

February 2024 Funding Gazette



Welcome to the February edition of the Cumbria Youth Alliance Funding Gazette. This is a fast changing environment so always check out the websites before applying for any of the funding listed in this edition as things close and re-open depending upon funding available and do watch out for deadlines approaching.

Keep up the wonderful work!



Welcome to our February Funding Gazette

CYA would like to acknowledge a wide range of sources of information. We regularly look at funding information from NAVCA, Active Cumbria, NCVO, Merseyside Funding Portal, Get Grants and Focus on Funding from Cumbria CVS. CVS will do a search for funding for your specific project via Grantfinder. Contact: cvsfunding@cumbriacvs.org.uk

There are significant opportunities to apply for grants and trusts but now more than ever the competition is stiff and you need to take time to read the guidelines carefully for each of the charitable trusts and foundations and only apply to those where you do meet the criteria.

Funders tell us that over 30% of the applications they receive don't meet their criteria and they waste time reading through them and rejecting them but more importantly the organisations have wasted their time compiling the application and the supporting documents only for them to be consigned to the bin.

Cumbria Youth Alliance can help you with your funding applications -we can supply you with up to 10 potential funding sources that are a good match for your organisation. We can assist by being a second pair of eyes to read through your applications before you send them away and we can be a referee for your application if we have worked together and we are aware of your work.

If you and your team need help with fundraising and you work with children, young people or families here in Cumbria then give us a shout juan@cya.org.uk or ring us on 01900-603131 to book a zoom call for some one-to-one support.

Don't forget you are not alone Cumbria Youth Alliance can help with all sorts of aspects of your fundraising thanks to support from Cumbria County Council under the Infrastructure Support Contract to support organisations working with children and young people.

- We can source 5 big and 5 small charitable trusts that will give you a good match for what you want funded
- We can deliver fundraising training - how to apply to foundations and trusts -we can deliver this at a time and place to suit your needs and it can include staff, volunteers and /or trustees
- We can check your bids and see if we can add anything or help it with additional information
- We can act as a referee for any big bids you are submitting
- We can help you set up systems to manage your grant so you can report accurately to funders

If you want to access any of these services email juan@cya.org.uk or ring 01900 603131, mob 07859092981

This funding news gazette is part of Cumbria Youth Alliance's Infrastructure Support to the youth sector, in conjunction with Cumbria County Council.



- CYA Infrastructure Support for the sector includes:-
- Free training for staff and volunteers including over 80 online modules
- Free Outcomes and Impact measurement tools and training in how to use them and follow up support
- **Fundraising support eg workshops tailored to your needs and research into which funders will fund your project; how to write better bids; proof reading your bids; acting as a referee**
- **Monthly funding gazette with news from local and national funders**
- Governance health check your policies and procedures and help or advise on how to review and improve them
- Free access to a national quality kite mark, SQP, for which CYA is the Cumbria franchise holder
- Weekly and monthly newsletters which all groups can contribute to; advertise your project or your vacancy here; or find out what is going on around the county
- We chair the Voluntary Sector Reference Group which brings together the statutory sector stakeholders eg local government and health agencies together with local and national funders; you can attend virtual meetings or just have the minutes sent for each meeting
- Recruitment of Volunteers; we have a database of people who have registered as wanting to volunteer and we put them in touch with groups needing volunteers
- These activities are all free as funded by Cumbria County Council

For more information contact juan@cya.org.uk

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UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES

- 12/02 Outreach Fund - <https://www.rsc.org/prizes-funding/funding/find-funding/outreach-fund/>
- 13/02 Alec Dickson Trust - <https://www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk/>
- 13/02 Idlewild Trust - <https://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/>
- 13/02 Seed Sourcing Grant (SSG) - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/seed-sourcing-grant>
- 13/02 Fisheries Improvement Programme (FIP)
<https://anglingtrust.net/funding/fisheries-improvement-programme/>
- 14/02 Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Grassroots Movement Fund
<https://jrctmovementfund.org.uk/>
- 14/02 Peter Sell Award - <https://lesliesellct.org.uk/the-peter-sell-annual-award/>
- 15/02 Toy Trust - <https://www.toytrust.co.uk/>
- 16/02 Archives Revealed - Scoping Grants
<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/grants-and-funding/scoping-grants/>
- 16/02 Impetus Engage Fund - <https://www.impetus.org.uk/engage-grant-round-2024>
- 16/02 Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity - <https://www.msecharity.com/>
- 18/02 Better Community Business Network Grant Initiative - <https://bcbn.org.uk/grant-initiative/>
- 19/02 CABWI Lifelong Learning and Development Fund
<https://www.cabwi.org.uk/application-guidelines/>
- 19/02 Nature Computes Better: Opportunity Seed Funding Call
<https://www.aria.org.uk/seeds-nature-computes-better/>
- 20/02 Independent Age – Boosting Advice Fund
<https://www.independentage.org/community/our-grants-fund/boosting-advice-fund>
- 21/02 Naturewatch Foundation Pet Rescue Grant
<https://naturewatch.org/campaigns/companion-animals/what-were-doing/pet-rescue-grant/>
- 22/02 Charles Plater Trust - <https://www.plater.org.uk/>
- 22/02 Ormiston Trust - Youth Social Action Grants Fund - <https://ormistontrust.org/>
- 22/02 Rowing Foundation - <https://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/home/>
- 23/02 Green Heat Network Fund (GHNF)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/green-heat-network-fund-ghnf>
- 23/02 LandAid - Routes Out of Homelessness Programme
<https://www.landaid.org/apply-for-funding-support/grants-landaid-offers/>
- 23/02 Sea-Changers Coastal Fountain Fund - <https://www.sea-changers.org.uk/coastal-fountain-fund>
- 23/02 Volunteering for Health Programme - <https://www.cwplus.org.uk/volunteeringforhealth/>
- 26/02 Linder Foundation Hospice Grants - End of Life Care in Prisons
<https://www.hospiceuk.org/linder-foundation-hospice-grants-2023-end-life-care-prisons>
- 26/02 PRS Foundation - Talent Development Network
<https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-for-organisations/>
- 27/02 Action Medical Research <https://action.org.uk/research/apply-research-grant/apply-project-grant>
- 28/02 Ouseley Church Music Trust - <https://www.ouseleytrust.org.uk/apply/>
- 29/02 Delamere Dairy Foundation - <https://delameredairyfoundation.org.uk/>
- 29/02 Gilchrist Educational Trust - Grants to Organisations - <http://www.gilchristgrants.org.uk/>
- 29/02 The Inman Charity - <https://www.inmancharity.org/>
- 29/02 National Churches Trust - Small Grants Programme
<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/small-grants>
- 29/02 Naturesave Trust - <https://naturesave.co.uk/naturesave-trust/>
- 29/02 Rewilding Britain - Rewilding Innovation Fund
<https://www.rewildingbritain.org.uk/how-to-rewild/funding-for-rewilding/rewilding-innovation-fund>
- 01/03 Asda Foundation - Cost of Living Grant <https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants>
- 01/03 Asda Foundation - Empowering Communities - <https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants>
- 01/03 Asda Foundation - U18 Better Starts Grants - <https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants>
- 01/03 Baily Thomas Charitable Fund - <https://www.bailythomas.org.uk/grants/general-programme>
- 01/03 Jerwood Foundation - <https://jerwood.org/funding/>

ROOKHOW RETREAT

Rookhow's Retreat Away Fund

[ROOKHOW](#) is a Quaker charity in the quiet Rusland Valley, about 15 minutes from Ulverston, consisting of a 16 bed bunkbarn, historic Meeting House for group space, a yurt in the woods and 2 campfires set in 12 acres of magical oak woodland. Our Retreat Away Fund is set up to allow groups, who may not be able to cover the cost themselves, to stay at Rookhow.

So far we have been able to support 40 organisations and over 500 people, including refugee groups, LGBTQ+ youth groups, people dealing with trauma and abuse, mental health support groups, drug and alcohol recovery and organisations supporting families on low incomes. After using up a grant from the Quaker Mental Health fund UK, Rookhow trustees have now committed to adding at least 5% of bookings income into the pot and we have had some generous donations from individuals and local Quaker Meetings to continue the fund.



Staffing, transport, food and activities would be organised and paid for by your own organisation. Space for up to 30 to stay on site (16 in bunkbarn- beds; 4 in yurt and 10 on Meeting House floor/ camping).

Check our website for more information about Rookhow & availability calendar rookhow.org.uk & fill in the application form.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss this further or if you have any questions. We would be happy to show you round and have a chat about your application and the needs of your group before you apply. We can also pencil dates in the calendar if there is a particular time you'd like to stay.

** £485 per night sole use or £120 per day for just the use of Meeting House and woodland.
You can apply for 100%/ 75%/ 50% or 25% funding.*

Next round's deadline will be

1st April 2024

The fund would pay for part (or all) of your accommodation costs* 2 night minimum, mid-week or weekend or day use of the meeting space and woodland.



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Rookhow is a registered charity No 1188409



ROOKHOW

Quaker Meeting House and Bunkbarn

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY

National Lottery Heritage Fund

The National Lottery Heritage Fund provide different levels of funding to heritage of all shapes and sizes. Their grants range from £3,000 up to millions of pounds. Current programmes include National Lottery Grants for Heritage - £3,000 to £10,000; £10,000 to £250,000; £250,000 to £5 million. The impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic means the Fund will prioritise heritage projects that:

- promote inclusion and involve a wider range of people (a mandatory outcome)
- boost the local economy
- encourage skills development and job creation
- support wellbeing
- create better places to live, work and visit
- improve the resilience of organisations working in heritage

Full information on all National Lottery Heritage Fund programmes is available on their website.

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/>

Cumberland Council's Community Panels

Now open for business, and community groups can apply for support. The panels were designed to put residents at the heart of decision making in their communities. Made up of ward councillors, they will liaise with a network of local partners and residents to ensure effective investment. Each panel has an amount of funding, but can also support projects with lobbying, signposting and leveraging further help.

For more information on the Panels, areas they cover and deadlines for requesting support, follow this link:

<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/news/2024/get-involved-transform-communities>

Francis C Scott Charitable Trust

Will support charities working in the most deprived communities in Cumbria who are addressing the key transitions in a child's/young person's life, click here for further details.

<http://www.fcscct.org.uk/>

Hadfield Charitable Trust

Grants for charitable organisations to carry out projects in the areas of social needs, youth and employment, help for older people, the arts and the environment in Cumbria.

<http://hadfieldtrust.org.uk/>

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

Announces £1m Youth-Led Creativity Funding Programme

The Foundation will open the £1 million grants programme on 14 February for Expressions of Interest. The Youth-Led Creativity programme builds on young people's power to make change, use creativity to enhance their lives, develop their careers, and influence the world around them.

The funding is focused on work led by and for young people (aged 14 to 30) who have less access to creative programmes or who are underrepresented in arts and culture.

This includes young people who:

- Are D/deaf, disabled or neurodivergent.
- Are from communities experiencing racial inequity.
- Are economically or educationally disadvantaged.
- Identify as LGBT+.
- Have migration or care experience.

The Foundation anticipates awarding £1 million in 2024. The funding can be used for single or multi-year grants and for project and/or core costs.

The maximum limit that can be applied for is £120,000 for up to three years. It is expected that between 8 to 12 grants will be awarded.

A Learning Programme will run alongside the funding. This will be co-designed by funded organisations and facilitated by a Learning Partner. The Learning Programme will enable peer support and learning. Organisations will be compensated to support participation.

Applications will be considered from organisations and work that:

- Are driven and shaped by young people so they can build their confidence and skills. Most of the young people supported need to be aged 14 to 30.
- Understand and can demonstrate a track record of centring the voices of young people from communities underrepresented in arts and culture. This includes: young people who are D/deaf, disabled or neurodivergent, are from communities experiencing racial inequity, are economically disadvantaged, identify as LGBT+, have migration and/or care experience.
- Prioritise the joy and care of young people.
- Use art and creativity as a tool for young people to use their voice and influence change in their own lives and the world around them.
- Are driving change for the future either by doing something new, or by using tried and tested models to push things forward.

Applications will be accepted from two or more organisations working in partnership.

There will be a [Q&A webinar on 7 February](#), (12:30 to 13:30) and for those who cannot attend, the Foundation will be sharing the recording and answers on the website.

There is a two-stage application process.

Expression of Interest will be accepted from 14 February 2024 and 15 March 2024 (17:00).

<https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/latest-news/youth-led-creativity-funding>

Cumbria Community Foundation

The foundation exists to tackle poverty and improve the quality of community life for the people of Cumbria by raising money and making grants, responding quickly to emerging need, working in partnership with donors to distribute charitable funds. Their grants reach people and organisations which really need them.

<http://www.cumbriafoundation.org/>

Pixel Fund

Reopens for Applications in 2024

The Pixel Fund is offering grants of between £2,500 and £5,000 for UK-registered charities to deliver projects and activities that promote the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults aged under 26 years old and provide a measurable difference to the charity's users.

From 1 February 2024, the Pixel Fund has introduced a new eligibility checklist and reevaluated their application process to help reduce the number of unsuccessful applications.

To apply, groups must first check the new eligibility checklist, before attending a Pixel Fund Applicants pre-meeting to discuss their ideas. Eligible charities will then be required to complete an Eligibility Requirements questionnaire and due diligence form before being assessed and potentially invited to complete a full application.

There is a strong preference for charities with an annual income of less than £2 million. Typically, no single grant will be worth more than 5% of an organisation's annual income.

To apply, groups must first book a place at an Applicant pre-meeting which will be held regularly throughout the year.

<https://pixelfund.org.uk/home>

Ormiston Trust - Youth Social Action Grants

Offering grants of up to £5,000 to schools through their Youth Social Action grant programme.

Grants can be used to deliver youth social action projects, with the size of grant available linked to the amount of students the school is able to work with. Grants of between £1,250 and £5,000 can be applied for.

In the current programme this is only open to Mainstream secondary and primary schools or academies in England. SEN provisions are not eligible.

The deadline for this opportunity is Monday 22nd February 2024.

<https://ormistontrust.org/>

Funding to Empower Young People Through Language and Storytelling in Northwest England

Audible, in partnership with thinkBeyond, is offering grants of up to £15,000 for local organisations across Northwest England to deliver projects and activities that help to unlock the potential of underprivileged 16-to-25-year-olds, whose exclusion has historically hurt their levels of literacy and aspiration.

The Future Stories Fund will support projects that fit the following criteria:

- Engage local 16-to-25-year-olds using some element of language and expression to improve literacy levels and/or broaden career aspirations.
- The project is new in some way, either entirely or having at least one new element, such as a new location, target audience, or approach.
- Engage either or both:
 - Youth located in the top 20% index of multiple deprivation (IMD Decile one or two).
 - Youth from historically marginalised communities.

Proposed activities can include reading, writing, podcasts, poetry, theatre, acting, playwriting, and anything else relating to language and expression to empower marginalised young people and create an environment where they can express themselves, open doors, and create opportunities. Eligible costs include anything relating to project delivery, including project costs, staff salaries, or building expenses.

The deadline for applications is 17 March 2024.

www.audible.co.uk/blog/introducing-the-future-stories-fund

Idlewild Trust

The Idlewild Trust gives grants of up to £5,000 to UK Registered Charities for projects concerning the conservation of objects and artworks, and projects that aim to nurture young arts professionals. Although charities are welcome to apply for a maximum £5,000, the average amount awarded by the trust is £3,600.

The first grant making strand of the Idlewood Trust aims to fund projects which bring high quality training and development opportunities to young emerging artists aged 18 or over. Opportunities can be in any artform including music, dance, acting, writing and other performing, fine and applied arts.

The second grant making strand of the Idlewood Trusts concerns the conservation and preservation of publicly viewable artworks and objects that are of cultural and/or historical significance. Your organisation must also own the object or artwork which you would like to conserve. Capital projects and structural repairs of buildings are not fundable by the Idlewild Trust.

The trust helpfully provides a comprehensive Funding Guidance sheet which can be accessed on their website. Please do read this guidance carefully before applying, as there are several exclusions that could make your project ineligible. There are two funding deadlines per year, one in February and one in September. You will be advised of the outcome of your application within 2 weeks of the trustee meetings.

<https://idlewildtrust.org.uk/>

Better Tomorrows Fund

Set up by David Beeby, High Sheriff of Cumbria 2021-22, the Fund aims to invest approximately £1m over the next three years into quality youth work training and provision, with the ultimate objective of substantially increasing the number of young people having access to support from youth workers. It will encourage people within Cumbria to become accredited in youth work via Cumbria Youth Alliance's training programme, along with funding youth work salaries through this open-access grant fund.

Donor David Beeby has personally committed a significant amount to the programme and has secured funding from charitable trusts and donors, including Francis C Scott Charitable Trust, the Four Acre Trust, LLWR, and Cumbria Community Foundation, LLWR, CCL Secure, Carr's Group, CGP Publications, Iggesund, BAE and James Walker.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- provide access to youth work for additional young people
- create additional opportunities in areas where there is limited or no youth work provision
- seek to increase participation from young people from less affluent social economic groups and young people who might not usually take part in youth work their barriers and build their attainment, ambition and aspirations
- put young people at the centre in terms of voice and decision making
- support young people who are facing complex transitions, challenges, and barriers to accessing support and opportunities

What the Fund will not support in addition to our normal exclusions:

- existing or recent youth work posts
- overhead costs e.g. rent, IT, publicity
- individuals

How much can you apply for?

The maximum award will be no more than £25,000 per year. Multi-year funding may be considered for up to three years.

Frequently Asked Questions

We're an existing youth project, would this fund the salary of an additional youth worker?

The intention of this fund is to prioritise areas where there is currently no youth work being delivered, and give more young people access to quality youth work. An additional youth worker would need to support young people who aren't currently engaged in any existing youth work services (i.e., in a different area to current provision).

We're a volunteer led organisation, would this fund our first youth worker?

Potentially yes, if the youth worker could significantly increase the number of young people they are engaged with.

We have an existing youth worker whose post runs out of funding soon, could we apply to this fund to cover the cost?

No. This fund aims to increase the number of young people having access to support from new youth work avenues rather than cover existing overheads.

We have a new youth work post, which was previously a volunteer role. Would this be eligible?

Only if the funded post is providing additional youth work opportunities to more young people. It would not be eligible if the volunteer previously delivered 10 hours of support each week and then wanted funding to cover salary costs delivering the same amount of hours.

We want to offer specialised youth work sessions over a limited period of time in different locations to different groups of young people, would we be eligible?

No. Sessions must take place regularly, such as once a week, and ideally be offered over a minimum of one year to encourage more young people to take part. The sessions should also be delivered in one location (although more will be considered if you are delivering sessions at a number of village halls, for example).

For more information, contact Annalee Holliday, Senior Grants & Programmes Officer annalee@cumbriafoundation.org or 01900 825760. NB; youth work training will start a new intake in January to begin in March 2024, online with evening webinars during term time; contact juan@cya.org.uk for details and an application form.

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