The Coalfields Regeneration Trust in the North West

Welcome to the fourth newsletter from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust containing news about the projects that have been awarded funding and some activities and events that are taking place in the North West region.

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust
The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is an independent grant-making body. We are a registered charity and limited by guarantee, governed by a board of trustees. Our mission is:
“Working closely with partners, the Trust is a key agency promoting and achieving social and economic regeneration in the coalfields of England, Scotland and Wales”

We are running just one Coalfields Community Grant Programme now, this is:

Coalfields Community Grant Level 1 (previously called Bridging the Gap) for grants of up to £5,000,

There is funding available through our Level 1 programme, so please get your applications in.

The Level 2 programme, for large grants, is closed.

The Coalfields Community Grant Level 1 Grant Programme
For grants of up to £5,000

Who Can Apply
- Voluntary and community sector organisations including social enterprises and CICs.
- Branches of voluntary and community sector organisations.

Organisations with a total annual income above £100,000 are not eligible to apply for Level 1 grant funding.

Costs
We can provide up to 100% of total project costs for capital and revenue projects. Your project spend can be over a 12 month period. We will not put funding towards a project that in total costs over £50,000.

Eligible Areas
Projects should be based in an eligible coalfield community or be able to show clear and immediate benefits for an eligible coalfield community that has a high level of deprivation. Projects need to show that they benefit people from wards within the top...
50% most deprived. There are eligible wards within St Helens, Warrington, Bolton, Wigan, Salford and Knowsley. Please contact Noelle or Dora for advice on eligible areas.

**Projects Supported**
Examples of activities that the Level 1 Programme could support include:

- Improvements to a community facility
- Training and skills development.
- Setting up or supporting an existing social enterprise.
- An activity that gets more people involved in physical activity or addresses a local health issue.
- The establishment of a much needed new service or community activity.
- The provision of childcare places for a nursery, pre-school, after-school activities and holiday schemes.
- Activities that promote volunteering and get new people involved as volunteers.

**When to apply**
Applications can be made at any time.
An organisation can only hold one Level 1 grant in any twelve month period.

If you received Level 1 funding, or Bridging the Gap funding as it used to be called, over 12 months ago you might be eligible to apply to us again for more funding. Please contact the regional office if you have a project in mind where £5,000 would really help.

Please note, if you have been in receipt of a grant from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust but your group has dissolved there is a requirement to inform us and ask permission to dispose of any assets purchased by our funding.

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**Round 5 Funding Programme - Approved Projects**

Since April 2011, when Round 5 of our funding programmes started, we have awarded £1,024,967 towards 65 projects in the North West coalfields region.

£885,065 has been awarded to 17 Level 2 projects and £172,714 has been awarded to 48 Level 1 projects since April 2011.

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**Level 1 projects approved since June 2012**

- **Gardeners Bowling Club** - items of equipment (including a sprayer) and generator to maintain the bowling green
- **WSG for People Who Stamer** - Conference attendance
- **Kearsley Youth Brass Band** - Equipment and tuition
- **Fir Tree Fishery and Outdoor Education Centre** - Provision of an ICT facility at the Education Centre
- **BRAG** - New equipment, training, venue hire, publicity and sessional staff to develop an outreach project for people with alcohol abuse problems
St Stephens PCC - Creation of storage area
Kearsley Mount Methodist Church - Theatre style lighting and video recording equipment
Lansbury Make it Happen - Outdoor play equipment, mirrors and blackboards
Sutton Junior Football Academy - Pitch hire, kits and coaching costs
Pemberton Old Band - New instruments
Eccles RFC - Duke of Edinburgh award programme
Newton-le-Willows Cricket Club - Refurbishment of changing rooms
Open College of Sign Language - Level 1 and Level 2 courses in Sign Supported English
Newton-le-Willows Amateur Dramatic and Operatic Society - Musical productions and plays
Spring View Recreation and Cricket Club - Re-siting of cricket square
Golborne Morris Dancers –
Ashton Bears ARLFC – Renovation of club house
Longford Neighbourhood Services Centre – equipment, rent, staff and training for community centre
BETA, Basic Education and Training for Adults – equipment, training, venue hire, publicity and sessional staff to deliver basic skills training in literacy/numeracy, communication, and life skills
Longford Senior Citizens - cutlery and crockery, promotion and rent for luncheon club.

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Health Funding Event

A Health Funding Event is to take place at Runcorn Town Hall on Tuesday October 16th between 4:00pm and 6:30pm.

This event is aimed at community groups and services that deliver health-related projects which have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of Halton residents.

Funders who have confirmed attendance include: Big Lottery Fund, John Moores Foundation and Lloyds TSB Foundation, as well as Halton Borough Council’s Sports Development, Community Development, External Funding and Area Forum staff.

Please note, although you can drop in between 4pm and 6:30pm, you must pre-register your attendance – please email sara.wilson@halton.gov.uk or call 0151 511 8863 with the name of your organisation and details of your health-related project to guarantee your place.

If your enquiry is more generic and you require support contact:

External Funding Team; Steph Davies: 0151 511 7960 email: steph.davies@halton.gov.uk or Community Development Team; Nicola Goodwin: 0151 511 8105 email: nicola.goodwin@halton.gov.uk

Training Available In Wigan and Leigh

In response to our recent Training Needs Analysis, Wigan and Leigh CVS is excited to launch its latest training calendar. We offer a wide range of professional and
organisational development courses to help organisations develop the skills they already have and learn new ones.
Thanks to funding from the Coalfield Regeneration Trust, Wigan and Leigh CVS is able to offer the following courses FREE to people in Coalfield areas in Wigan.

For more information about any of these courses or to discuss your training needs further contact Beaulah at Wigan and Leigh CVS on 01942 514234 or email bgowen@cvswl.org

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Please feel free to pass the Newsletter on to colleagues and other organisations and groups.

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