

Funding and Volunteers

This document is a collection of potential funding opportunities for those organisations involved in the engagement, development and support of volunteers.

The text on each potential funding body is compiled from extracts from their respective websites at the date stated in the document's filename.

Some of the funding opportunities listed below were closed at the date of the searches. If they are closed permanently then they have been omitted, but those that are likely to re-open later in the year have been included.

This document is not meant to be exhaustive, nor complete. It is a snapshot of the most relevant funding opportunities at that particular time.

Alec Dickson Trust

<http://tinyurl.com/jrq8wkv>

The Alec Dickson Trust supports young people who are able to demonstrate that through volunteering or community service they can enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society.

They support projects that support and encourage youth volunteering. They particularly like to fund projects that involve lots of volunteers, and/or encourage these young people to stay engaged as volunteers in the long term.

They support young people who run projects that benefit disadvantaged communities and individuals. They are looking for projects that identify a specific need, and propose to carry out activities that will clearly help to address this need. Often it's about young volunteers helping to give others the opportunity to engage in activities, have a voice, and meet people that they otherwise would not have been able to.

Ultimately they are looking for youth volunteering projects that help to improve communities, but if the project is new and exciting then even better! They particularly like to fund volunteer initiatives that are innovative and try to do things a bit differently, such as using social media creatively or using existing resources in new ways.

Applications for grants, not normally in excess of £500, are invited from individuals aged 30 and under or from small groups of young people who believe their actions to be in pursuit of the aims of the Trust.

It is highly unlikely that applications from young people embarking on organised 'gap year' projects overseas (with organisations like Project Trust, Raleigh International, or Health Projects Abroad) or requesting a grant for college/university course fees will match with the Trust's funding criteria.

Duveen Trust

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

The Trustees wish to consider:

- Projects of individual initiative by young people where self-help on its own has proved insufficient
- Organisations administering projects whose aim is to develop individual initiative by young people

- Applications for educational assistance to enable applicants to work in community projects specialising in the social education of young people
- Grants towards finite projects or individuals administering them

The Trustees will not make grants towards the underwriting of ongoing salaries, fees or schemes, nor will they make grants from which an ongoing commitment might be inferred.

The remit of the trust is to support a piece of work in its entirety or help projects of young people up to the age of 25 years old. They have a grant potential of up to £15,000 per annum.

vInspired Cashpoint

<https://vinspired.com/cashpoint>

Cashpoint funding is for individual young people (or small groups) who have developed a project idea and will run the project themselves. Up to £500.

They are only accepting applications for their Get Active for Good Cashpoint scheme at the moment. It's a new initiative for young people to run projects that use sport and physical activity for good in their community, and is supported by Sport England. Your project could be for physical or mental well-being, individual development, to benefit your community, or a combination of all of these.

Awards for All, England

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/index.html>

Awards for All, England offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for projects that improve communities, and the lives of people within them. It is for voluntary and community groups, schools and health organisations, parish and town councils.

Berkshire Community Foundation: Give a Child a Chance

<http://www.berkshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk/give-a-child-a-chance/give-a-child-a-chance-grants/>

Grants are made to individual children and groups which work with children up to and including the age of 18, and up to the age of 25 for those with learning and/or physical disabilities. The appeal aims to help children in general but especially targets children:

- With physical or learning disabilities
- With psychological and behavioural disorders
- Deprived of a normal life e.g. fostered or in hospital or
- Suffering from financial hardship.

Groups

To apply for support, you must be:

- A community group or charity working in Berkshire
- Clearly demonstrating that your project will make a measurable difference to Berkshire residents suffering from disadvantage.

Their average grant to groups is £3,000.

Individuals

Individual Grant applications:

- Are available for children up to and including the age of 18 (or 25 for those with learning and/or physical disabilities), with a maximum grant award of £1,000
- Can only be made via a recognised support agency working with the child

- Are open to children living within the county of Berkshire who have permanent leave to remain.

The next funding round is likely to be held in Spring 2016.