

Northumberland **FACT** Sheet



working together for the voluntary & community sector in Northumberland

Searching for Funding

Searching for funding can be a time consuming exercise regardless of the type of project or level of funding required. This factsheet will give you helpful hints and tips of where to get the best information when looking for funding for your project.

The funding landscape can be fast moving with opportunities having short-timescales, new funding launching and funding sources coming to an end. Knowing how to find this information and keeping up to date with new initiatives will give you the best chance of being successful.

Information, Advice and Support

We have three local infrastructure organisations in Northumberland, Community Action Northumberland, Community & Voluntary Action Northumberland and Wansbeck Centre for Voluntary Service who can offer further advice and support. We also organise regular funding events that allow local groups meet with local, regional and national funders. Full contact details at the end of this fact sheet. Additionally we produce a joint Funding Bulletin providing up to date information about funding sources. The bulletin is available in hard copy and electronically to receive a copy contact your local infrastructure organisation.

Funding Search Engines

There is a large industry based on funding search engines but a number are provided for free.

Funding Central – www.fundingcentral.org.uk

Funding Central is a free website for charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises managed by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations and funded by the Office for Civil Society.

Grants4Northumberland - www.grants4.info/northumberland/

Grants4Northumberland is a free to use online information portal that provides local groups, organisations and enterprises with a user-friendly search facility to quickly and easily find relevant grant funding sources.

Other sources of funding information

North East Guide to Grants for Voluntary Organisations – Funding Information North East

This guide (often referred to as the FINE guide) is an easy to use book detailing over 100 Charitable Trusts and Foundations with a significant grant-making presence in the North East of England with information on more than £55 million available annually to voluntary & community groups and social enterprises.

For groups with an Annual Income of less than £50,000 the guide can be purchased via the Northern Rock Foundation book-token making it more affordable for small groups.

FINE also produce two subscription based information services.

Fine On-line

An email bulletin sent every week - approximately 48 issues a year allowing subscribers to keep up to date with funding opportunities.

Grants Bulletin

A paper newsletter, currently published eight times a year, with information on a wide range of funding opportunities for organisations in the North East of England, plus details of fundraising training events and publications.

Contact FINE on 0191 477 1253; email enquiries@fine.org.uk or visit the website www.fine.org.uk

Directory of Social Change 2012 / 2013 – The Twenty-Second Edition

The directory of social change produce a number of publications, including the Directory of Grant Making Trusts which include 2,500 trusts with the potential to give at least £25,000 each. The publication is an extensive document and the current price is £125, which reflects the size of the book and the amount of research that goes into it.

Volume 1 of the Guide to Major Trusts contains information on the 400 largest trusts that give over £300,000 per year; volume 2 contains information on 1,100 smaller trusts. Each of these books is priced at £75.

The Directory of Social Change also produce specialist funding guides on sport, environment, youth and education.

Website www.dsc.org.uk

Funders

A number of funders produce their own newsletters which provide information on available funding and recent awards.

Examples:

The Community Foundation Serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland.

www.communityfoundation.org.uk/contact/e-news

The Big Lottery produce a regional ebulletin

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/index/about-uk/ebulletin.htm>

Other useful tips

- Look at other organisations' annual reports, websites and promotional material to see where they have secured funding for their own projects.
- Network with other organisations
- Social networking – crowdfunding

Your local development agency (LDA) has access to a wide range of resources to help you identify appropriate funders for your projects. For more information, advice and support contact the LDA covering your area.

For rural Northumberland contact:

Community Action Northumberland

UNIUN Enterprise Building Front Street Pegswood Morpeth
Northumberland NE61 6RG
Tel: 01670 517 178 Fax: 01670 511 400
Website: www.ca-north.org.uk email: info@ca-north.org.uk

Registered Company No 7805401 Registered Charity No's 1144604 / 224798

For Blyth, Cramlington and Seaton Valley contact:

Community & Voluntary Action Blyth Valley

22 Beaconsfield Street Blyth Northumberland NE24 2DP
Tel: 01670 353 623 Fax: 01670 365 783
Website: www.cvabv.org.uk email: info@cvabv.org.uk

Registered Company No 5860971 Registered Charity No 1116430

For Ashington, Bedlington and Newbiggin by the Sea contact:

Wansbeck Centre for Voluntary Service

107 & 109 Station Road Ashington Northumberland NE63 8RS
Tel: 01670 858 688 Fax: 01670 784 160
Website: www.wansbeckcvs.org.uk email: enquire@wansbeckcvs.org.uk

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