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Welcome to the February 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 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 Grant Finder. 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 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 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

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Deadlines this Month!

- 10/02 [WCIT – IT4Good Grant Programme](#)
- 10/02 [Worshipful Company of Information Technologists Charity](#)
- 11/02 [Action Medical Research](#)
- 11/02 [Asda Foundation - Outdoor Community Spaces Fund](#)
- 12/02 [Community Shares Booster Fund](#)
- 13/02 [Grow Wild Community Programme](#)
- 14/02 [Archives Revealed - Scoping Grants](#)
- 14/02 [Idlewild Trust](#)
- 14/02 [KFC Youth Foundation Community Grants Programme](#)
- 14/02 [Peter Sell Award](#)
- 14/02 [Sylvia Waddilove Foundation UK](#)
- 16/02 [Better Community Business Network Grant Initiative](#)
- 19/02 [SUEZ Communities Trust Landfill Communities Fund - Smaller Projects Fund \(England\)](#)
- 19/02 [SUEZ Communities Trust Landfill Communities Fund - Primary Fund \(England\)](#)
- 21/02 [The Royal Countryside Fund - Supporting Rural Communities Programme](#)
- 26/02 [Hedley Foundation](#)
- 26/02 [National Lottery Heritage Fund: Strategic Initiatives – Heritage in Need: Places of Worship](#)
- 26/02 [National Lottery Heritage Fund: Strategic Initiatives – Heritage Places](#)
- 26/02 [National Lottery Heritage Fund: Strategic Initiatives – Landscape Connections](#)
- 27/02 [Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Peace and Security Programme](#)
- 27/02 [Naturesave Trust](#)
- 28/02 [Delamere Dairy Foundation](#)
- 28/02 [Gilchrist Educational Trust - Grants to Organisations](#)
- 28/02 [Inman Charity](#)
- 28/02 [National Churches Trust - Small Grants Programme](#)
- 28/02 [Ouseley Church Music Trust](#)
- 28/02 [Rewilding Britain - Rewilding Innovation Fund](#)
- 28/02 [Scott Bader Commonwealth Global Charity Fund](#)
- 28/02 [Sea-Changers Innovation Fund](#)
- 01/03 [Baily Thomas Charitable Fund](#)
- 01/03 [Kelly Family Charitable Trust](#)
- 01/03 [Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust](#)
- 01/03 [Marc Fitch Fund](#)
- 01/03 [Waterloo Foundation - Environment Programme](#)
- 04/03 [Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Power and Accountability Programme](#)
- 04/03 [National Churches Trust - Large Grants Programme](#)
- 04/03 [Wolfson Fabric Repair Grants](#)
- 07/03 [Joanies Fund](#)
- 10/03 [Rowing Foundation](#)
- 12/03 [Hospital Saturday Fund](#)
- 13/03 [Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund](#)

Youth Work Training Open for Applications

We are pleased to announce that in partnership with our training provider Your EDGE, Youth Focus North West is now accepting applications for the above training courses. The courses has been funded through the National Lottery Community Fund via Cumbria Youth Alliance.

For further information and the application process please visit <https://youthfocusnw.org.uk/training>

The closing date for applications is Sunday 23rd February 2025, 17.00.

Grants for Youth Mental Health Organisations to Deliver Monitoring and Evaluation Projects

Charities and community interest companies (CICs) working to deliver mental health support to young people aged between 10 and 30 to deliver mental health can apply for funding to help build monitoring and evaluation (M&E) capacity.

Through the What's Working? Strength in Data Grants Programme, the Prudence Trust is offering around five to six grants of at least £10,000 to bolster organisational capacity to do quality data collection and to make use of that data to periodically review services.

To apply, groups must:

- Have an income of at least £250,000 and two years published annual accounts
- Work exclusively with young people.
- Deliver direct mental health support.
- Already collect mental health or well-being data.

Eligible costs include:

- Upskilling of staff responsible for monitoring and evaluation.
- Salaries for dedicated data or M&E roles.
- Software or hardware needed to improve data infrastructure, such as databases.
- Costs to work with an external evaluator or academic on specific programmes.

There is no maximum award amount specified. However, it is unlikely that the Trust will award grants over £300,000.

There is a two-stage application process. Groups must first submit an Expression of Interest form before being invited to complete a full second-stage application.

The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest is 3 March 2025 (16:00).

[Find out more via GrantFinder](#)

Funding to Help Disadvantaged Groups to Improve their Communication Skills (UK)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for UK registered charities for specific projects that improve communication skills for disadvantaged adults and supports NEET people into employment.

The funder views communication skills as critical capabilities for people who want to improve their employment prospects, self-confidence, resilience, and life chances.

The funding is for registered UK registered charities with an annual turnover of between £25,000 and £500,000 that are working to develop communication skills for people from disadvantaged groups who want to improve their employment prospects. Beneficiaries must gain at least one accredited vocational qualification during delivery.

Proposals are welcome which target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups demonstrably facing major hurdles to employment, especially women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, and refugees.

Priority will be given to match funded projects and self-sustainable projects, with a view to becoming less reliant on grants in the future.

Grants cannot be used for capital costs.

There is a two-stage application process.

The deadline for stage one application is 5 May 2025 for consideration in July 2025.

[Find out more via GrantFinder](#)

KFC Youth Foundation Accepting Applications for 2025 Funding Round

The KFC Youth Foundation is offering grants of up to £3,000 per year for up to two years for not-for-profit groups with a turnover of less than £400,000 to deliver projects that empower economically disadvantaged young people across the UK to fulfill their potential and build a positive future.

Applications will be considered from registered charities, registered community interest companies, unincorporated clubs or associations, or unregistered charities that:

- Benefit young people aged 11-25 years old.
- Support those in a position of economic disadvantage (including one of the following: care leavers, those experiencing homelessness, young carers, young parents, refugees, and young people at risk of or with experience of the criminal justice system).
- Empower young people to fulfill their potential and build a positive future by providing spaces that allow them to feel safe and secure, helping them unlock talent, build life skills, provide mentoring, and improve their chances to gain meaningful employment.
- Demonstrate positive results from their project within 12 months of KFC funding being received.

There is a two-stage application process. Groups must first submit an online Expression of Interest, including a two-minute video about their organisation, before being invited to submit a full application.

The next deadline for applications is 14 February 2025 (23:59).

[Find out more on GrantFinder](#)

Rookhow's Retreat Away Fund

ROOKHOW is a Quaker charity in the Rusland Valley, about 15 minutes from Ulverston, consisting of a 16 bed bunkbarn, historic Quaker 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 50 organisations and over 650 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. We put at least 5% of our commercial bookings income into the pot and guests and local Quaker Meetings also donate to the fund.

Next round's deadline will be **1st April 2025**

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.

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.

Priority will be given to new groups but previous applicants may apply especially if coming with new people.

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.

**£510 per night sole use*

or £120 per day for just the use of Meeting House and woodland

You can apply for 25%/ 50%/ 75% or 100% funding.

Sue Nicholls, Development Manager

Tel 07377 971783 Email: contactrookhow@gmail.com

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
<mailto:annalee@cumbriafoundation.org> or 01900 825760

Youth Music Trailblazer Fund Accepting Applications

Funding is available to constituted UK based organisations to run projects in England for children and young people (aged 25 or under) to make music activity more inclusive and foster learning, creation and employment opportunities.

Youth Music's Trailblazer Fund aims to support young people who want to change their lives through music but cannot because of who they are, where they are from or what they are going through. The fund provides grants for organisations that want to trial work or test a new way of working, sustain a grassroots programme or disrupt the status quo (or all three).

Two levels of grants are available:

- Grants of £2,000 to £15,000 are available to organisations of less than one year old.
- Grants of £2,000 to £30,000 are available to organisations of more than one year old.

To be eligible, projects must:

- Last between 6 and 24 months, including planning and project set-up time.
- Enable children and young people in England to make, learn or earn in music. This can be music in any form, for example, making music with friends or learning about the music business. Projects can offer music making, learning, or earning - or a combination of all three.
- Engage children and young people who face barriers to music because of who they are, where they live, or what they are going through.
- Be designed or co-designed with children and young people who need to be involved in the planning and ongoing development of the project.
- Have built in ways to reflect on and adapt their project delivery.

In addition, projects must fit into at least one of the following six funding themes:

- Early years (0 to 5 years) who face barriers to accessing music-making because of their circumstances or where they live.
- Disabled, d/Deaf and neurodivergent young people (0-25 years) so that they have equitable access to progress in music in a way that meets their needs and aspirations or provides routes for disabled young people into the workforce.
- Young adults (16-25 years) who want to take their music further, or for whom music can support wider personal and social outcomes.

- Youth justice system for children and young people (0-25 years) who are, have been, or are at risk of being involved with the youth justice system.
- Young people facing barriers for children and young people (aged 0–25) who face barriers to music-making due to their characteristics or life circumstances, or because of where they live.
- Organisations and the workforce for work that benefits people and organisations who provide inclusive music making opportunities for children and young people (aged 0-25).

Priority is given to small organisations with limited resources, those supporting children and young people facing barriers, and established groups seeking to innovate.

The deadline for applications to Round 9 is 11 April 2025 (17:00).

[Find out more information via their website](#)

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/

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.

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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/

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.morrison'sfoundation.com/