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Welcome to the December edition of 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. Do watch out for deadlines approaching.

Keep up the wonderful work!

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# Welcome to our December 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 Grant Finder. Contact: [cvsfunding@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto:cvsfunding@cumbriacvs.org.uk)

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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](mailto: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 Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness 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 on 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](mailto: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 Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness 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 e.g. workshops tailored to your needs and research into which funders will fund your project; how to write better bids; proofreading 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 e.g. 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 they are funded by Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council.

For more information contact [juan@cya.org.uk](mailto:juan@cya.org.uk)

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## Deadlines this Month!

- 11/12 [Hedley Foundation](#)
- 12/12 [Cash4Clubs](#)
- 12/12 [Hinrichsen Foundation](#)
- 13/12 [International Tree Foundation - UK Community Tree Planting Programme](#)
- 13/12 [Souter Charitable Trust](#)
- 13/12 [The Finnis Scott Foundation](#)
- 13/12 [Woodward Charitable Trust - General Grants](#)
- 15/12 [Help the Homeless Grant Scheme](#)
- 15/12 [Ironmongers' Company](#)
- 15/12 [Ulverscroft Foundation](#)
- 17/12 [Condition Improvement Fund \(CIF\)](#)
- 17/12 [Wolfson Fabric Repair Grants](#)
- 18/12 [Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust – Family Focus Programme](#)
- 19/12 [School-Based Nursery Capital Grants \(England\)](#)
- 31/12 [Adamson Trust](#)
- 31/12 [Arnold Clark Community Fund](#)
- 31/12 [Britford Bridge Trust](#)
- 31/12 [Department for Education - Senior Mental Health Lead Training](#)
- 31/12 [GEM Road Safety Charity Grants](#)
- 31/12 [Kristina Martin Charitable Trust](#)
- 01/01 [Peter Harrison Foundation - Active Lives Grant Programme](#)
- 01/01 [Wolfson Foundation](#)
- 06/01 [John Ellerman Foundation - Regional Museums and Galleries Fund](#)
- 06/01 [Thomas Wall Trust - Grants for Registered Charities](#)
- 08/01 [Armed Forces Families Fund - Supporting Partners Programme](#)
- 08/01 [Neat Streets Grant Fund](#)
- 08/01 [Veterans' Capital Housing Fund – Major Capital Grants Programme](#)
- 10/01 [Art Fund - Student Opportunities](#)
- 10/01 [Grocers' Charity Grant](#)
- 10/01 [Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust](#)
- 13/01 [Fidelio Charitable Trust](#)
- 13/01 [Music for All - Community Project Funding](#)

## Upcoming FREE Events

### FREE Virtual Fundraisers Networking

- Get Grants Christmas Party! Tuesday 17th December 2024, 1pm – 2pm
- Tuesday 28th January 2025, 1pm – 2pm
- Friday 28th February 2025, 10am – 11 am
- Thursday 27th March 2025, 11am – 12pm

### Meet the Funder Events

- Meet the Funder Event: The Albert Hunt Trust
  - When – Tuesday 10th December 2024, 2pm – 3pm
- Meet the Funder Event: BBC Children in Need
- Meet the Funder Event: BBC Children in Need
- When – Thursday 16th January 2025, 12pm – 1pm
- Meet the Expert Event: Substance Views
- When – Tuesday 21st January 2025, 1pm – 2pm
- Meet the Expert Event: Charity Excellence Framework
- When – Tuesday 11th February 2025, 1pm – 2pm
- Meet the Funder Event: Tesco Stronger Starts
- When – Tuesday 25th February 2025, 1pm – 2pm

### FREE Introduction Workshops

Introduction to Bid Writing Workshop

When – Thursday 12th December 2024, 11am – 12pm

Introduction to Fundraising Strategy Workshop

When – Thursday 9th January 2025, 11am – 12pm

Introduction to Events Fundraising Workshop

When – Tuesday 4th February 2025, 12pm – 1pm

Introduction to Individual Giving Workshop

When – Tuesday 4th March 2025, 1pm – 2pm

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All FREE Recordings from Get Grants FREE Virtual Conference 2024

## Community Building Event

Are you planning improvements in 2025? Be capital funding ready. Whether you're just at the idea stage or looking for funding, join us at our next free online Community Buildings event to find out how to be capital funding ready. Learn from the experience of halls ACT has supported with National Lottery funding via the Community Spaces Partnership pilot and hear about possible future funding next year.

[Book Here](#)

# BARROW FUNDING FAIR

4TH FEBRUARY 2025, THE FORUM, BARROW-IN-FURNESS

This event provides a fantastic opportunity for local groups to directly engage (face to face) with local and national funders and support groups regarding projects/funding requirements. Attending funders and support organisations include:

- Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT)
- Arts Council
- Cumbria Community Foundation
- Westmorland and Furness Council
- Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAFS)
- Cumbria Youth Alliance (CYA)
- Francis Scott Trust
- Hadfield Trust
- Active Cumbria/Travel Actively
- National Lottery Heritage Fund
- Sir John Fisher Foundation
- Walney Extension Community Fund
- Baywind Energy Community Trust
- The David Snowdon Trust
- Charity Bank
- Holiday Activity Food Programme (HAF)
- National Churches Trust
- North West Probation Service
- BAE Systems



Tickets are free and attendees can choose to book a morning (10am-noon) or afternoon (1pm-3pm) slot.

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Morning Session



Afternoon Session

# John Muir Trust

## John Muir Award

The John Muir Award will be relaunched in March 2025, at which point new Proposal Forms for the Discovery level will be accepted. In response to feedback, this level will be renamed at the time of the relaunch to avoid confusion between the levels and the challenges.

The John Muir Trust would like to thank everyone who contributed to their recent workshops. The Trust conducted a series of workshops in September focused on criteria, funding models, reporting and impact, and resources. Award leaders offered valuable insight and constructive feedback, which the Trust is taking into account.

### Criteria

To aid planning for the 2025 Award, the criteria that each participant must meet to achieve a John Muir Award have been confirmed:

- Complete the Four Challenges: Discover, Explore, Conserve and Share
- Spend at least 25 hours on their activities
- Have an active involvement in decision making and planning of their Award
- Develop awareness of an inspirational person who has influenced the protection and restoration of Wild Places

The Four Challenges have been reframed to better align with the John Muir Trust's [strategic objectives](#):

- Discover: a wild place through nature connection activities and consider what makes it wild, how wild is it? Could it be more wild? See a wild place through the lens of its attributes (e.g., natural processes, visual characteristics, soundscape, human influence, flora and fauna, connectivity / remoteness).
- Explore: your wild place, get to know it and build a relationship with it. Enjoy activities which strengthen nature connection, consider how your wild place makes you feel? Learn more about it - how is it good for nature, how it is good for humans, what might threaten keeping your place wild? Consider what can you do to help protect or restore it.
- Conserve: Now it's time to take action to protect or restore your wild place. You can do physical conservation activities, raise awareness or take other actions to help protect wild places. Consider the longevity of your actions - how can you sustain the benefits of your actions beyond your allocated Award activities. By engaging in the Conserve Challenge, you will help the John Muir Trust look after wild places across the whole of the UK.
- Share: Reflect on what you have experienced, how your activities have made you feel, what you have learned and what you have achieved? Consider why wild places are important and how you have helped your chosen place; what impact do you think this has had for wild places as a whole? What actions / activities will you engage in to support wild places beyond your Award? Who do you really want to share this all with? Let them know!

### Funding Models

The John Muir Award will remain free for all participants at the point of use. The Trust is exploring sustainable funding models, including the possibility of Provider contributions to Award management costs. A final decision on funding will be announced at a later date.

### Reporting and impact

The Trust is working on improving Award management processes to enhance efficiency, data collection, and reporting capabilities. This will help demonstrate the John Muir Award's impact on people and wild places. All forms will be completed online, embedded on the Trust's website. Regular impact reports will be shared to highlight the value of the John Muir Award.



The online Record eBook will be decommissioned as it is not widely used. The Trust will explore user-friendly alternatives that foster a sense of community.

## Apply for a Des Rubens Bill Wallace Grant

Planning an adventure to experience and benefit wild places? The Des Rubens and Bill Wallace Grant gives people the opportunity to seek out life-changing experiences in wild places. Find more information, eligibility criteria and application guidance online.

Deadline for applications: 15 January 2025.

[Get inspired by this year's recipients](#)

[Find out more about the grant](#)

## Funding to Support Vulnerable Young People and Child Carers Across the UK

7Stars Foundation is offering grants of up to £2,500 for registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £1.5 million across the UK to deliver projects and activities that support young people aged 16 years and under across the priority themes of abuse, addiction, child carers, and homelessness.

Funding for offered across the following streams:

- Project grants to cover the costs of projects that respond to one or more of the funding priorities of the 7stars Foundation.
- Shine Bright funding for groups to purchase educational, wellbeing, or recreational items for young people, aligned to funding priorities of the Foundation.
- Direct grants funding to individuals affected by the Foundation's priorities, supported by outreach/social/care workers or legal professionals.
- Social Impact funding for three charities across the year for projects that align with awareness days across the year.

The trustees typically meet three times a year to review grant applications.

The next deadline for applications is 2 February 2024.

[Find out more about this news alert](#)

## The Ironmongers' Company

The Ironmongers' Company aim to support projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential.

Grants can only be awarded to a registered charity whose projects, meet the entirety of the following:

- Must be within the UK
- Help disadvantaged children and young people who are under the age of 25
- Include educational activities that lead to the developmental outcome of motivation, skills and learning.

They are looking for projects that are evident in providing educational benefits towards a specific group of young people or children. Including a full explanation to be considered for equipment, explaining how you plan to support these activities.

Grants given average around £4,000 and range from a few hundred pounds to £10,000 and must be spent within 12 months of being awarded.

The Company aims to make a noticeable difference and so prefers smaller organisations and projects when the Company can cover a significant portion of the cost.

To apply, organisations must complete the pdf application form and send it via post, along with a description of the project of no more than three A4 pages. A list of what you should include can be found on their website.

Applications are not accepted by email.

**Decisions are made twice a year at the end of March and October. The deadlines for receipt of applications are 15 December and 31 July, respectively.**

[Find out more about the Ironmongers' Company grants](#)

## **Small Charities Can Apply Soon for Core Funding to Support Young People, Disadvantaged Families, Prisoners**

The Woodward Charitable Trust, a grant-making trust, is one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts. Twice a year it awards grants to UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £200,000 who are making 'a real difference in their communities and who stand out in the work that they do'.

The funding is for charitable organisations in the UK working in the following areas:

- Children and young people (up to 25 years) who are isolated, at risk of exclusion or involved in antisocial behaviour. This covers gang violence and knife crime, education and mentoring, as well as projects that work to raise self-esteem and employment opportunities and encourage an active involvement in and contribution towards the local community.
- Disadvantaged families. This covers parenting support and guidance, mental health, food poverty, refuges and domestic violence projects.
- Prisoners and ex-offenders and specifically projects that maintain and develop contact with prisoners' families and help with the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or ex-offenders after their release.

The majority of an applicant's beneficiaries (more than 50%) must be within at least one of these areas to be eligible.

Although grants of up to £3,000 are available, most grants are for £1,000 or less. The Trustees favour small-scale, locally based initiatives and most grants are only for one year.

The grants are for core costs rather than specific projects and will cover staff salaries, rent, utilities, general office costs, accountancy/audit costs, fundraising, governance and compliance, and costs supporting the core programmes of the organisation.

Applications will be considered from UK registered charities, charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs), community interest companies (CICs) and exempt charities with an annual turnover of less than £200,000.

Organisations may apply for a grant for up to three years in a row, or three times within a five-year period. Once this has been reached they must wait two years before reapplying.

There are two application windows each year with applications usually considered in March and November.

**The next round will open for applications on 4 November 2024 and close on 13 December 2024 (noon).**

[For more information visit The Woodward Charitable Trust](#)

## 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/>

### Dora Beeforth Memorial Fund

Small grants are available for groups working with young people (aged 11 to 21 years) from low-income families in Cumbria to take part in sport or foreign travel.

[www.cumbriafoundation.org/fund/dora-beeforth-memorial-fund/](http://www.cumbriafoundation.org/fund/dora-beeforth-memorial-fund/)

### Better Tomorrows Fund

#### Background

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.

#### Who can apply?

- charitable, not-for-profit organisations

#### 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 (e.g. mental health support) over a limited period of time (e.g. 8 weeks) in different locations (e.g. school settings) 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](mailto:annalee@cumbriafoundation.org) or 01900 825760

## 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.fcsct.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/>

## Westmorland and Furness Council

Funding to support community projects through the Community Development Teams who manage a range of funds that are used to invest in communities to bring about a positive and lasting change for the benefit of the whole community.

<https://legacy.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/yourcommunitysupport/communitygrants.asp>

## Lloyds TSB Foundation

The Foundation funds local, regional and national charities working to tackle disadvantage across England and Wales. Seventy percent of our funding is for core costs, and our focus is on supporting underfunded charities that can make a significant difference to the lives of disadvantaged people by helping them to play a fuller role in the community. Our strong local presence enables us to respond directly and promptly to local needs.

[www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/](http://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/)

## Magic Little Grants

Small one-off grants (up to £500) are available to local charities and community groups in Great Britain that are running, or planning on running a project that encourages individuals to take part in some form of physical activity to help improve their physical and mental health and well-being.

<https://localgiving.org/magic-little-grants/>

## Morrison's Foundation

The Morrison's Foundation has been set up to make a positive difference to people living in England.

[www.morrisonfoundation.com/](http://www.morrisonfoundation.com/)

## Woodward Charitable Trust

The Woodward Charitable Trust supports core costs rather than specific projects. Organisations can apply for up to £3,000, but most grants are for £1,000 or less.

Woodward's Trustees fund projects that help families and young people. They focus on organisations supporting at least one of the following three target groups:

- Children and young people (up to 25 years) who are isolated, at risk of exclusion or involved in antisocial behaviour. This covers gang violence and knife crime, education and mentoring, as well as projects that work to raise self-esteem and employment opportunities and encourage an active involvement in and contribution towards the local community
- Disadvantaged families. This covers parenting support and guidance, mental health, food poverty, refuges and domestic violence projects
- Prisoners and ex-offenders and specifically projects that maintain and develop contact with prisoners' families and help with the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or ex-offenders after their release.

The Trust accepts applications from small not-for-profits (**annual turnover less than £200,000**) which are registered charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations, Community Interest Companies or exempt charities.

The Trust has specific 'windows' to accept applications twice a year. Check their [Diary Page](#).

The Woodward Charitable Trust also have a grant programme for [Children's Summer Play Schemes](#) for children between the ages of 5-16 years. Organisations must have a turnover under £100,000. Most grants are in the range of £500-£1000 with a deadline for applications usually in April each year.

For both programmes, charities must fill in an application form which can be found on their [website](#), along with more information on [how to apply](#).

## Help The Homeless

Help The Homeless provides grants to registered charities to help homeless people off the streets and enable them to live healthy, independent lives. They favour small, grassroots charities working to help the most vulnerable people in their communities.

Help the Homeless only offer grants to organisations with a turnover of less than £500,000 and grants will generally be £5,000 and below.

Applications are only accepted towards capital projects such as equipment, furniture, or building costs (but not including IT equipment). The charity will not fund projects relating to offering shelter to homeless people or offering any other forms of sustenance.

Applications need to be made via an [online application form](#).

The fund has quarterly grant deadlines on the 15th of March, June, September and December each year.

Only one application will be accepted for consideration by the charity once every 2 years, regardless of the outcome of the application. More details can be found on the Help the Homeless [website](#).