**Background:**

In the early 1980s, there were no developmental curriculum materials for secondary schools in the United Kingdom. LionsMD105, therefore, approached Tacade, a leading UK registered not-for-profit charity, with the objective of taking the Quest ‘Skills for Adolescence’ materials and anglicising them. This was successfully achieved, and the Quest-Tacade partnership arrangement was effective in delivering these materials.

However, in the late 1980s it was increasingly being recognised and generally accepted that the Quest materials, whilst extremely useful, were not written to the curriculum guidelines acceptable to the educational establishment in the UK. Indeed, the materials did not enable teachers to deliver the demands of the National Curriculum since they were not written specifically for the UK market.

It eventually became evident that the UK educational establishment was demanding materials that were specifically targeted at the set curriculum for the various Key Stages. Tacade, established in 1968, had developed an outstanding reputation for its classroom materials that specifically targeted the UK educational curriculum in terms of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education.

In 1985, Lions Clubs International, MD105, through their Council of Governors, signed a partnership agreement with Tacade. The aims of this agreement were for Tacade to produce materials and LCI MD105 were to assist in the funding and distribution of these materials. A joint committee of Lions and members of the Tacade staff, including the Chief Executive, meets regularly to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern. Objectives and future targets are negotiated and agreed, with both parties working to achieving their role in those objectives. This partnership agreement was renewed for a further five years by the Council of Governors in January 2003.
Advantages of the TACADE partnership for Lions:

1. Tacade is recognised by the United Kingdom’s educational establishments as a leading supplier of quality, practical and accessible educational materials that meet teachers’ needs and enable them to deliver the requirements laid down for them by the Department for Education and Skills.

2. Tacade has a very high reputation for the quality of its materials. Many schools and educational authorities already have existing Tacade materials in use. Indeed, it is estimated that over 75% of primary schools and over 70% of secondary schools are currently using Tacade resources.

3. Tacade have strong political and educational connections with the key decision-makers. For example, Baroness Massey of Darwen is a member of the Tacade Board of Trustees, and both Mr Ivan Lewis (Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Education) and Baroness Walmsley are Patrons of the organisation. Tacade is represented on the All Party Parliamentary Committee on Drugs and the All Party Parliamentary Committee on Alcohol, both of which meet regularly at the House of Commons, and meets with representatives of both the Department of Education and Skills and the Department of Health on a regular basis. A mark of governmental recognition is the Core Funding Grant provided each year by the Department of Health.

4. Lions have worked with Tacade for over 20 years during which time there has developed a shared understanding and mutual respect for the charities aims, objectives and mission, witnessed by the long-term relationship.

5. Lions have placed and monitored the use of Tacade resources within schools and this has enabled the partnership between Lions and Tacade to grow from strength to strength. The partnership is now well established in the minds of the educational authorities. All Tacade’s life skills resources bear the Lions logo, which has brought about substantial benefits in terms of the tremendous publicity and promotion.

6. Alternative materials that exactly match the Government’s requirements for the United Kingdom’s educational establishments are not available to the Lions Clubs of MD105.
Partnership Successes:

Through the Partnership Agreement the following materials have been developed and distributed since 1986:

**Middle and Secondary Schools**
  Activities and Assignments; Parents Meetings; Parents Textbook; Students Textbook
- Skills for Life Package: Overview (1994)
  Introduction Manual; Core Manual; Key Stage 3 Lesson Cards (11-14 year olds)
  Key Stage 4 Lesson Cards (14-16 year olds)
- Respect It: Alcohol Materials for Secondary Schools (2001)
- Citizenship 11-16 (2003)

**Primary and Middle Schools**
- Little Steps: an Early Years resource promoting Personal, Social and Emotional Development for 3-5 year olds (2005)
- Skills for the Primary School Child Part 1: Foundation Programme (1990)
- Skills for the Primary School Child Part 1: I am, I know, I can (2001)
- Sgiliau i'r Plentyn Cynradd: Dwi'n Bod ... Dwi'n Gwybod ... Dwi'n Gallu ... (2003)
- Skills for the Primary School Child Part 4: Substance and Solution (1997)