

Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance

E-Bulletin

December 2023

Welcome to your latest edition of the Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance e-bulletin.

This e-bulletin will include **current news articles and an Alliance update.**

You will also find information on **corporate and community volunteering opportunities, job opportunities, and training and funding news.**

We hope that you enjoy the bulletin, and we look forward to any feedback you may wish to share.

Please share this newsletter with anyone you feel may find it useful. Anyone can opt in to our mailing list by contacting contactus@sunderlandvsa.co.uk

Note: Information in this bulletin has been shared directly from the source/organisation. If you require any further details, please use the links to contact the organisations directly.

Alliance Update



Exciting opportunity - SVSA Chair of the Board of Trustees

Join us in our mission to create ambition, energy and drive to support our communities to bring about social change, grow community wealth and create resilience. Our board is passionate about our sector and city join us as our new independent Chair as we enter the next stage of development.

We are looking to appoint a **Chair to join our Board of Trustees** who will provide organisation oversight, guidance and expertise at this pivotal and exciting time. We want the right people to drive our organisation forward, creating ambition and directing investment into Sunderland VCSE sector.

Closing date Tuesday 5th December to request an application pack, please email Tracy.Hassan@sunderlandvsa.co.uk

Information about the Alliance can be found @ www.sunderlandvsa.co.uk



Exploring the Benefits of Corporate Volunteering

Corporate volunteering is a great way for companies to give back to the community while meeting their corporate social responsibility objectives. Participating employees offer their time and skills to various projects across the local community. At Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance, we're working to guide businesses on utilising their volunteering hours to have the most impact within the community.

We're interested in connecting with **VCSE organisations** that may require corporate volunteers to assist them.

Corporate volunteering activities can include mentoring, community clean ups, participating in environmental initiatives, and more. Whether it's one-off assistance for projects, events, or fundraising, or longer-term projects that require more regular support, we're here to help.

Involving corporate volunteers can provide significant benefits to voluntary organisations. Firstly, it can provide a valuable source of additional support and people power. Secondly, it can help raise the profile of the organisation, increase awareness of their work and potentially attract new donors and supporters. Finally, it can create close ties between the voluntary sector and the local business community, creating the foundations for future partnerships.

If you are interested in learning more about the benefits of corporate volunteering, would like to share any upcoming projects or request our support, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Reach out to Hannah Foster by email at hannah.foster@sunderlandvsa.co.uk or call her on **07464904850**.



Welcome to Sharon Quinn - Social Value and Investment Officer

Sharon joined the Voluntary Sector Alliance in November bringing with her a vast amount of experience of the Voluntary Sector after managing social prescribing team for 8 years at Age UK Sunderland. Sharon's role provided an interface between voluntary sector provider organisations and service users, health and social care multi-disciplinary teams and other statutory bodies to support individuals to self-manage their needs.

Prior to this Sharon was a Healthcare Professional with over 23 years NHS experience. Roles within her career included working at the North of England Commissioning Support Service developing and implementing commissioning plans, pathway and service redesign, monitoring, evaluating, tracking benefits and improvements.

Sharon also worked as a Learning & Development Officer in a large NHS Trust, monitoring and evaluating all training in line with NHS Litigation Authority minimum data set requirements to ensure the delivery of a high-quality training experience for staff as well as providing the best possible outcomes for patients.

Sharon has a BA Honours Degree in Education and Training which she achieved as a mature student and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team.



Welcome to Helen McAdam - Voluntary Sector Development Worker

Helen joined Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance in October 2023 as Voluntary Sector Development Worker. Helen joins us from Newcastle Carers where she worked on a social action research project with the aim of increasing capacity to respond to the current and disproportionate challenges faced by carers from asylum seeker and refugee communities.

Helen has over 20 years' experience working in the public and voluntary sector. Helen is a strong advocate for marginalised and underrepresented groups and has taken a project management role to identify gaps in services and develop partnership working. Helen developed and managed a supported housing project which enabled her to gain skills in overseeing contracts and service level agreements.

As a local resident Helen is passionate about supporting local communities to reach their potential.



Welcome to Hannah Foster - Corporate and Community Volunteering Coordinator

Hannah joined Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance in October 2023 as our Community and Corporate Volunteering Co-Ordinator. Hannah will be facilitating corporate volunteering projects and working with VCFSE organisations supporting the development and sustainability of robust volunteering programmes across Sunderland.

She began her career in the Voluntary Sector in Charity Retail, supporting and recruiting volunteers. After 4 years, Hannah decided to move to Durham Community Action as a Volunteer Co-Ordinator to support VCS organisations across the County. Within her role she supported both individuals looking to volunteer, and organisations looking to recruit. She also oversaw the volunteer bank that was used to support volunteers who were recruited as Vaccine Marshals and COVID Testing volunteers during the pandemic.



City-wide information



DWP - Disability Services Advocacy Team

February 2024 External Stakeholder Sessions

(Please note: these sessions are for organisations outside the DWP only)

The Disability Services Advocacy Team are here to support with raising awareness of the different Disability Services benefits and grants. These are

- **Personal Independence Payment (PIP),**
- **Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and**
- **Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB).**

Please see details of our upskilling sessions for external stakeholders in the month of February below. **To book a place please use each of the individual links for the relevant events:**

Personal Independence Payment

This session covers what PIP is, eligibility criteria and the customer journey when making a claim, including the assessment process. There will be opportunity for Q&A at the end of the session.
Capita complete PIP assessments for Wales and central England and Independent Assessment Services cover the remainder of England.

Personal Independence Payment awareness sessions with IAS

08/02/24 10am – 1pm **Register at:** <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dsat/t-moqdaea> Password DWP2024

15/02/24 10am – 1pm **Register at:** <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dsat/t-rpryggn> Password DWP2024

29/02/24 10am – 1pm **Register at:** <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dsat/t-izqpmjv> Password DWP2024

Personal Independence Payment awareness sessions with Capita

21/02/24 10am – 12.30 pm **Register at:** <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dsat/t-vvpdprx> Password DWP2024

Disability Living Allowance for Children

This session covers what Disability Living Allowance for Children is, the eligibility criteria and then the whole customer journey from making a claim to receiving a decision. There will be Q&A at the end of the session.

Disability Living Allowance for Children awareness session

13/02/24 1.30pm – 3pm **Register at:** <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dsat/t-zzkdkmj>
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28/02/24 1.30pm – 3pm **Register at:** <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dsat/t-dvpoprz> Password DWP2024

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit

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Department for Work & Pensions



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Free Legal Advice for Sunderland Community Groups

Forbes Solicitors have kindly agreed to offer 30 minutes of free legal advice to Sunderland Community Groups.

This offer is made as part of Sunderland City Council's pledge to use its contracts with external companies to enable suppliers to provide charitable donations to local communities. This additional support by the council's suppliers is known as Social Value.

If you feel this service might be of interest to your community group, see below advert for information on the services they provide, or to book a consultation

Contact:

chris.booth@forbessolicitors.co.uk

Tel: 01619180002

gabrielle.bilsborough@forbessolicitors.co.uk

Tel: 01254222396



Forbes' Pro Bono Offering

Forbes Solicitors are offering pro bono legal advice through initial 30 minute virtual drop in sessions either via telephone or Teams. If further legal advice is required following the 30 minute conversation this would have to be quoted for.

As a full service law firm we can support with:

- Clinical Negligence
- Commercial
- Commercial Litigation
- Commercial Property
- Contesting a Will
- Corporate
- Crime
- Employment
- Family
- Forbes Collect (debt recovery)
- Governance, Procurement & Information
- Insolvency
- Insurance
- Personal Injury
- Residential Conveyancing
- Wills, Probate, Tax & Trusts

For further information or to book a consultation please contact either:

Chris Booth	Gabrielle Bilsborough
☎ 0161 918 0002	☎ 01254 222396
✉ chris.booth@forbessolicitors.co.uk	✉ gabrielle.bilsborough@forbessolicitors.co.uk

Sunderland City Council  

Partnership Working

The Bread and Butter Thing (TBBT) runs affordable food clubs. It takes quality, nutritious food to the heart of local communities that need it most. The charity currently works in more than 100 locations across the north of England from Cheshire to Northumberland and as far afield as Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

At its weekly hubs, TBBT's members buy three bags of food at deeply discounted prices. This includes fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples. By shopping with TBBT members save money on their food budgets and feed their families with a range of healthy, quality food. Healthy Start cards are accepted and low cost period products are also available.

Hub locations in Sunderland are;

- Chance Rickby St, Eastend
- Silksworth Youth Centre, Tunstall Village Rd
- Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre, Portsmouth Rd

- Easington Lane Apostolic Church Brick Garth
- Washington Rainbow Family Centre
- Southwick Austin House Family Centre, Shakespeare St.
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If you are a service that provides support with

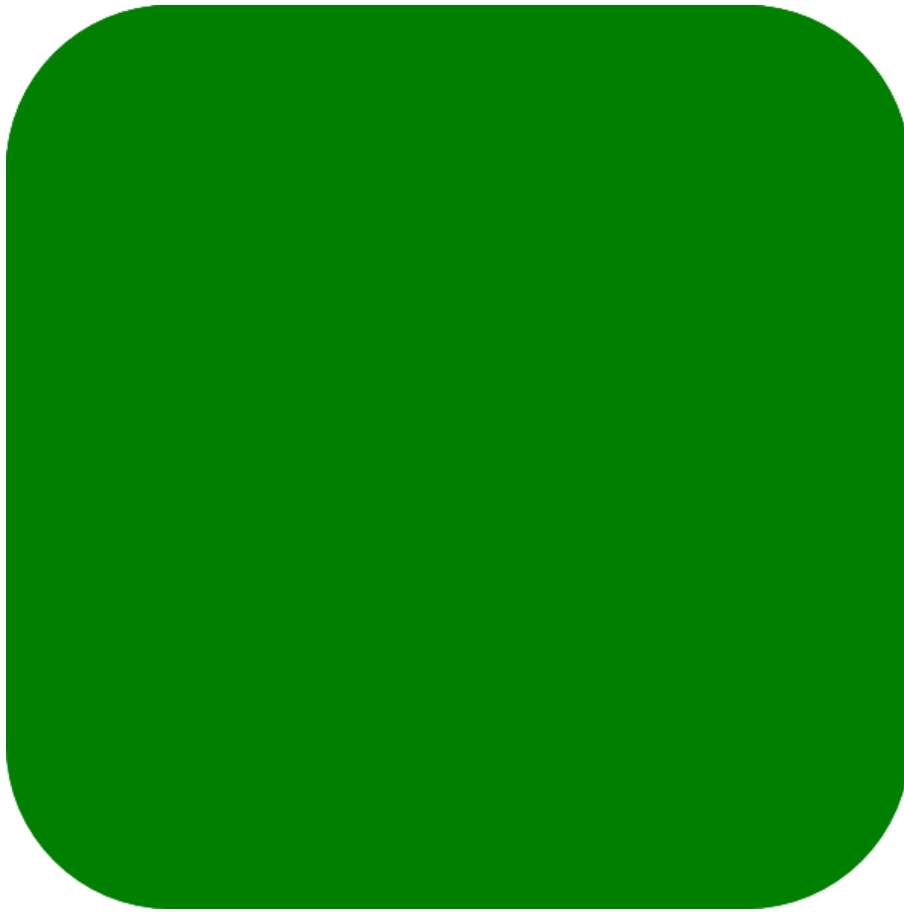
- Digital Exclusion
- Mental Health
- Energy
- Income Maximisation
- Health & Wellbeing

Then TBBT would like to meet you and chat more about how you can support their members. Contact; annie.pluse@breadandbutter.org or hello@breadandbutterthing.org.

[The Bread and Butter Thing](#)



Training



NEW - Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance FREE Training and Events Calendar

Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance are happy to announce the launch of our Winter 2023 training and events calendar.

All training and events are **free** to anyone working in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector in Sunderland.

- **Recruiting, Retaining and Managing Volunteers - online Monday 29th January 2024 - 10am-11.30am**
- **Mental Health Services - face to face networking event Wednesday 21st February 2024 - 10am-12.00pm**
- **Keeping Children Safe Safeguarding Raising Awareness Level 1 - online Thursday 7th March - 2024 10am-12.00pm**
- **Older People's Services - face to face networking event Wednesday 20th March 2024 - 10am-12.00pm**

For more information and content:

[Training - Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance \(sunderlandvsa.co.uk\)](https://sunderlandvsa.co.uk)

To book a free place on any of our training courses or events please contact:

contactus@sunderlandvsa.co.uk

Alliance Office Manager (Alex Dunn) 07825094839

SVSA ANNUAL TRAINING AND EVENTS PROGRAMME JAN – MARCH 2024

Monday
29th
January

Recruiting, Retaining and
Managing Volunteers
Online

Wednesday
21st
February

Mental Health Services
Face to Face
Networking Event

Thursday
7th
March

Keeping Children Safe.
Safeguarding Awareness
Raising. (Level 1)
Online

Wednesday
20th
March

Older People's Services
Face to Face
Networking Event



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A LIFE Worth Living - Suicide Prevention Training

ALWL Suicide Prevention Training – Sunderland Mind, Wellbeing Hub, Church Street East, Sunderland, SR1 2BB

This training session is a targeted approach for those living, working or studying across the City of Sunderland.

- **Date: 5th December 23**
- **Time: 9.30am – 1.30pm**

[Book here](#)

- **Date: 17th January 2024**
- **Time: 9.30am – 1.30pm**

[Book here](#)

Location: Sunderland Mind, Wellbeing Hub, Church Street East, Sunderland, SR1 2BB

Aims: Both nationally and regionally we are challenged with preventing suicide. By training our community we can tackle the stigma associated with suicide and reach many more people and their

families. This half day training course focuses upon a community approach to suicide prevention and intervention.

Objectives: Offer support and information to people who are experiencing suicidal thoughts support local people to identify 'a life worth living' and equip workers and volunteers with the confidence, skills and knowledge they need to offer support and information to a potentially suicidal person.

- Provide them with knowledge to signpost to local services and access the relevant pathway of support
- Reduce suicides
- Upon completion of the training workshop delegates will have developed competencies in the areas of skills, knowledge and attitudes associated with suicide prevention.

For more information and to book:

[Washington Mind Suicide Prevention](#)



Free Community Education Workshops from British Red Cross

Learn new skills with our free education workshops

The British Red Cross designed these free workshops to help you build resilience and vital life skills. We cover a range of wellbeing and humanitarian topics.

Please note: These workshops are not accredited courses. For accredited first aid courses, suitable for health and safety training for work or to support you in everyday life, visit [Red Cross First Aid training](#).

What's involved?

In the sessions, you will engage in activities, group work, and discussions with others.

It is an opportunity to learn and enhance personal skills like coping and problem-solving.

Workshops at a glance:

- available for adults and children aged 10+
- 60 to 90-minute sessions
- online and face-to-face options
- qualified and experienced educators
- no cost to users

Workshop Calendar

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/CommunityEducation2TyneWear@brcsbrms.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

FREE Active Start training sessions

Rise and **Sunderland City Council** are working in partnership to offer **FREE Active Start** training sessions (Inc. free resource pack) for Early Years professionals working across **Sunderland**.

Active Start is a programme of **training and resources** for staff who work with children aged 2 to 5 years, to support them to integrate physical activity and movement into **all areas of the EYFS** to support **children's physical and holistic development**.

It is a programme created to inspire and increase activity levels in the Early Years through activity and active play. It helps children to be healthy, to learn and be active for life. It does this by supporting practitioners and teachers to strengthen children's physical literacy and school readiness. Learning how to utilise the **power of active play and learning to support all areas of the EYFS**.

Active Start is suitable for **teachers, TAs, Nursery staff, childminders, family hub staff, VCSE and other professionals & practitioners** who work with children aged 2-5 years across Sunderland.

Please note below dates and watch our [video](#) to find out how Active Start can positively impact your setting or organisation and the children you work with.

- 22nd November (Bunny Hill Centre) 12:30pm - 16:30pm
23rd November (Bunny Hill Centre) 12:30pm - 16:30pm
- Twilights 6th February (online) & 13th February (Hetton Centre) – 18:30pm - 20:30pm (you must attend both sessions)
- 13th February (Hetton Centre) 12:30pm – 16:30pm

Please also visit our webpage to learn more - <https://www.wearerise.co.uk/active-start-sunderland> (bookings through the Sunderland Traded Services Website)

FREE Training - Upcoming opportunities with EPNE Training

All upcoming programmes at EPNE Training in Sunderland up until Christmas

Free Maths/English/IT

Drop-in sessions:

Monday 9am – 4pm

Tuesday 9am – 8pm

Wednesday 9:30am – 2pm

Thursday 4pm – 8pm

Friday 9am – 4pm

City Hall

Get Ready for Contact Centre Programme – Guaranteed interviews with Hays Travel

4th December

10 days

Mon-Fri

City Campus

Free Maths/English/IT

Drop-in sessions:

Monday 9am – 4pm

Tuesday 9am – 8pm

Wednesday 9:30am – 2pm

Thursday 4pm – 8pm

Friday 9am – 4pm

City Hall

To make a referral or for more information, call **0191 511 6478**. Alternatively, you can email the customer contact details to info@epnetraining.co.uk and we will contact them.

All learners need to be aged 19+ from the 31/08/23. Further eligibility rules apply.



FREE Health Champions Training

There are places available on the free Health Champions training modules coming up in November and December. Course descriptions can be found via [Sunderland Health Champions - Live Life Well](#). To book a place please follow the instructions below:

Smoking Brief Intervention

Wednesday 13th December – 10.00am-11:30am - Online via Teams

Link to book - [Book here](#)

Eating Disorders Awareness

Monday 18th December 10.00am – 12.00pm – Online Via Teams

Link to Book - [Book here](#)

Learning Outcomes:

- Increase knowledge, awareness and understanding of eating disorders.
- Recognize signs, symptoms, and potential triggers of an eating disorder.
- Increased confidence to talk about eating disorders.
- Identify practical strategies for working with people with eating disorders.
- Increase knowledge of local support services.

Cleaning...What's the Point (accredited)

Wednesday 10th January 10.00am-12.00pm – F2F at City Hall

Link to book - [Book here](#)

This course is accredited and covers: the science behind decontamination, health and safety when cleaning, identifying and applying a range of decontamination solutions and gaining knowledge of key principals and techniques when cleaning.

Understanding Health Improvement (accredited)

Wednesday 24th January 9.00am - 4.15pm - F2F at City Hall

Link to book - [Book here](#)

Thursday 8th February - 9.00am - 4.15pm - F2F at ELCAP

Link to book - [Book here](#)

Core MECC

Tuesday 16th January 10.00am - 12.00pm - F2F at Pallion Action Group

Link to Book - [Book here](#)

Tuesday 30th January 10.00am - 12.00pm - Online via Teams

Link to book - [Book here](#)

This course is accredited and covers: the science behind decontamination, health and safety when cleaning, identifying and applying a range of decontamination solutions and gaining knowledge of key principals and techniques when cleaning.



The Stories We Tell And Are Told Grief Training (Face2Face)

Fully Funded Training. Places are limited to those living, working and/or volunteering in Sunderland.

This training offer for 2 spaces per organisation

The Stories We Tell and Are Told – A Narrative Approach To Death And Dying

- Date: 6th December 23
- Time: 9.30 – 1.30 pm
- **Location: Hetton Centre, Welfare Road, Houghton le Spring, DH5 9NE**

[Book here](#)

- Date: 23rd Jan 24
- Time: 9.30 – 1.30 pm
- **Location: Pallion Action Group**

[Book here](#)

The Stories We Tell and Are Told – A narrative approach to death and dying (creating a more grief aware society) is a half day training programme for people living, working and/or volunteering across Sunderland who want to open up the conversation about grief.

The training aims to change the way in which we talk about death and dying, how we support a person with their grief and how we can challenge and change our expectations of what grief 'should' be.

Together we will explore...

- The impact of grief upon families, friends, and communities.
- Attitudes that are often associated with grief, grieving, and talking about grief

- Alternative ways of understanding grief
- How we can support others and ourselves as we grieve



Job opportunities



My Sister's Kitchen are recruiting a FOODIE

We have an exciting opportunity for a dedicated and enthusiastic foodie to join our team and contribute to the growth of our social enterprise.

If you have a deep passion for all things related to food and possess a compassionate heart, we would love to hear from you.

Please visit our linktree, where you can access the job description and find out how to apply. (linktree in our bio/about us)

[My Sisters Kitchen-Facebook](#)

Catering/Baking experience preferred but not essential as full training will be given.

This is PART-TIME role initially

Join our team

We are looking for a passionate foodie who can contribute to the growth of our social enterprise. Catering/ Baking experience preferred but not essential - full training given.

This role is initially
PART-TIME



Community Engagement Officer - Sunderland LGBT+ Network

Are you someone who enjoys working with people and impacting the community?

We have the perfect job for you! We are looking for an experienced Community Engagement Officer to join our team.

The successful candidate will be responsible for developing and implementing activities, initiatives and projects that will promote a positive image of the company within the community and recruit volunteers for the organisation.

To apply email: hello@wearproud.org for Job specifications and Application Process



SUNDERLAND LGBT+ NETWORK

**WE ARE
HIRING**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

We are looking for a caring, diligent, hard-working person who is organised, a good listener, and is dedicated to help improve the lives of LGBT+ people. The role requires someone who is passionate about working with people from all ages, especially youth work in LGBT+ and Trans communities. You will deliver a programme of activities in a safe environment, for people who identify as LGBT+ as well as parents of LGBT+ people.

REQUIREMENTS

- Experience of working in Community Sector
- People Management Experience, volunteers
- Delivering Groups for all ages/diverse people
- Ability to work independently and work to deadlines. Excellent organizational skills
- Experience of collecting data and writing reports
- Working with Youth and have knowledge of LGBT+ Issues.

SUBMIT BEFORE: 21ST DECEMBER 12PM

SEND YOUR CV
HELLO@WEARPROUD.ORG:

www.wearproud.org
or tel: 0191 4476120 for
further information

Volunteering opportunities



Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance - Sunderland Volunteering facebook page

The **Sunderland Volunteering** facebook page has been set up by Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance to support volunteering throughout the city.

At SVSA we support individuals who are looking to volunteer, to find the right role for them

This page is a way to promote volunteer vacancies and receive information about volunteering in the city.

If you would like support around volunteer recruitment, policies and procedures, or general volunteering information, please **contact:**

hannah.foster@sunderlandvsa.co.uk



North East Dementia Care are recruiting for volunteers

North East Dementia Care offer day care to people living with Dementia.

Volunteers play such a vital role in supporting [North East Dementia Care - Sunderland Branch](#) and they are in need of more people to help in their Day Centre and Charity Shop. If you can spare a couple of hours or a full day, please get in contact!

You could support during lunch service, supporting their Day Care Co-Ordinators in providing activities to their members, or help out with the day to day running of the shop.

To find out more, please e-mail: dementiacarenortheast@gmail.com for more information.



**NORTH EAST
DEMENTIA CARE**

Betsy Jenny Counselling and Wellbeing Cafe CIC

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you got some free time on your hands? Are you needing some work experience?

We are looking for some volunteers to join our team to help the community all in the aid of mental health and wellbeing.

We are looking for people who don't mind doing a bit of everything, behind the counter serving in the kitchen and helping out with the cleaning.

We will pay your travel expenses and you will get 1 free meal while your working.

All ages welcome to apply, experience in a cafe or mental health services would be great but not essential.

Be part of a ever growing team that makes a difference to people.

[Contact Betsy Jenny Counselling](#)



ELCAP are recruiting for volunteer drivers

ELCAP are currently recruiting volunteer drivers to support the local community.

With the current bus strikes, ELCAP are busier than ever and need your support to get the local community moving.

- Driving an minibus to an event and either providing a door to door service or central pickup and drop off points
- Ensuring the care and safety of the passengers whilst driving
- Ensuring drop offs and collections are as safe and accessible as possible
- Assisting loess mobile passengers with the rear hoist (if Fitted)
- If you would like to find out more, or apply for this role, please visit:

email: info@elcap.org.uk

[ELCAP Volunteering](#)

Become a
Volunteer
Driver

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You will be:

- Driving a minibus to an event and either providing a door to door service or central pick up and drop off points
- Ensuring the care and safety of the passengers whilst driving
- Ensuring drop offs and collections are as safe and accessible as possible
- Assisting less mobile passengers with the rear hoist (if fitted)



Email: info@elcap.org.uk

Trustee Open Call - Join our Board at Southpaw Dance Company

At Southpaw Dance Productions, we weave the rhythm of heartbeats into shared cultural experiences that not only dazzle but also excite the imagination through spectacle, virtuosity, technology, and storytelling. Our mission is to connect communities through dance and mass movement, creating work that is representative of the communities we serve through authentic collaboration and co-creation. We aspire to inspire, build confidence, empower our audiences and participants, and celebrate diverse cultural voices across the UK.

Join our board and play a pivotal role in supporting the strategic direction of Southpaw Dance Productions, ensuring we deliver against our mission, vision, and agreed targets. As a trustee, you will:

- Be an enthusiastic ambassador for the company.
- Help broker new relationships and supporters.
- Offer advice and expertise to the senior management team.
- Attend quarterly board meetings and annual AGMs.
- Support the recruitment of new Board members.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further, please contact Lorna Fulton, Executive Director on 07771 692971 or at lorna@southpawdancecompany.co.uk

More information and a Trustee recruitment pack can be found here

[Trustee Open Call | SOUTHPAW DANCE COMPANY](#)



Funding news!



North East together small grants programme 2023

North East together (NEt) is a user-led network for people with lived experience of mental health difficulties living in the North East of England. We work with service users, carers, and their representatives to improve services, to challenge mental health stigma and to speak out about the issues that affect us.

North East together is awarding **small grants of £500** to mental health user-led groups and projects in the North East. By user-led, we mean run by and for people who use (or are potential users of) mental health care and support services.

As a user-led regional network ourselves, we are distributing funds in support of others doing this work to build connections and solidarity across the region.

NSUN's hosted project North East together is running a small grants programme, open to applications from the 13th November to **5pm on the 18th December 2023**.

Click here to find out more and apply for the fund.

<https://www.nsun.org.uk/north-east-together-small-grants-programme-2023/>

Armed Forces Covenant Fund – Veterans' Career Development Fund

Background

The Veterans Career Development Fund is provided by the Office for Veterans' Affairs and administered on their behalf by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust.

The programme is intended to contribute to the UK Government's Veterans' Strategy Action Plan ambition which identifies that "Stable long-term employment opportunities after Service are the foundation of positive life outcomes for Veterans, and we know that Veterans all over the country are leaving Service equipped with skills and expertise that benefit not only themselves but our economy too."

Objectives of Fund

The funding will support experienced not-for-profit organisations which can create and promote opportunities for UK veterans and their families looking to enter employment, and those already in employment who have the aspiration to progress in their careers, to acquire, or work towards acquiring, supplementary qualifications, technical training and skills.

There is particular interest in projects that focus on meeting the needs of veterans who are facing particular barriers. This might be because they have left the Armed Forces with limited qualifications, are not engaged in education, or are from a community that can face additional barriers in accessing employment such as veterans with health challenges (including mental health challenges), disabilities or veterans from minority ethnic communities.

Value Notes

Grants of up to £70,000 over two years are available.

Where an organisation is bidding for multiple schemes, each scheme should be separately costed, but combined as a single application not exceeding £70,000.

Only one grant will be awarded per organisation.

Application deadline 08/01/2024

[Veterans' Career Development Fund : Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

A B Charitable Trust - Funding for projects that Combat Abuse and Violation of Human Rights

UK-registered charities that working to combat the abuse and violations of human rights can apply for grants of up to £20,000.

Applications are particularly welcomed from charities working to support migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; criminal justice and penal reform; and human rights, particularly access to justice.

The funding is being made available through the A B Charitable Trust. The Trust generally makes one-off grants to charities registered and working in the UK with annual **incomes of between £150,000 and £1.5m** that do not have substantial investments or surpluses.

The next closing date for applications is the 26th January 2024.

<http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/application.htm>

NextGen - Funding to support young creatives to Launch a Project, Idea or Business

Youth Music, a national charity funded by the National Lottery, has announced that round 6 of the **NextGen Fund** has opened for applications.

The fund supports emerging musicians and behind the scenes creatives aged 18-25 (and under-30s who identify as d/Deaf or Disabled) from across the UK to launch a creative project, idea or business.

Grants of up to £2,500 could help people including singers, songwriters, producers, dj's, managers and agents who do not have the financial means to invest in themselves, to start a record label, launch a single, or provide a platform that supports underrepresented voices.

Funding can also cover costs linked to career development, audience development or marketing, equipment and software, and business development.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the 19th January 2024.

<https://youthmusic.org.uk/nextgen/nextgen-fund>

Nike and Spotify's Fund to Get Girls Moving Through Music – 30 November Deadline

The Make Moves Fund, a social-impact-led initiative, is provided by Nike and Spotify and administered by Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) on their behalf.

The funding is for UK-based community organisations to pioneer innovative, girl-first programmes that combine music and movement with the expectation that the mental health and wellbeing of **girls aged 10 to 17 years** from diverse and low socioeconomic backgrounds will be improved by moving through music.

UK registered charities and Community Interest Companies can apply for grants of up to £20,000 as long as they:

- Have an income of at least £40,000 in the last financial year.
- Have a bank account in the name of their organisation.
- Are able to report demonstrable impact and progress at the end of the six month grant period.

They must also have a proven track record in at least one of the following areas:

- Working with girls aged 10-17.

- Delivering programmes to encourage people to be more active.
- Working with young people to improve their mental wellbeing.

Projects need to meet the following criteria:

- Reach girls from diverse backgrounds, aged anywhere between 10-17 (inclusive). Inclusive proposals reaching anyone who identifies as a girl are welcome.
- Leverages the power of music to engage the least active girls in regular movement. 'Least active' is defined as girls who do not meet the Chief Medical Officer guidelines of taking part in sport and physical activity for an average of 60 minutes or more a day.
- Are creative, innovative, and scalable by design.
- Rooted in improving the confidence and mental wellbeing of girls.
- Co-created with input from the girls the applicant organisation work with.

The programme must run regularly and be delivered in the UK for at least four months between 1 March and 31 August 2024.

The deadline for applications is 30 November 2023 with notification of decisions by end of January 2024.

[Make Moves Fund: empowering girls through music and dance. Nike UK](#)

Want to improve your funding search skills or learn more about submitting grant applications?

[Join us at one of our training courses.](#)

Funding to Create and Improve Green Spaces near Starbucks Stores Across Great Britain

Hubbub is offering grants of between **£3,000 and £6,000** for registered companies and not-for-profit groups across Great Britain to create or enhance green spaces within a 5-kilometre radius of a Starbucks store, whilst aligning with one or more of the following themes:

- Increasing access.
- Bringing People Together.
- Upskilling the Community.
- Building Climate Resilience

Funding can be used for specific and discrete initiatives that create new green spaces, or enhance existing ones, that are publicly accessible and free to access. Eligible costs include:

- Materials relating to the nature hub activity.
- Utilities relating to the delivery of the project activity.
- Display materials, signage, and information.

- Services from external suppliers such as building labour costs, garden design etc.
- Staffing costs to cover the time spent planning and delivering any activity.
- Volunteer expenses such as public transportation costs, materials, and refreshments for volunteering days.
- Training, such as safeguarding.

Proposed projects should show that they will create a lasting, positive legacy and identify how the benefits of the project will continue beyond the funding.

The deadline for applications is 11 January 2024 (15:00).

[Hubbub - The Nature Hubs Fund](#)

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Funding to Support Members of the Armed Forces and their Families (UK)

Armed Forces charities and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to **£40,000** to support serving armed forces personnel, veterans, operationally qualified seafarers and their immediate families.

The funding is made available through the Veterans Foundation.

The types of grants awarded include:

- Grants of up to £30,000 for projects. This grant could be spread over up to three years.
- Grants of up to £40,000 are available exclusively for salaries over a two-year period.

The Veterans Foundation gives priority to charities and organisations who can demonstrate that they are directly involved in the provision of support to those in need, as well as well-run organisations of low to medium wealth.

In awarding grants, a range of factors will be considered including the service or item being funded, the number of beneficiaries, the importance of the grant to the applicant organisation, the efficiency of the organisation, need of the beneficiaries and its urgency.

The Foundation is introducing a new Grant Making System which is due to go live in mid-September.

The next closing date for applications is the 30th January 2024

<https://www.veteransfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

War Memorials Grant Scheme (UK)

The War Memorials Trust is providing grants for the repair and conservation of free-standing war memorials in England.

These grants are intended to help those who are responsible for the upkeep of war memorials.

The grants support the care and preservation of war memorials to a high standard, and to prevent the decay of this important part of our built heritage. Grants will normally be for between 25% and a maximum of 75% of eligible costs.

The maximum grant is £5,000 for non-freestanding war memorials while freestanding, non-beneficiary war memorials may be considered up to a maximum grant of £20,000.

The fund is open to anyone to apply; individuals or organisations, including councils.

The next closing date for applications is the 29th February 2024.

Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

<http://www.warmemorials.org/grants/>

Funding to Improve Health & Wellbeing through Marine Conservation (UK)

Marine conservation charities and not-for-profit organisations based and working in the UK can apply for grants of around £3,000 to £5,000 to support socially beneficial marine conservation approaches and solutions.

The funding, which is being made available through the Sea-Changers' Marine Conservation Social Fund, will support up to seven projects that will achieve marine conservation outcomes and increase the number of people taking action for marine conservation, alongside social, health and /or well-being benefits for the disadvantaged individuals and communities that participate.

Participants might include:

- Refugees
- people experiencing mental ill health
- ex-offenders
- disabled people
- people seeking employment

Sea-Changers is particularly interested in funding pilot programmes which might be continued, expanded and / or replicated with additional funding in future years.

Applications from partnerships between marine conservation organisations and social welfare organisations are actively encouraged.

The closing date for applications is the 22nd December 2023.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance](#)

<https://www.sea-changers.org.uk/marine-conservation-social-fund>

Funding for Schools to Purchase Musical Equipment (UK & Ireland)

The Universal Music UK Sound Foundation (UMUKSF) has launched a new funding round to enable schools across the UK and Ireland to apply for grants of up to £1,500 towards the cost of musical resources.

The UMUKSF School Awards will provide funding for schools teaching the national curriculum to improve their music department through the purchase or upgrade of musical instruments and equipment.

To date, the Foundation has helped over 10,000 students, schools, and teachers improve their access to music.

The deadline for applications is 1pm on the 7th February 2024

<https://www.umuksoundfoundation.com/umuksf-school-awards/>

Funding to Support UK-German School Partnerships (UK)

Schools and youth groups across the UK are invited to apply for funding to help them maintain existing links with schools in Germany.

The UK-German Connection Flexible Funding Scheme awards grants of up to **£10,000** for a range of joint activities between existing partner schools and youth groups, including visits or virtual activities, which support direct contact between young people from both countries.

Each visit should involve at least 8 young people from each country, especially those who would not otherwise have the chance to take part. The funding will cover the cost of travel, accommodation, activities and subsistence.

Up to £2,000 is available for virtual activities.

Applications from local clusters of institutions are also welcome.

The grant can cover a maximum of 75% of total cost of the visit.

The closing date for applications is the 31st January 2024.

<https://ukgermanconnection.org/pp/funding/flexible-funding/>

Grants for Urgent Maintenance Works & Small Repairs to Churches (UK)

Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available to churches across the UK requiring urgent maintenance works and small repairs identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection, Building Survey or Condition Report.

The funding will enable listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, to investigate or address small problems and control building deterioration. This could include improvements to rainwater systems; removing vegetation growth from buildings; replacing gutter systems; addressing lost, damaged or slipped roof tiles; internal repairs to ceilings and walls; and electrical work.

Project costs should be up to £20,000 incl. VAT and awards will never exceed 50% of the costs.

The funding is made available through the National Churches Trust Small Grants Programme, which will accept applications until midnight on the 29th February 2024.

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/small-grants>

Grants of up to £75,000 Available to Charities Delivering Specialist Services (England and Wales)

The Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales has re-opened its Specialist grants programme. Through the programme, Foundation offers unrestricted **grants of up to £75,000** over three years to small, local, specialist charities in England and Wales.

The grants support the development and growth of specialist charities with an annual income between £25,000 and £500,000 that understand the complexity of the issues people face and are best placed to make a genuine difference in people's lives.

Eligible charities must address one of the foundation's open themes:

- Addiction
- Asylum seekers and refugees
- Care leavers
- Domestic abuse
- Homelessness
- Offending
- Sexual abuse and exploitation
- Trafficking and modern slavery

The Foundation will be hosting a webinar on Thursday, 9 November 2023, 10:30am to 12:00pm to provide information and discuss the eligibility for this programme and answer questions.

The deadline for applications is Thursday, 25 January 2024, 5pm.

<https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/funding/specialist-programme>

Grants of up to £50,000 Available to Celebrate the Windrush Generation (England & Northern Ireland)

The government has announced that £500,000 in funding is available for local communities in England and Northern Ireland to hold events celebrating the Windrush Generation and their positive impact on modern Britain.

Charities, community groups, and councils can apply for grants to fund parades, educational resources, arts and sporting projects. Proposals should clearly demonstrate how their project will work with local community partners. These might include but are not limited to organisations such as museums, libraries and schools.

The minimum amount available for each project is £5,000 and the maximum is £50,000. This year, there are 2 tiers of funding:

- Tier 1: smaller projects, of a value between £5,000 and £24,999
- Tier 2: larger projects, of a value between £25,000 and £50,000

The funding is being made available through the Windrush Day Grant Scheme, which is administered by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Applications from outside Greater London and the South East are encouraged.

Consortium bids will also be accepted.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59pm on the 17th December 2023.

<https://www.near-neighbours.org.uk/windrush-homepage>

Funding for Youth Music Projects (England)

Youth Music, which is a national charity that aims to give every young person the chance to make, learn and earn in music has announced that it has updated and re-opened its Trailblazer and Catalyst Funds.

- The Trailblazer Fund makes grants of between £2,000 to £30,000 for organisations that support children and young people facing barriers to make, learn and earn in music.
- The Catalyser Fund makes grants of between £30,001 and £300,000 for established organisations that support children and young people to make, learn and earn in music.

Successful applications to both the Trailblazer and Catalyst Fund will need to meet one of Youth Music's themes:

- Early years
- Disabled, d/Deaf and neurodivergent young people
- Youth justice system
- Young people facing barriers
- Young adults
- Organisations and the workforce.

School-based music curriculum activity is ineligible for funding unless in a special school, Pupil Referral Unit or Alternative Provision setting.

The next deadline for the Trailblazer fund is the 12th January 2024. The deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest for the Catalyst Fund is the 10th May 2024. Full applications to the Catalyst Fund need to be submitted by the 9th August 2024.

<https://network.youthmusic.org.uk/i-need-funding>

Hadrian Trust (North East of England)

The Hadrian Trust is a small Charitable Trust that aims to improve people's lives and work in the North East of England by **awarding grants of between £500 and £2,000 every quarter** to charities and groups working across Tyne and Wear, Northumberland and Durham, including Hartlepool. Applications are considered for running costs, project costs, part salaries and basic equipment under the following headings:

- Social welfare;
- Youth;
- Disabled and Elderly;
- Women;
- Ethnic minorities;
- Education;
- Arts;
- The environment.

In 2019, the Trust awarded grants totaling £217,250.

Closing date for receipt of applications 21st December 2023

<https://www.hadriantrust.co.uk/>

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust Announce Themes for 2024/25 Funding

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust has announced the themes for 2024 and 2025 for which it will offer funding.

The Trust operates a three-year rotation system, with different fields of interests being funded each year.

In 2024, support will be available for the following priorities:

- Rounds 1 and 2 – Disability, specifically employment and training for people living with disabilities to ensure better access.
- Rounds 3 and 4 – Food Poverty (due to the increasing levels across the UK).

In 2025, support will be available for the following priorities (full details published toward the end of 2024):

- Rounds 1 and 2 - Access to the Arts.
- Rounds 3 and 4 - Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

The project must fall within the relevant category for the year the application is submitted, and organisations may only make one application during any one year.

The Trust awards grants of either £1,000 or £5,000 depending on the grant round.

Organisations registered with the Charity Commission (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or OSCR, or exempt from registration, can apply.

The level of grant awarded is determined by the income of the charity:

- Grants of £1,000 are available for charities with an operating income of between £100,000 and £1 million.
- Grants of £5,000 are available for charities with a minimum operating income of £1 million. There is no maximum level.

There are four grant rounds each year. Charities may only apply for one grant per calendar year.

The first round is expected to open on 1 February 2024 and close on 29 February 2024.

[Home - The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust \(austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk\)](https://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk)

Cash4Clubs Offers Small Unrestricted Grants to UK's Community and Voluntary Sports Groups

Set up in 2008, **Cash4Clubs** is a grant programme funded by Flutter UK & Ireland, part of Flutter Entertainment, the global sports betting, gaming and entertainment provider. For this reason, groups must have adult members (18+) in order to be eligible for funding.

Cash4Clubs is working with Spotted, the UK's largest network of community sports groups, to get the funds to the clubs who need it most.

Not-for-profit organisations, including charities, community groups and traditional sports clubs from across the UK and Ireland can apply for grants of £2,000. The funding should be spent within a six-month period.

This year's focus is on community sports clubs and organisations who are in need due to the impact of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis and may be threatened with closure.

Priority will be given to applications which clearly demonstrate:

- Access to sport for one or more underrepresented groups, including women and girls, people with disabilities, from racially diverse communities, from the LGBTQ+ community or from lower socio-economic groups.
- Sustainability of activities to keep people playing.
- An increase in reach to engage with even more people.
- Expansion of activities to engage with new audiences that groups have not worked with before.

- Broader social impact on the local community, e.g. tackling crime and anti-social behaviour, reducing loneliness, supporting mental health and well being.

The funding is unrestricted and can be used for anything that will support the organisation to continue and/or grow their activities in their local community.

Typical examples of costs might include a contribution towards:

- Venue hire including floodlights / heating
- Coaching costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Equipment
- Kit
- Marketing and communications
- Training and qualifications
- Insurances and affiliations

The deadline for applications is 31 December 2023, but may close earlier if a large number of applications are received.

[Home - Cash4Clubs \(cash-4-clubs.com\)](http://cash-4-clubs.com)

DHSC's Community Automated External Defibrillators Fund Opens for Applications

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is now accepting applications from local community organisation across England.

A total of £1 million is being made available. An estimated 2,000 new defibrillators will be funded.

The funding for the scheme is based on a 'first come first served basis'.

The funding will be allocated on the following basis:

- 100 applications will be selected by DHSC to receive a fully funded AED - selection is based on areas that are most in need of AED throughout England. Applicants will be advised in mid October and units shipped in mid November.
- 1,900 applications will receive partial DHSC funding for an AED - organisations will be required to provide their own match funding of c.£750.

Local community organisations, such as sports clubs, local theatres, community halls, etc, can apply.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be based in England.
- Not be an organisation that is eligible for the Department of Education scheme, eg, a school.
- Locate the secure defibrillator cabinet outside in an area that is accessible to members of the public 24 hours per day.

- Be able to provide an electrical power source to ensure the defibrillator cabinet light and heater operate to keep the device at the right temperature.
- Provide match funding for their application (c. £750).

The deadline for applications is 21 September 2024 (23:59) or until all the funding has been allocated, whichever comes first.

[DHSC Community Automated External Defibrillator \(AED\) Fund - GOV-UK Find a grant \(find-government-grants.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/find-a-grant)

Hinrichsen Foundation Accepting Applications for 2024 Musical Performances

The Hinrichsen Foundation is offering grants to charities and other organisations across the United Kingdom to support the performance of contemporary music, which may include the commissioning of new work, non-commercial recording, or even publication.

There are two levels of funding available:

- One-off small grants typically between £500 and £2,500 (for new applicants and former beneficiaries).
- Larger projects or concert series generally £2,000 and over.

The Trustees will occasionally provide funds for research projects not being conducted under the remit of an academic institution. Multi-year partnerships may also be considered.

The next deadline for applications is 31 December 2023.

[Welcome to the Hinrichsen Foundation - Hinrichsen Foundation](#)

Launch of IUK's Design Foundations Repairability Competition

The aim of this Innovate UK (IUK) competition is to help businesses adopt people-centric and systemic design principles, laying the foundations for innovative ideas that can deliver significant benefits. These can be ideas for new or improved products, services, places, or business models.

The focus of this competition is repairability, or Design for Repair, which is a design philosophy that aims to make products and services more easily repairable.

IUK has allocated up to £2 million to fund innovation projects in this competition. Each project's total costs must be between £40,000 and £80,000 and they can be 100% funded.

The competition is open to collaborations only. To lead a project an organisation must be a UK registered business of any size, public sector, charity or not for profit organisation.

To collaborate with the lead, an organisation must be a UK registered business of any size, academic institution, charity, not-for-profit, public sector organisation, or research and technology organisation (RTO).

Applications are open between 30 October 2023 and 10 January 2024 (11:00 GMT).

[Design Foundations: Repairability - Innovate UK KTN \(ktn-uk.org\)](https://www.ktn-uk.org/)

The Fore's Unique Funding Programme Opens for Spring 2024 Registration on 6 December

The Fore is the only open-access funder in the UK offering development funding and strategic support to early-stage charities and social enterprises who have exceptional leadership, innovative idea and cost-effective solutions.

The Fore offers a 'wraparound' package of unrestricted, multi-year grant-funding (**up to £30,000**) training, skilled volunteers, peer-to-peer networks and impact measurement to UK registered charities, CIOs, CICs, and social enterprises with an annual revenue of less than £500,000 in the previous completed financial year.

The funding is intended to have a transformational impact on the organisations being supported by unlocking exponential growth, sustainability, efficiency or some other major step forward.

The unrestricted funding can be used for any purpose, including core costs and capital funding. The grant could help, for example, an organisation grow, increase internal capacity, serve new beneficiary groups, become more sustainable or more efficient, etc. Applications for core costs must show how the funding will move the organisation forward rather than enabling 'business as usual'.

There are three funding rounds each year (Spring, Summer, Autumn).

The next funding round will open for registration at noon on 6 December 2023 and close at noon on 13 December 2023.

[Apply for funding - The Fore](#)

The Phoenix Way: Children and Youth Round Now Accepting Applications

The Phoenix Way (TPW) is offering grants of between **£30,000 and £50,000** for Black and racial minority-led charities and other not-for-profit organisations across England and Wales to work with black and racially minoritised children and young to prevent or reduce violence in their communities and lives.

A total of £2 million is available in this round of funding for projects that deliver one of the following priorities:

- Diversion from the criminal justice system.
- Supportive home.
- Education.
- Trusted adult relationships.
- Positive activities.
- Therapy to help children and young people deal with challenges and protect them from involvement in violence.
- Improving police and community relations.

Funding can be used to support a new project, an existing project, or the expansion of an existing project, and can be used for staff costs, running costs, activity costs, equipment, and other resources that are needed to support project delivery.

The deadline for applications is 3 December 2023 (midnight).

[The Phoenix Way - Children and Youth Emergency Round | Youth Endowment Fund](#)

Veterans' Foundation Reopens Applications for 2024 Projects Across UK

The Veterans' Foundation, a registered charities, has reopened to applications with an updated grant application process, including a new online platform, revised guidance, eligibility criteria and application form.

The Foundation offers grants to charities and not-for-profit organisations that provide support to those in need among serving Armed Forces personnel, veterans, operationally qualified seafarers and their immediate families.

A potential, qualified beneficiary "in need" is one or all of the following:

- At a disadvantage compared with non-armed forces citizens due to their service.
- Someone who is experiencing challenges such as the following: unemployment, homelessness, mental and physical ill-health, injuries, poor welfare, old age, a child's loss of parent, or addiction.

The following grants are now available:

- Grants up to £30,000. This can be for one year or a multi-year grant for up to three years (eg, £10,000 per year over three years).
- Grants up to £50,000 (an increase from the previous £40,000) for the exclusive use of salary costs, over a two-year period may be awarded, (ie, £25,000 per year over two years).

The funding can be used to cover a range of costs directly related to projects covering a range of aspects of social care for the Armed Forces community.

All registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations that support the Armed Forces community (veterans, those serving and immediate dependants), including seafaring veterans who have served on operations, can apply.

Priority is given to charities and organisations who can demonstrate that they are directly involved in the provision of support to those in need as well as to those with a low to medium income.

The Foundation has introduced an online eligibility quiz. This must be completed in order to access the application form.

The quarterly application deadlines for 2024 have been published.

The first deadline for applications is 30 January 2024 for a decision in March 2024.

[Apply for a grant | Veterans' Foundation \(veteransfoundation.org.uk\)](#)

Windrush Day Grant Scheme Opens for 2024 Funding Applications

Funded by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and managed by Near Neighbours, the Windrush Day Grant Scheme 2024 will focus on bringing communities together across different ages and ethnic backgrounds to commemorate, celebrate and educate their local area about the contribution of the Windrush Generation and their descendants across the United Kingdom.

22 June each year marks National Windrush Day and projects must include a lead event or activity on this date. All further events and activities must take place within the 10-week period of 8 June 2024 to 31 August 2024.

Projects need to focus primarily on at least one of the following overarching aims of the scheme:

- To educate people about the Windrush story.
- To foster a greater sense of national pride and recognition of the historic and ongoing contributions made by the Windrush generation and their descendants to UK society.
- To develop the skills and entrepreneurial ambitions of young people.
- To celebrate and commemorate the continued contributions of the Windrush generation to the UK.

There is a total funding pot of £500,000 to fund activities across England and Northern Ireland with grants of between £5,000 and £50,000:

- Tier 1: smaller projects between £5,000 and £25,000.
- Tier 2: larger projects between £25,000 and £50,000.

Funding for all approved projects will be released in April 2024.

Near Neighbours will be holding four bidder workshops in November 2023, which will give an overview of the scheme and an opportunity for bidders to ask questions.

Three virtual sessions will take place on:

- 7 November (18:00)
- 14 November (15:00)
- 16 November (10:00)

One in-person session in London will take place on 6 November (14:00). Registration is required.

The deadline for funding applications is 17 December 2023 (23:59).

[Windrush Day Grant Scheme 2024: guidance for applicants - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/windrush-day-grant-scheme-2024)

Cycling UK Big Bike Revival Grants Reopens for Winter 2023 Funding Round

Cycling UK is offering **grants of up to £2,500** for voluntary and community cycle groups across England to deliver projects and activities that:

- Encourage people who don't cycle to cycle.

- Encourage people to cycle more often.
- Increase short cycling trips.
- Improve the perception of cycling safety.
- Improve people's confidence to cycle.

The Big Bike Revival Grants Programme will support events and activities that use the 'fix-learn-ride' model to provide sessions for people groups that are underrepresented in cycling, such as:

- People on low incomes.
- People who suffer from poor mental health.
- People who are not meeting physical activity guidelines.
- People who are homeless.
- People who are lacking confidence.
- Unemployed people.
- Military veterans.
- People who are experiencing substance abuse.
- Ethnically diverse people.
- Refugees and asylum seekers.
- People experiencing transport poverty.
- People with perceived barriers to cycling.

Funding is for events delivered between 4 November 2023 and 25 February 2024. Groups are expected to deliver around eight events.

The deadline for applications is 15 December 2023.

[Big Bike Revival winter intervention 2023-24 | Cycling UK](#)

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