

# COMMUNITY GRANTS NEWSLETTER

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## SUMMARY

**ESF Community Grants, funded by the European Social Fund, is a programme that aims to support small and voluntary organisations with grants of £5,000 – £20,000 for local initiatives that will move unemployed people towards employment, training, or education.**

We would like to congratulate all of our successful grant holders, going forward we are very excited to connect and work with past, current, as well as new potential partners. As we approach the end of this project, if you need support with your application to get it ready for the end of March please let us know

## COMMUNITY GRANTS FUNDING IS NOW IN SHORT SUPPLY!!!

**Deadline for March applications:**

**Thursday 31st March 2022**

If you would like further information or to chat with someone about your ideas please contact our Community Grants Administrator Katie at [landaugrants@landau.co.uk](mailto:landaugrants@landau.co.uk).

**We would like to congratulate February's successful applicant:**

**Herefordshire Football Association**  
Project: Sport Works  
£20,000



## IMPORTANT NEWS AND UPDATES

### NEWS

- March Application Deadlines
- Partner Focus: Willowdene

### CASE STUDIES

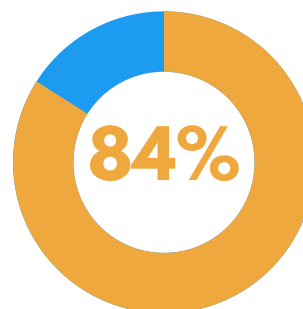
- GR's Story - Yellow Ribbon
- Jordan's Story - Shropshire Youth Support Trust

### EVENTS

- International Women's Day
- March Training Courses



Contact the team at:  
[landaugrants.co.uk](http://landaugrants.co.uk)



**of total grant  
fund awarded**

**£1,105,191**

## NEWS

### APPLICATIONS

**Do you have a good idea? Do you have experience in delivering a project? Community Grants Funding could be just what you are looking for!**

Hurry! The closing date for March applications is 31st March.



**Click to apply**



**Click for details**

### OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURE

We are looking for further grant applications in the agriculture sector to provide skills and opportunities to train the unemployed in activities such as pruning, the picking and packing of produce, working with animals or developing an understanding of nature.

If your business could support the training of 15-20 people a Community Grant may be for you, supporting individuals and our community into employment.

Please **contact us** for further information!



## PARTNER FOCUS

### Willowdene



Founded in 1988, Willowdene prides itself on providing an inclusive, safe environment where men and women can identify, acknowledge, and tackle the issues of their past so that they can understand their present, and build their future.

Willowdene has established a track record of working with private, public and third-sector organisations to develop and deliver innovative and effective services to break generational cycles of offending, homelessness, substance misuse, mental health issues and unemployment.

We currently deliver a range of Commissioned Rehabilitative Services (CRS) across the West Mercia Area. These include Personal Emotional Wellbeing (PEW) and Education, Training and Employment for male offenders subject to probation orders as well as Personal Emotional Wellbeing, Education, Training and Employment and accommodation support for female offenders.

Willowdene Farm houses both a working farm with learning and training opportunities, and a Nationally Registered Training Centre where a full range of services can be delivered for participants. Facilities include, but are not limited to; classrooms, practice workshops, counselling rooms, safe spaces, IT equipment, staff accommodation and offices, welfare facilities and a staff and participant canteen.

**For more information please contact:**

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## CASE STUDIES



### GR - YELLOW RIBBON

G was informed about the project as part of his support plan with Yellow Ribbon. He is a recovering substance misuser with a criminal record, who moved away from his previous area to help with his recovery. Moving to Telford meant that he was able to start fresh, however at the time he had a pending court case in his previous location. During the induction, he talked about his anxiety with group sessions and his fears about disclosing his record both in a group and in a job application process. He was also very concerned about his mental health problems and how he worries that they limit his potential.

G's goals were to develop his confidence in group and social settings, to improve his mental wellbeing and to explore employment possibilities. He attended four weekly group sessions, a Drug and Alcohol recovery group, a wellbeing group, an employability and job skills group and a life skills group. He also attended one to one sessions and undertook some voluntary work for Yellow Ribbon.

His confidence improved through the programme, it took him a while to feel able to talk in the groups but by the end of the courses, he was sharing freely with other members. Also, he was able to gradually reduce his addiction prescription and, in the end, come off it completely. His participation was remarked on by the Judge in his court case and he was commended for his commitment and hard work.

G completed a course in Business Administration and moved from shared accommodation into a semi-independent flat. His mental health and confidence improved considerably. He is still working on his recovery and finding suitable employment. G feels that the biggest benefit from the programme was in his increased confidence and mental wellbeing. He also found the job skills element helpful in identifying his skills and thinking through career goals.

### JORDAN STANLEY - SYST

I first heard about Shropshire Youth Support Trust (SYST) through the Telford Growth Hub website which recommended SYST to young people thinking of starting a business. I then found the SYST website which was how I learnt more about the support SYST offers. I had been a Software Developer for 2 years and a caregiver for family members for 2 years. My barriers included epilepsy, autism, caregiver and long term unemployment. My goals in engaging with SYST's project were to start a manga café and bookstore.



All the core modules have been incredibly valuable when starting my business. They have answered any questions I have had, cleared doubts and given me the confidence I needed to start my business. SYST also offered support in my personal life. While I was starting my business I also went through a large personal change and SYST offered their support during this time. All the support which SYST has offered me has been incredibly valuable for me as a young adult and career. I doubt I would have gotten this far with starting my own business without the core modules and support from all the staff at SYST.

As well as the core modules I have completed several additional training courses which were recommended to me by SYST or I found thanks to resources that SYST recommended. SYST has also helped with additional training and marketing.

## EVENTS

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Relating to International Women's Day – we have some partners in both of our areas:

**Shropshire:**

- **Bright Star Boxing:** With Kat being an inspiration to many women and girls in the Shropshire area.  
[brightstarboxing@gmail.com](mailto:brightstarboxing@gmail.com)
- **Meeting Point Trust:** Wellbeing for Women project. This project has seen the health and wellbeing of Women being met as a priority.  
[manager@meetingpointhouse.co.uk](mailto:manager@meetingpointhouse.co.uk)

**Herefordshire:**

- **Separ International:** focusing on supporting domestic violence victims.  
[lee@separinternational.com](mailto:lee@separinternational.com)
- **NCLP:** Focusing on supporting younger mothers and families in making decisions to improve their lives and reach their goals (Rachel Coss [RachelC@ymtb.co.uk](mailto:RachelC@ymtb.co.uk))



## MARCH VIRTUAL TRAINING COURSES

Landau training opportunities to enhance your delivery:

Date	Time	Personal Wellbeing & Employability courses	Digital Inclusion & Self-Employment courses
Wednesday 16th March	10.30 am	Mindset and Challenging Negative Thoughts	
Monday 21st March	10.30 am	Workplace Skills & Behaviours	Introduction to Cloud Storage
Monday 21st March	1.30 pm		Introduction to Word Processing
Tuesday 22nd March	10.30 am	Online Job searching Workshop	Introduction to Budgeting
Wednesday 23rd March	10.30 am	Introduction to Spreadsheets	Introduction to Self-Employment
Thursday 24th March	10.30 am		Introduction to Spreadsheets
Thursday 24th March	1.00 pm	How to Ace your Job Interview	
Monday 28th March	10.30 am		Introduction to Budgeting
Tuesday 29th March	10.30 am		Introduction to Spreadsheets
Wednesday 30th March	10.30 am		Introduction to Self-Employment
Wednesday 30th March	1.30 pm		Introduction to Cloud Storage
Thursday 31st March	10.30 am		Introduction to Word Processing

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