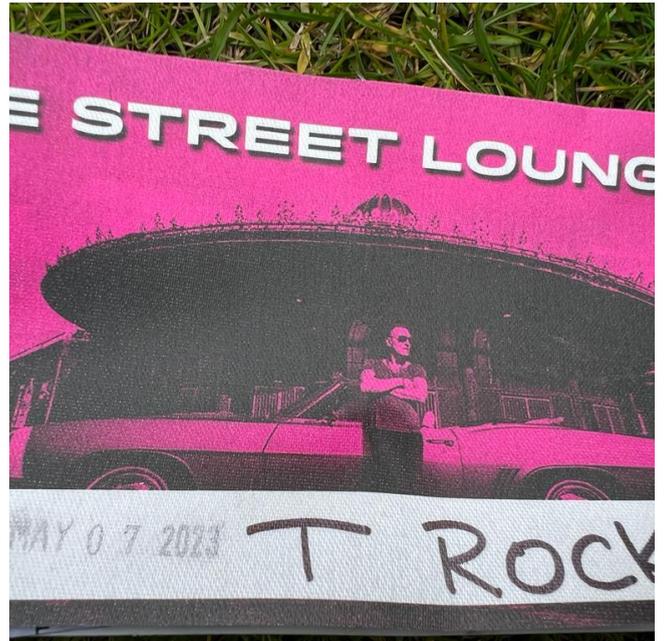
Pre show, Jonty and Judith were entertained in the E Street lounge. Here's Jonty with Michal-Ann Haders, Stevie's P.A. and TeachRock fundraiser.



Tickets for all of the 2023 tour are like gold dust so being a part of the TeachRock family resulted in a package with great access!



*Jonty will be attending several other gigs as the tour progresses through the rest of the year*



Bill Carbone, CEO TeachRock and a Trustee will be visiting some of the Beckmead schools in July to see the impact of the partnership and meet children and staff who are participating.

All expenses associated with this trip were paid by Jonty personally.