

Grants Summary

In the last year 125 grants were committed at the three Trustee meetings, with a total value of £789,385. A number of the organisations funded were asked to give a short summary of their work and the nature of the grant provided and these are included within the grants listings below. Grants are listed in beneficiary groups in order of size.

In addition to this main grants programme, Trustees have funded two other organisations within a closed programme. These were

Social Audit

£10,000 single grant towards the costs of launching a consultation on "Pharmageddon?"

Campaign for Freedom Of Information

£250,000 over three years (£70,000, £80,000 and £100,000) for core costs

People with Mental Health Problems

This beneficiary group received the largest number of grants (23) totalling £152,869. This is 19% of the total amounts committed. In this category, Trustees are especially keen to focus on promoting inclusion and lessening the stigma attached to mental health problems. Grants were made to many different types of projects including the provision of advocacy, practical work-based and therapeutic activities, befriending schemes, and other support services.

Not Just Enterprises (IW) Ltd

£15,000 over three years (£5,000 pa) towards the salary of the gardening supervisor

Not Just Enterprises is an Isle of Wight based Charity that works with people suffering from severe and enduring mental health problems. We offer work based enterprises that enable people to regain their confidence and self esteem and help them rebuild their lives within the community.



One of the Enterprises is Not Just Lawns - a gardening service. Up to 20 people per week get the opportunity to go out into the community and gain skills in gardening techniques. The present supervisor was once a referred client but is now employed by us, a good example of what encouragement and belief in people can do. While working within this environment the trainees not only learn new skills but they learn about themselves as well. The gardening enterprise is a vehicle through which we can motivate, praise and support.

A team of trainees gets out and about every day to tackle diverse jobs. Filling baskets and beds in the public area of an Island village, maintaining the rather uninteresting gardens for a Housing Association, working in some of the lovely private gardens in the Island, to clearing an overgrown jungle for a more elderly resident. The grant is helping to keep Not Just Lawns out there showing the community what a great job can be done.

South Tees Advocacy in Mental Health

£13,284 single grant towards costs of a clerical support worker at this project in Middlesbrough

Mind Chester-le-Street

£11,480 single grant towards costs of the Arts in Mind project

Village Well Hellifield

£11,000 single grant towards costs of a support worker helping people cope with stress and isolation at this organisation in North Yorkshire

Bipolar Aberdeen

£10,000 over three years (£5,000, £3,000 and £2,000) towards the project worker's salary

Amman Valley Dementia Carers Support

£9,984 single grant towards salary costs of two part-time care support workers

Volunteer Centre Swindon

£9,760 over two years (£4,880 pa) towards the supported volunteering project

Mendip Advocacy

£9,000 over three years (£3,000 pa) towards the core costs of this organisation based in Wells

Gillingham Volunteer Bureau

£9,000 over three years (£3,000 pa) towards costs of the Community Friendship scheme

Food Matters

£9,000 over three years (£3,000 pa) towards costs of the FaB programme which relates to the link between diet and mental health for this organisation based in Brighton

Four Seasons Gardening Project

£6,240 over two years (3,120 pa) towards sessional training in horticulture at this project based in Bolton

Growing Space (Wincanton) Ltd

£5,000 single grant as a contribution towards the Monday Mental Health Support project

Rag Tag n Textile Collective

£4,900 single grant towards volunteer expenses and training costs

Rag, Tag 'n' Textile is based near Kyle of Lochalsh in the Highlands of Scotland. It is a social enterprise which provides work experience and training for people recovering from mental health problems through recycling waste fabric into traditionally handcrafted items. All our volunteers have excellent sewing, dressmaking and rag-rugging skills. We use rag-rugged patches to trim pinnys for the keen cook and an attractive range of bags. We plan to do courses in feltmaking and spinning - using the raw sheep fleeces that have been donated.



We take referrals from the local mental health team and GPs. Trainees are taught traditional textile skills which they are using to make products that we can sell to generate more funding and most of them are beginning to use their skills outside the workshop making items for themselves and for other family members.



The items we are developing are attractive and desirable. We are building up a market for our designs and will shortly be selling online as well as through local outlets. The high quality of what we produce is helping to ensure that Rag, Tag 'n' Textile is building a reputation for desirable recycled goods and this in turn is helping to break down stigma against those with mental health issues. We are slowly becoming somewhat of a hub and focus point for the community which is reducing isolation for a somewhat scattered population. The grant from the Foundation is helping to support new and existing volunteers.

Medway & Swale Advocacy Partnership

£4,877 single grant towards the provision of advocacy to people who are in-patients

When Allen Lane agreed to support **Medway & Swale Advocacy Project's** (MSAP) 'Hospital Advocacy' Project there was still plenty of groundwork to prepare. Our advocate, Tina, had to be introduced to the hospital staff & undergo health, safety and induction training. She was introduced to two mental health wards and has been visiting for 6 months. Explanatory leaflets and business cards were made available, an appointment schedule set up so that patients requiring advocacy could choose times that suited them. The hospital made a room available for Tina to speak to people in private if necessary.



Medway Maritime Hospital

Records were kept of advocacy provided, which fluctuated at first. In the first 5 months Tina assisted in 58 instances, topics such as family, and mental health. Predominant problems being benefits and housing. Tina is an accepted part of hospital operation, given full cooperation, and even been asked to give talks about advocacy to the ward staff. Thank you to the Foundation for making this a live, successful project. Our biggest problem is not how successful this project has been but planning ahead 6 months to try to secure enough funding for a 2nd year!

East Fife Mental Health Befriending Project

£4,753 single grant towards volunteer expenses and training costs of this organisation based in Pittenweem

Greenpath Ventures

£4,484 single grant towards the costs of the volunteer training programme at this organisation in Colchester which offers bushcraft activities

Mind Eden

£4,328 single grant towards costs of the empowerment/self advocacy groups at this organisation in Penrith

Association for Post-Natal Illness

£3,000 single grant towards core costs of this national organisation

Bognor Regis Citizens Advice Bureau

£2,279 single grant towards a Money Advice worker supporting clients with mental health issues

DASH - Discovering Autistic Spectrum

£2,000 single grant towards costs of an employment project based in Swindon which works with people who have Aspergers Syndrome and also suffer from mental health issues

Saltley Methodist Church Woodwork

£1,500 over two years (£750 pa) towards the core costs of this project in Birmingham

Beeston User-led Club

£1,000 single grant towards the running costs of a user-led mental health drop-in in Leeds

King's Lynn Leisure Group

£1,000 single grant towards core costs of providing social activities

Refugees & Asylum Seekers

This beneficiary group received a total of £149,573 (19% of the whole) through 19 grants. Some projects were funded for their advice, support and integration work with both refugees and people seeking asylum, and an increasing number of projects working just with asylum seekers. Two of the organisations funded help people who are held in detention centres. Four grants were made specifically to support asylum seekers who are made destitute. This is a growing cause for concern and the Foundation has this year funded work helping individuals to access accommodation, clothing and food and other practical support.

Hub

£13,602 over three years (£4,534 pa) for the core costs of Hubbub - which provides social activities for refugees and asylum seekers in Newcastle

Boaz Trust

£13,200 single grant for start up costs of the 'Integration Project' for destitute asylum seekers in Manchester

Dover Detainee Visitor Group

£12,000 over three years (£4,000 pa) for core costs of this Group

Dover Detainee Visitor Group is a non-political, non-campaigning organization originally set up to visit, befriend, and provide practical help and emotional support to asylum seekers and other immigration detainees held at Dover Immigration and Removal Centre. We do this through a chain of over 70 trained volunteer visitors from the local area.

In the UK there is no time limit to detention. We have visited 2,000 detainees over the last four years some of whom have been in the centre for over one year and in extreme cases over three years. This vulnerable group are marginalized and isolated. Most detainees are depressed some have thoughts of self harm and suicide. DDVG also provides phone cards and mobile phones to ensure that detainees are able to make vital contact with the outside world in the form of solicitors, family and friends.



In Feb 08 we hosted the first national ex detainee conference. Representatives from various agencies working with ex detainees were present to tackle the issues facing this vulnerable group. The ex detainee project is new and provides small grants to those with deportation/removal orders and emergency support to those released into the community.

For a charity such as DDVG whose needs could change from year to year we have to be sure that we are financially able to accommodate this by adapting accordingly in our funding. The Allen Lane Foundation recognised this and generously agreed to fund us over a three year period for core costs; vital for the continuation of support to ex/ detainees and volunteers

ASSIST (Sheffield)

£11,832 over two years (£4,684 and £7,148) towards salary costs of staff supporting destitute asylum seekers

ASSIST Sheffield (Asylum-Seekers Support Initiative Short Term) was set up as a registered charity in 2003 to support asylum seekers who have become destitute, as a consequence of being refused support after rejection of their claim by the Home Office. A few people are deported soon after this happens. Others cannot be deported as their country of origin is deemed to be "unsafe". Failed asylum seekers are only allowed to access housing and vouchers for food if they agree to return to their country of origin. In the first instance this support is by no means automatic leaving many in limbo whilst applying for assistance. Many have not had a fair hearing, are too afraid to return, and are thus forced into destitution.



ASSIST works to alleviate the consequences of such destitution by recruiting, training and supporting volunteer hosts that can accommodate destitute asylum seekers in their homes (particularly those with a medical condition and the elderly). This accommodation support helps individuals gain more stability which means they are in a better position to pursue their cases. Over the last year ASSIST has also set up a befriending and advocacy scheme. Another key concern of ASSIST is to educate the public about the plight of the individuals that we work with and to press for adequate legal help and more compassionate treatment. Concern is clearly shared by the community as, apart from 2 part-time members of staff, ASSIST's work is powered by the contributions of over 60 volunteers.

We are very grateful to the Allen Lane Foundation for their grant to enable us to extend the working hours of our administrator. This work ensures that all of our work comes together and that we can offer the best possible service to the people who come to us.

Refugee Survival Trust

£10,195 single grant towards the running costs of this organisation in Edinburgh

Institute of Race Relations

£10,000 over two years (£5,000 pa) towards capacity building for refugee and asylum seeker groups on a national basis

Kent Refugee Help

£10,000 single grant towards the costs of a support worker for bail applications

Birmingham Churches Together

£10,000 over two years (£5,000 pa) towards costs of the befriender co-ordinator post of this organisation's 'Restore' project

Cranhill Community Project

£10,000 over two years (£5,000 pa) towards the costs of employing an integration development officer for this project in Glasgow

Abigail Housing

£9,800 over two years (5,000 and £4,800) towards the costs of a support worker to help house destitute asylum seekers in West Yorkshire

Asylum Support Housing Advice

£8,000 over two years (£5,000 and £3,000) towards the core costs of running this organisation in Manchester

New Community Advice & Resource Bureau

£5,000 single grant for core costs of this support project in Leicester

Festival Harvest

£5,000 over three years (£2,750, £1,500 and £750) for start-up and core costs of a project to support destitute asylum-seekers by collecting and re-distributing unwanted goods from festivals

Festival Harvest was born after the introduction of legislation making asylum seekers, in various circumstances, destitute. A group of people staffing an exhibition about asylum at an arts and music festival asked for donations of left over, unopened long life food from campers. £800 worth of food was received and the collection continued on a more formal basis until in 2007 we approached Allen Lane for funding to develop work at other festivals.



Costs are minimal - van hire, volunteer expenses, on site publicity etc The food is distributed through a network of existing projects mostly in the north and south west. Last year we had food collections at 4 festivals and received over 400 sleeping bags from a tent hire firm at an additional festival and one of those where we collected food. Charities have been able to negotiate storage and supply volunteers. We have not been able to expand in 2008 as much as we hoped but we will be back at all the festivals we were at last year plus one more. In 2007 we collected around £10,000 worth of food and sleeping bags and shared it amongst about 10 charities.

Suffolk Refugee Support Forum

£5,000 single grant towards the costs of providing advice

Welcome to Leeds

£4,344 single grant towards costs of a drop-in and training

Derby Refugee Advice Centre

£3,600 single grant towards core costs of providing advice and assistance

African Community Advice North East

£3,000 single grant towards volunteer expenses and core costs of this project based in Newcastle

Eagle's Wing at the Mosses

£3,000 over two years (£2,000 and £1,000) towards costs of this textiles and sewing group in Bury

Diversity Resource International

£2,000 single grant towards core costs of this project providing services to refugees and asylum seekers in Hastings

Beneficiaries from more than one unpopular group

This category includes projects which have beneficiaries with a cross-over of the Foundation's priority groups (such as work with elderly BME communities; or people with mental health problems and also with ex-offenders). A total of £145,986 (or 18%) of the main grants programme was made in 25 separate grants. An interesting point is that 14 of these specifically would include older people amongst their beneficiaries.

Solace

£15,000 single grant for core costs of this project based in Leeds which supports refugees and asylum-seekers with mental health problems

Solace (Surviving Exile and Persecution) was set up to provide counselling and advocacy to asylum seekers and refugees across the Yorkshire and Humber region - which has the third highest number of asylum seekers in England, after London and Birmingham. A growing body of evidence revealed that their mental health needs were not being met by mainstream services - this was partly because of language barriers, but also because many health professionals felt ill-equipped to deal with the multiple traumas that many asylum seekers and refugees were suffering from. These findings were supported by research commissioned by Solace.



About a third of our clients are victims of torture, rape and other forms of persecution. Many of them have lost members of their families in conflicts. Two thirds of our clients cannot speak English. Most of them are from the Middle East and sub Saharan Africa

Our experience of working with asylum seekers at Solace is that the inhospitable treatment they frequently receive here in Britain often exacerbates any mental health problems that they may already have. The vast majority of our clients have felt or continue to feel suicidal.

Solace is the only agency in Leeds that provides a specialised counselling service to asylum seekers and refugees. We also provide complementary therapies as well as a range of practical support, advice and advocacy. In addition, Solace has established strong working relationships with solicitors' firms across the country to try to address the problems caused by a lack of professional legal representation. Solace received a grant from the Foundation which was to cover core running costs.

Cheetham & Crumpsall Welcome Centre

£12,180 single grant towards core costs of this project in Manchester which supports a wide variety of people including refugees, asylum-seekers, people with mental health problems and ex-offenders

Sheffield Association for Voluntary Teaching of English (SAVTE)

£11,078 single grant towards costs of a volunteer support and development worker to benefit new arrivals

Mind Active

£10,000 single grant as a contribution towards the 'external activities project' providing social activities in Northumberland for older people and, in particular, those with mental health problems

MIND Active facilitates mind stimulating group activities and wider community wellbeing events with older people living in residential care homes in South East Northumberland. Older people living in residential care homes can often seem forgotten and undervalued. We show the residents that many people in the community still care and we encourage volunteers to provide meaningful engagement, often using community venues, to help care home residents to feel wanted and raise their self-esteem and community involvement. This helps address boredom, depression, slow dementia and even challenging behaviour.



MIND Active was recognised as District Volunteer Group of the Year 2007 at the Castle Morpeth and Wansbeck CVS Volunteer 'Thank You' Evening during Volunteers' Week. We offer free fulfilment training and activity coordinator meetings with care home staff, link community wellbeing and statutory service provision to the homes, promote healthy lifestyle activities, and support care home resident committee groups to

enable them make informed choices rather than sitting letting things happen around them. The **MIND Active** team successfully re-engage our deserving and often forgotten older people dependent on others for their every need, back with their community.

Andover Food Bank

£10,000 over two years (£5,000 pa) towards costs of a part-time worker for this project benefiting a wide range of people

Dunton Community Garden Group

£9,000 single grant towards the 'Whispering Orchard' project in Biggleswade which works with people with mental health issues and ex-offenders

Southfield Community Action Forum

£7,500 single grant for the 'New Horizons' senior citizens development project which provides activities for elderly Asian people in Nelson, Lancs

Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours Scheme

£7,500 single grant towards costs of a development worker and a contribution to core costs for this Scheme in Leeds which supports older people and those with mental health problems

City Gate Community Projects

£7,500 single grant towards core costs of running the Brighton & Hove FareShare project

Wolverhampton Elder Asian & Disabled

£6,500 single grant towards the salary of a part-time development worker

Bedfordshire African Support Project

£6,000 single grant towards the costs of a part-time employment advisor to help refugees

Elderly Persons Social Centre

£6,000 over two years (£3,000 pa) towards core costs of this Centre in Walsall which provides a meeting place and resources for older men from BME communities

The Elderly Person's Social Centre is situated in the Palfrey ward of Walsall, which is an inner city and deprived area with a diverse multi cultural community. The majority of local residents are from Black and Minority Ethnic groups which comprise mainly of Pakistani Muslim, Gujerati Muslim, Bangladeshi Muslim, Gujerati Hindu and Punjabi Sikh backgrounds. The Elderly Persons Centre formed in June 1982 and is registered charity.

We were very pleased to receive a £6,000 grant from the Allen Lane Foundation. This has contributed to the core running costs of the centre such as Insurance, Solicitors fees, Gas service cover etc, as well as enabling our centre to continue to provide a range of services to our local residents.

Services include drop in sessions that create spaces for our members to socialize, build confidence and tackle issues around isolation. Local research has shown that people suffer from a range of different health inequalities, and we therefore offer exercise sessions for members. Also these sessions are used as a platform to encourage members to make positive health choices through encouraging them to take regular walks as well as disseminate pertinent health promotion information e.g. stay warm, stop smoking, falls prevention etc. In the next few months we will be planning our annual summer day trip to a UK seaside. This in the past has been a very enjoyable experience and gives an opportunity for some of our members to visit parts of the UK that they would other not have the chance to do.



Some of our users taking part in our exercise sessions

Asian Advisory Service

£5,000 single grant towards an advocacy worker supporting older people from BME communities in Derby

Canolfan Cynghori Bro Ddyfi Advice Centre

£4,500 single grant towards core costs of this Centre in Machynlleth which amongst others, helps a number of older people and people with mental health issues

Kamyabi Community Project

£4,200 single grant towards costs of housing destitute women in Nottingham

Mediation Dorset

£3,000 single grant as a contribution towards providing free mediation work with a range of communities

St James Support & Advice Centre

£3,000 over three years (£1,000 pa) for core costs of advice work in Aston, Birmingham working with people from BME communities, refugees, asylum-seekers and migrant workers

Spelthorne Mental Health Association

£3,000 single grant towards the salary of a charity shop manager at this organisation in Staines

Quest

£3,000 single grant towards costs of a website and volunteer training for this national organisation which supports LGBT Catholics and other Christians, many of whom are older people

Active Lifestyles

£3,000 single grant towards costs of a lunch club and social activities for older people from BME communities in St Albans

Tameside Elders Association

£3,000 single grant towards costs of the Monday drop-in which provides activities for older men from the Pakistani community in Ashton Under Lyme

Umoja Women's Group

£2,000 single grant for courses, workshops and social activities for women from BME and refugee and asylum seeker communities in Derby

Friends of Beechgrove Unit

£1,708 single grant towards the costs of ballroom dancing for older people with mental health problems in East Sussex

Hibiscus Association

£1,300 single grant towards volunteer expenses and transport costs of social activities for older people from BME communities in Leeds

Italians of the Third Age

£1,020 single grant towards costs to enable older people from the Italian community in Keighley to access activities

Older people

The Foundation made a total of 17 grants totalling £88,085 towards work with older people. This was 11% of the whole amount committed. The main focus for the Foundation is lessening isolation and ensuring older people are included in the local community. The types of work funded have included the provision of social activities, lunch clubs, befriending projects, transport to enable people to access services plus advice and advocacy.

Woodhouse Road Family Life Centre

£15,000 over three years (£5,000 pa) for core costs of a project for older people in Mansfield

Dungiven Community Resource Centre

£9,000 over three years (£3,000 pa) towards the advice and information service for older people at this Centre in Co Derry

Dungiven Community Resource Centre, established in 1989, aims to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged people in our community. We provide a range of services, which include:

- Advice and information on Welfare Benefits, both centre based and outreach.
- Adult community education with ICT training and provision for special needs.
- Services for older people.
- A Woman's Group.
- Information on employment opportunities.
- Development support to new initiatives.
- Meeting and conference facilities.



The Advice service is particularly beneficial to older people especially those who suffer long-term illness/disability and who live in isolated rural areas. In some cases they face additional barriers of lack of access to transport and caring responsibilities. Our Advice worker will, where necessary, visit potential beneficiaries in their homes to help them establish entitlement to benefits and help them maximise their uptake of benefits. We also provide information on other sources of support ie. home help service, meals on wheels etc. making referrals as appropriate. Advocacy is also provided on client's behalf, when dealing with Statutory Agencies, at Reviews, Appeals and Tribunal hearings.

The Foundation's grant will help ensure the continuity of this vital service and will help us to cope with the increasing work load which changes in the Social Security system are likely to cause.

Plymouth Befriending Consortium

£7,200 over three years (£2,400 pa) towards the costs of a venue, volunteer expenses and transport enabling older people to access social activities

Community Action Norwich

£7,000 over two years (£4,000 and £3,000) toward the core costs of work with older people

Silver City Surfers

£6,618 single grant towards the costs of a part-time sessional worker at this organisation in Aberdeen which offers computer and IT sessions for older people

Volunteer Centre Colchester

£6,000 over two years (£3,000 pa) towards costs of the Helpmates Scheme which provides DIY and gardening help for older people

Iomairt Nis

£5,000 single grant towards the costs of social activities for older people on the Isle of Lewis

Friendship Centre

£5,000 single grant towards costs of a part-time project worker at this Centre in Lancaster

Southwell & District Live at Home Scheme

£5,000 single grant towards transport costs enabling older people to attend social activities

Southwell Live At Home Scheme is a charity promoting independent living for older people, providing facilities for members to remain in their own homes. This community-based project offers friendship and support services to those who may become socially isolated, a factor magnified by their rural location.

Our main activities are: one to one befriending; weekly coffee and friendship mornings; two weekly luncheon clubs; day trips and specialised events; boat trips; escorted medical appointments; accompanied shopping; advocacy; information guidance days; signposting service; health and fitness classes; telephone contact service; home visits; home safety checks and fire safety checks and regular newsletters. To address our members' needs we supply many custom equipped vehicles to support physical, sensory, mental, and illness demands; therefore our transport costs (which are second only to salaries) get larger each year.

In July 2007 we received a £5,000 grant from The Allen Lane Foundation; towards transportation. Without their support we would have been unable to fund our transport requirements, exacerbating isolation, social exclusion and vulnerability amongst those in our community. These problems can also manifest loneliness and mental health issues, leading to the loss of desire or will to continue. The Allen Lane Foundation allowed us to fight these burning issues, giving every older person the chance to share in the life of the community.

Autumn Centre

£4,456 over three years (£1,442, £1,485 and £1,529) towards the running costs of this Centre in Corby

Ebbsfleet Rainbow Centre

£4,000 over two years (£2,000 pa) towards the costs of a lunch club and Silver Surfers project in Gravesend

Bedfordshire Advocacy Service for Older People

£3,000 single grant towards core costs

Bedfordshire Advocacy Service for Older People is a small independent Charity. Our aim is to improve the quality of life of older people, aged 60 and over, living in and around Bedfordshire and Luton. In partnership, we help Clients resolve problems they have, in the way they want. Our work with them is confidential and free of charge.

Our advocacy support is issue-based and about practical assistance. But we also provide personal support - really listening to our Clients; what do they want and not want; what are their preferences and choices? Our Clients come to us often when in crisis. They have serious problems to resolve and their ability to do this themselves is frequently made more difficult by advanced age, health problems, lack of knowledge of services or lack of confidence in dealing with things alone. They are often distressed - and afraid.

We have an excellent and committed team of Volunteers who give time, energy, skills and their genuine concern - to provide quality help. With proper time and effort we frequently achieve positive outcomes for them and the majority find themselves in a better position, and with an improved quality of life. *"Your kind and helpful Service is excellent. I had an awful problem which you went to a lot of trouble to get sorted for me". Client Quote.*

Faversham Assistance Centre

£2,800 single grant towards volunteers expenses and equipment at this Centre which offers gardening and practical DIY to older people

Carnary Community Association

£2,511 single grant towards costs of the mature citizens lunch club at this organisation in Ballymoney

Caring Together in Woodhouse & Little London

£2,500 single grant for core costs of this project in Leeds

Age Concern Coleraine

£1,500 single grant towards the costs of the Active Age Group

Roe Valley Residents Association

£1,500 single grant for social activities for older people in Limavady

BME and Migrant Workers

This beneficiary group was awarded £75,317 in total (or 10% of the whole) to 13 different organisations. The funding is mainly focussed on integration, and helping to ensure that individuals can access appropriate services. An increasing number of grants have been made to projects working with migrant workers this year.

Greater Manchester Pay & Employment Rights Advice Service

£10,000 over three years (£4,000, £3,000 and £3,000) towards a project helping migrant workers

Tinsley Advice Service

£9,995 single grant towards employing a bi-lingual advice worker to help new arrivals in Sheffield

Tinsley Advice Service is a multi-cultural Neighbourhood Advice Service in Sheffield committed to developing and ensuring that everyone is catered for in a positive way to help relieve distress and disadvantage.



Having an influx of Migrant Families coming to live in the area, is why we applied to the Foundation for a grant to employ an Advisor to work with Eastern European families, so that they could receive the same equality of service as other clients. In November 2007 we employed Joanna for 16 hours per week, an experienced Polish bi-lingual Advice Worker able to converse obviously in her own language, plus English and Slovakian. We are so impressed how dedicated Joanna is and already certain we don't want to lose her when the grant ends. In five months Joanna has done casework for 341 clients and dealt with 534 enquiries. Most of her work has been helping with Working Tax Credits, Child Benefit, Employment, Council tax, Housing Benefits, debt and Nationality issues. Families were found living in over-crowded and poor conditions. Joanna has referred some clients to Housing Associations, Housing Services, plus working with Education to help get their children into school.

These EU communities have "warmed" to Joanna and her work has been invaluable to the service but mostly to the needy families she has and will continue to help over the coming months. Our grateful thanks to the Foundation for making this work possible.

Fatima Women's Association

£9,000 over three years (£3,000 pa) towards costs of a part-time Finance Officer/Fundraiser at this organisation in Oldham

National Group on Homeworking

£6,712 over two years (£1,272 and £5,440) towards core costs

Asian Welfare Association

£6,000 over three years (£3,000, £2,000 and £1,000) towards the running costs of this organisation working in Small Heath, Birmingham

Visible Minorities Development Centres

£6,000 over three years (£2,000) towards the core costs of this organisation in Telford

Humdard

£6,000 single grant towards the costs of the development/advocacy's salary at this project in Bristol

BEAP Community Partnership

£5,000 single grant as a contribution towards costs of 'Facing the Challenge', a project aiming to help integration of new arrivals in Bradford

Kiran Minority Ethnic Women's Group

£5,000 single grant as a contribution towards core costs of this group in Newcastle

Kiran Minority Ethnic Women's Group is a group for BME women living in the East End of Newcastle. We provide a meeting place for women to come together and socialise, and provide confidential help and support where necessary. We offer support, help and advice about issues that concern our members and their families, and our regular weekly sessions provide information about other local organisations, events, training/education and activities that they can access. The group welcomes women from all minority ethnic backgrounds.

The group has been running since January 2000, and has over 50 members. We are established in the heart of the community we serve in Heaton, and are well known in the community, and by other local organisations and agencies for the important service we provide. We received funding from the Allan Lane Foundation in September 2007 for some of our core running costs - part-time worker salary, crèche costs, venue hire and insurance costs.



The part-time worker salary has enabled us to continue the valuable weekly sessions, organise an accredited Exploring Business Enterprise course, creative activities with a local artist, make links with the Laing Art Gallery, and continued to liaise with health care professionals from the Primary Care Trust. This is a small but vital part of the service Kiran provides, and we are grateful to the Allan Lane Foundation for their support.

Afro Community Support Organisation for Northern Ireland

£4,618 single grant towards the costs of employing a part-time worker in Belfast



Afro Community Support Organization of Northern Ireland (ACSONI) is a registered charitable organization based in Northern Ireland. Our organization was formed in July 2003 after a needs-assessment carried out by a number of stakeholders

concluded that there was a lack of resources, community support and infrastructure to address specific needs of individuals from the African continent, the Afro-Caribbean and other individuals of African descent

ACSONI's objectives are: to assist persons who are in need, poverty and distress by providing advice and support relating to a variety of issues, including racism, homelessness, asylum and immigration detention, hate crime, health concerns, discrimination; to promote multiculturalism by enhancing cultural awareness of the Afro community and by creating a non-Afro audience for Afro art, music, and culture; to preserve, protect and promote health issues, leisure, and recreational activities in the interest of social wellbeing of the community; and to advance the promotion of educational opportunities for the Afro community in Northern Ireland.'

Since its inception ACSONI has been administered by elected volunteers who represent the organization on government and community bodies. As ACSONI evolved there became a need for a growth in infrastructure, including staffing. Although, the long term vision is to have a secretariat set up and equipment in place so as to best achieve our goals, our first strategy was to apply for a grant for a part-time development worker - which was part-funded by the Foundation. It is our belief that this role will enhance ACSONI's capacity for offering effective support to the Afro community. It will also make a lasting change to people's lives, as the work will result in: less discrimination, better housing, better mental and physical well being, more employment opportunities, more business initiatives, less crime, a more assertive community etc.

Asian Community Equality Centre

£4,000 single grant towards core costs of this organisation in Leamington Spa

Diversity House

£2,000 single grant towards start up costs of this organisation providing assistance to BME communities and those newly arrived in Sittingbourne

Asian Welfare Association of Luton

£992 single grant to provide English language classes

People experiencing violence or abuse

Nine grants were made in this category, totalling £64,027 (8% of the total). Trustees are keen to make lasting differences to people's lives. Grants were made to organisations which help people affected by domestic abuse, rape, and adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. In addition, one grant was made to support male sex workers.

Zero Centre

£15,000 single grant for core costs of a domestic violence project in Birkenhead

Moira Anderson Foundation

£10,000 over two years (£5,000 pa) towards costs of a volunteer co-ordinator at this organisation in Airdrie which supports survivors of childhood sexual abuse

Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Centre (Guildford)

£9,000 over three years (£3,000 pa) towards core costs

Community Domestic Abuse Programme

£8,000 over two years (£4,000 pa) towards the costs of a part-time worker

The grant of £8,000 awarded (over two years) to the **Community Domestic Abuse Programme (CoDAP)** based in Aviemore and Nairn, has allowed us to fund an additional support worker.

CoDAP was set up in 2006 as a support service for women, children and young people experiencing violence and abuse within the mostly remote and rural communities in and around Inverness. Problems and issues resulting from violence and abuse are exacerbated by characteristics of rural living such as poor transport links and limited employment opportunities. Added to that, communities here are discrete, this can make accessing city-based support almost impossible. Working from an organisational model of two offices in Nairn and Aviemore, CoDAP takes outreach support right to the centre of the communities.

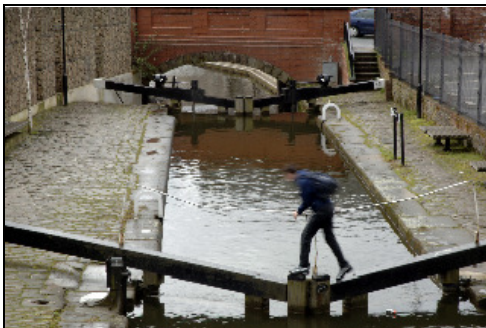
The effect on the ground has been the ability to support more families and get that support in as quickly as possible. The grant has helped us build a reputation as an organisation that can be relied on, one that provides valuable support to the most vulnerable members of the community and one that does 'exactly what it says on the tin'.

Home Start Eastleigh

£6,026 single grant towards the costs of a domestic abuse support group

Lifeshare

£5,000 single grant towards costs of outreach work with male sex workers in Manchester



Lifeshare has been running services for the homeless for over 20 years. Five years ago we realised that there were a significant number (40-50) of young men selling sex on the streets and in the bars in the gay village of Manchester, and there were no agencies working with them as a distinctive group. Unlike the provision for female sex workers, there was very little help for young males who sell sex to men. Some of the lads were as young as 16 years old; the majority were homeless; had little idea of the health risks involved,

and few were engaging with any services. We have also found they are at considerable risk of exploitation from undesirable and criminal elements within society.

Our project works with young men on the streets and in the gay village in Manchester. We give them the opportunity to change their lifestyles by linking them into other services, and enabling them to exit prostitution. We make them aware of the potential risks of selling sex; promote sexual health awareness; arrange full sexual health testing and treatment, and link them into drug/alcohol treatment services. We aim to raise awareness of the issues surrounding male prostitution among statutory authorities so as to improve access to mainstream services for these young men. We have helped 5 young men to exit prostitution, and altered the attitudes of statutory agencies, including the police; all of whom previously denied there was a problem.

South Cumbria Rape & Abuse Service

£4,828 single grant towards the cost of group work with survivors

Brighton Women's Centre

£3,673 single grant towards costs of support work with women experiencing domestic violence

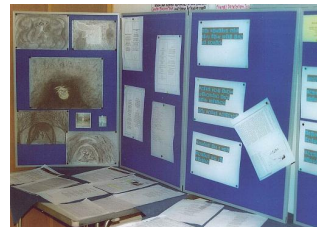
Dorset Action on Abuse

£2,500 over two years (£1,250 pa) to subsidise the costs of seminars/training events

Dorset Action on Abuse (daa) is an organisation that aims to relieve the suffering and distress of adult Survivors of childhood abuse in Dorset. We achieve this through our 3 vital services; professional one to one counselling, peer led Survivor support groups, and training events for professionals, volunteers and the public. Involvement of Survivors is central to all our activities.

21% of girls and 11% of boys experience some form of childhood sexual abuse in Britain

Funding from the Allen Lane Foundation helps with our training events. There is currently a massive lack of provision locally to disseminate information and skills to practitioners working with adult Survivors of childhood sexual abuse.



Our training events are for volunteers and professionals working with Survivors, and for Survivors themselves. Events involve discussions following talks from experienced key note speakers and Survivors. They highlight difficulties and challenges in this area of work and disseminate the specialised knowledge and skills needed to successfully support Survivors. This provision aims to: raise awareness of the needs of Survivors in the local area; improve other local services available to Survivors; disseminate knowledge and advice that Survivors will find useful as they endeavour to confront their emotional difficulties; and empower Survivors of childhood abuse in Dorset

Offenders & ex-offenders

7% of the Foundations resources were committed to work with offenders and ex-offenders - through six grants totaling £58,472. Grants were made to projects working directly within prisons, and on the outside to help people who are released from prison to gain work and other skills with the aim of re-integrating individuals back into the community. One grant was also made to support the promotion of the use nationally of restorative justice.

Herts Assoc for the Care & Resettlement of Offenders

£15,000 over three years (£5,000 pa) towards costs of a project support and development worker

Unlock, the National Association of Reformed Offenders

£13,500 single grant towards the costs of an admin officer

UNLOCK's vision is one of a society in which reformed offenders are able to fulfil their positive potential through the enjoyment of equal opportunities, rights and responsibilities.

Support from The Allen Lane Foundation allowed us to employ a member of staff to provide information and support to serving prisoners, former offenders and their families. Responding to phone calls, letters, emails and most recently through our website, we provide information that is independent, accurate, up-to-date and relevant, in order to reduce social and financial exclusion, support resettlement, meet people's needs and empower them to achieve their aspirations.

"It makes a refreshing change to be able to deal with people that look past the conviction and do not continue to treat you like a criminal."

UNLOCK developed a unique panel of insurance brokers having identified that former offenders and their families were excluded by insurance companies, making their homes vulnerable and preventing them from driving, travelling and starting businesses. Over the past year, usage of our website has gone from 68,000 to around 100,000 hits per month, while our membership has grown by nearly 900 former offenders.



Restorative Justice Consortium

£10,000 single grant towards core costs of this national organisation

Rainbow Charity Workshops

£8,000 single grant towards the core costs of this organisation in Cardiff which offers key work skills for ex-offenders

Citizens Advice Bureau Kennet

£7,622 over two years (£3,856 and £3,766) towards costs of providing 'Financial Skills for Life' courses to offenders about to leave Erlestoke Prison in Wiltshire

Ruskin Foundation

£4,350 over two years (£1,800 and £2,550) towards costs of 'The Seagull' a community newsletter from Haverigg Prison in Cumbria

Everyone/open to all

£18,560 through three grants (2% of the total) were made in this category.

GeneWatch UK

£7,500 single grant towards work relating to raising awareness and enabling the public to have a say about the National DNA Database

GeneWatch UK aims to bring human rights, the public interest, environmental protection and animal welfare to the fore in decision making about how or whether to use the new genetic technologies.

The Allen Lane Foundation is funding a GeneWatch project which aims to allow people to have a say about the retention of DNA and computerised DNA profiles on the police National DNA Database. We aim to build on the success achieved with past funding from the Foundation, by increasing the number of individuals and organisations who can make an input to the current policy debate about the Database.

A series of changes to the law in England, Wales and Northern Ireland have allowed a massive expansion of the Database. It now includes DNA profiles from some 4 million individuals, including hundreds of thousands of children, many of whom have never been convicted of an offence. DNA profiles and biological samples are retained indefinitely, even if the individual is never charged. In England and Wales, the latest legislative changes were adopted by parliament during the first week of the Iraq war, at a few days' notice and with no public debate. As part of the project, we are networking with other groups to try to widen discussion of the human rights implications of this law.

Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby

£6,060 single grant towards a part-time volunteer co-ordinator

East of England Faiths Agency

£5,000 single grant for a part-time Faiths officer salary at this organisation promoting community cohesion

The **East of England Faiths Agency** was established in 2001 and was registered as a Community Interest Company in 2007. It is basically a grass-roots organisation which aims to strengthen the networks between the faith communities and the inter-faith groups in the East of England and to build bridges between them and the community at large. EEFA is managed by a Board of Directors who are able to consult a team of Advisers from across the faiths of the region.

EEFA makes arrangements for speakers from the different faiths to visit schools, and for schools to visit places of worship. We also develop multi-faith chaplaincies especially in hospitals and prisons. We have been holding dialogues between Christian and Pagan women and we are about to begin a dialogue with the travelling community to ascertain whether their faiths needs are being met. We are involved in the support networks for migrant workers and refugees.



We arrange conferences on topical issues which so far include: 'What do the Faiths Teach about Gambling?' 'What do the Faiths teach about the Environment?' 'Faiths and Sexual Orientation' and 'Chaplaincy across the Sectors'.. We are able to provide Diversity training and have been done so for the Probation Service, the Ambulance Service, Housing Associations, Race Equality Councils, FE Colleges and Youth organisations.

Gypsies and Travellers

Four grants were made to Gypsy and Traveller groups in the last year, with a total commitment of £17,896 (2% of the total). The Foundation is keen to fund work which will build the capacity of Gypsy and Traveller groups, reduce any discrimination, and enable them to share in the life of the whole community. Grants were made which support Romany Gypsies, Irish and other Travellers as well as New Age Travellers.

Cheshire Gypsy & Travellers Voice

£10,000 over two years (£7,000 and £3,000) towards costs of a part-time worker

Cheshire Gypsy and Travellers Voice would like to thank Allen Lane for the grant received last year, as without it a lot of the hard would not have been accomplished. In the last six months since we received our funding we have come much further than we could have anticipated. We now have Lisa Marie our Gypsy and Traveller support worker in post and a drop in service weekly for Gypsies and Travellers wanting advice or needing an advocacy service. We cover most issues health, social disadvantage, housing (1/4 of the Gypsy and Traveller population are homeless), policing issues and racial issues. In the last six months we have prevented many families from being homeless (working with LA's), and we have helped 80+ people register their business's from "informal" to "formal".

We have worked with most public service providers and have built up some good working relationships, we are now becoming a well respected, well trusted organisation. We are also the only Gypsy and Traveller dedicated organisation in the North West. In addition to our grass roots work we will also be looking closely at the Regional Spatial Strategy as this unfolds. We will be covering the results of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessments and encouraging Gypsies and Travellers to be involved in this process.

Omagh Traveller Support Group

£4,628 over three years (£1,519, £1,542, and £1,567) towards core costs

Omagh Traveller Support Group received funding for running costs from the Allen Lane foundation in 2007. The group works with Traveller families living in the Omagh District Area in addressing their needs and improving their health status. The group works on many issues that affect the health of Travellers, such as; discrimination, social exclusion, low educational attainment, low confidence and self-esteem.

We were successful in involving Travellers in our local St.Patrick's Day parade, which was the first time any member of the Travelling Community had taken part in any public celebrations. We have been able to assist 16 Travellers in obtaining their Driving Theory Certificate through the classes we provide. There have been computer classes for Traveller men who received basic training in the internet and email. We also set up a Traveller Woman's Health group to look at the serious health issues affecting Traveller women and their children. We have also ran literacy classes for young Traveller men who have left school before the age of 16. The Support Group have also been able to continue to be involved in the implementation of the first-ever National All-Ireland Health Study of Travellers. This is a vital piece of work that will not only highlight the difficulties faced by Travellers, but will also require Travellers to receive training and give them an opportunity to earn some income.

Justice for Travellers

£2,768 single grant for the Response and Campaign project based in Leeds

Lots o Pots Travelling Garden

£500 towards buying seeds and other costs of this gardening project based in Retford

Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual and Transgender

A total of £13,600 (2% of the whole) was made in this category, across five organisations. Grants were made for core costs of support groups and other running costs of organisations which aim to reduce the isolation of individuals and combat stigma and discrimination associated with identifying as being Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual or Transgender, particularly in rural areas.

Outline

£6,000 single grant for core costs of this support project in Woking

South East Wales Lesbian Gay & Bisexual

£5,000 single grant towards costs of a part-time development worker

Boston Belles Transgendered Support Group

£1,000 single grant towards core costs

Rainbow Families

£950 single grant towards the core costs of this support group for lesbian parents in Manchester

Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gay Men

£650 over two years (£325 pa) towards advertising costs of this organisation in Cardiff

Rainbow Families is a voluntary group set up in 2004 in Manchester. Its aim is to provide support, advice and information to lesbian parents, co-parents and those thinking of having children. It also strives to raise awareness of lesbian parenting and combat discrimination.

The group acts as a vital network for lesbians with children who are often isolated within the communities they live, work and raise their children. It runs monthly drop-in sessions and other events and has been able to provide free legal advice, health care advice, parenting advice and guidance on dealing with professionals such as schools etc. It runs a telephone and email support services and produces regular newsletters. Workshops are offered within the drop-in and cover informative and relevant topics dealing with legal issues, homophobic bullying for example.

The Foundation made a small grant recently towards core running costs of the group, including a contribution towards workshop expenses and venue costs.

Specific group (other)

One grant was made in this category for £5,000 (1% of the total).

Bath Islamic Society

£5,000 single grant towards the costs of work to change negative public opinion of Muslims