

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 are pleased to report a good increase in grant awards this month increasing our spend to 53% of the overall fund. Applications in June has seen new awards for 7 new projects (of which 4 in Shropshire & 3 in Herefordshire) continuing Landau's fundamental work with partners supporting community projects in moving individuals back into employment.

The range of project diversity continues from digital skill development, mental health support, financial and benefit support, and soft skills improvements reaching people within the communities who have been challenged for some time.

We would like to congratulate our 4 successful May applicants:

Park Lane Centre
Project: Cultivating our Community
Awarded: £10,000



SEPAR International UK Ltd
Project: Community Domestic Abuse Workshop
Awarded: £20,000



Helping Communities to Train CIC
Project: Training Communities for a Better Future
Awarded: £20,000



Shropshire Youth Support Trust
Project: COVID-19 Employability & Enterprise
Awarded: £20,000



IMPORTANT NEWS AND UPDATES

NEWS

- Community Grants Panel
- Partner Focus - Growing Local CIC

CASE STUDIES

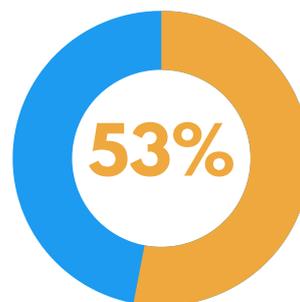
- Adam* - Yellow Ribbon
- Damioen - Perry RDA

QUEEN'S AWARD

- Bright Star Boxing wins the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
- We See You pledge



Contact the team at landaugrants.co.uk



of total grant fund awarded

£798,000

*Name has been changed

NEWS

COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL - WE NEED YOU!

We are pleased to engage with some key business leaders across Herefordshire & Shropshire who contribute to the objective & anonymous reviews of our grant applications against strict criteria for funding eligibility.

We welcome any interest from leaders of enterprise or business with a passion for helping people & organisation's in our community move closer to employment, education, or training opportunities.

As a panel member, we estimate needing 3-4 hours of your time per month for reviews and attendance at one-panel meeting per month with the Community Grants Team here at Landau.

If you are interested in joining our review panel please get in touch with us for more information - we will be happy to provide support and further details at landaugrants@landau.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you!

Growing Local CIC was established in June 2009 in Herefordshire to encourage and educate communities to grow and eat local food. Our vision is to strengthen the link between our community and its local produce enabling people to take control of the food they eat.

Growing Local's educational programme inspires individuals to grow their own fruit and vegetables at our purpose-built educational garden and to cook healthy budget-friendly meals at our field kitchen, community centres, and schools across the county.

Growing Local are currently undergoing exciting organisational change, taking on a new 16-acre plot of land on the Southern edge of Hereford City. The new site will be developed in 2022/3 via the Stronger Towns Fund into a community market garden, a new educational garden, and a food and horticultural skills centre.

*Our **Landau Community Grant** offers Gardening and Cook Clubs to the unemployed. Gardening Clubs allow participants to gain new gardening and growing skills in relaxed, small, and friendly groups.*

Sessions are currently paused until late Autumn 2021 when we hope to move to our new site next to Newton Farm. Cook Clubs get participants cooking tasty budget-friendly dinners at the Kindle Centre in Hereford. Sessions are fun, friendly, and hands-on in socially distanced small groups learning to cook nutritious veggie-packed recipes from scratch.

Sessions will start again on Tuesday 14th September, 10am-12pm.

For more information please contact:

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APPLICATIONS

We are here to help.

Closing date for July applications:

Friday 30th July



Click for details



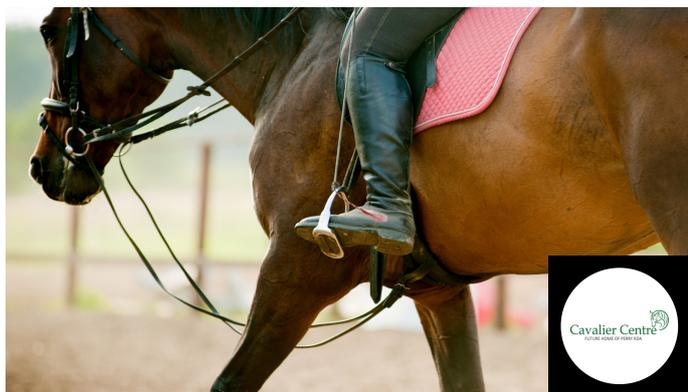
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PARTNER FOCUS

Growing Local CIC



CASE STUDIES



DAMIOEN'S STORY - PERRY RDA

I have a passion to work with animals in the future but I have had some tough times in the past and really needed some help to reach my goals in life. I was feeling really nervous on my first day but knowing that I would have a job coach to help and support me helped me to feel more confident in myself. Taking part in the Steps in the Right Direction Course with Lynette really helped me.

My job coach was really nice and we were able to have fun whilst we were working. Without this help and support, I would have been much more anxious. I completed a Steps in the Right Direction course with Lynette whilst at the Cavalier Riding Centre. We talked about ways I can push through some difficulties to help me feel more self-confident and improve my self-esteem, and also talked about ways to reach my goals in life.

I had gained my Level 2 Animal Management Diploma with Merit from Reaseheath College previously which I am really proud of. We talked about what further professional skills I needed so that I can gain employment in animal care, and we also talked about how my life experiences had impacted me so that I can understand what I need to work on to help me to move onto the next steps in my life.

The Steps in Right Direction course also included learning more about horses, how to look after them, and I got to meet others who had similar backgrounds as myself. I had some riding lessons which I really enjoyed. The staff at the centre were really good at showing me my tasks and how they wanted them to be done in a friendly way

ADAM'S* STORY - YELLOW RIBBON

Adam first learned about the ESF project through his support worker. Following this- the project instructor had a telephone conversation about the purpose and intentions of the project. Adam left college with level two qualifications and previously worked in a public house undertaking various roles e.g. chef.



Adam's confidence was shaken following his personal incident. This left him with severe anxiety, depression, and thoughts of self-harm. The goals set for Adam included setting small achievable targets to build confidence and self-esteem. He was encouraged to build trust with other participants and ultimately to lower his guard and allow himself to become vulnerable- trusting others in the group.

Adam was given the responsibility to set up the kitchen to suit his needs and tasks with planning a menu for the two days each week that training took place at our venue in Shrewsbury. Adam was given a minimal budget to work with and needed to take into account various dietary requirements and allergies.

Through participation in Work skills, he was able to gain confidence through the achievement of goals. Through participation in soft skills workshops he explored areas such as self-esteem, managing emotions, body language, interview techniques, and public speaking, he was able to build trust and integrate with others socially.

Adam had gained the most confidence from group discussions and cooking for the group. He undertook a Nutrition and Health Level 2 certificate as an outcome of the project and is widening his knowledge of food preparation and catering.

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QUEEN'S AWARD



BRIGHT STAR BOXING WINS QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

We're honoured to announce that Bright Star has been awarded a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service - the highest award a voluntary group can be awarded in the UK.

Here is what they had to say about their award:

"To be awarded a Queen's Award means a huge amount to Bright Star, especially as we're still a relatively small organisation. Being recognised nationally shows how our different programmes are changing lives through boxing, education and mentoring across Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire.

Bright Star is changing lives for so many people and it's all made possible because of our amazing volunteers, coaches and staff.

We're all dedicated to using boxing and education to empower people to make positive changes. We do this through our open boxing sessions, alternative education provision in our Bright Star Futures programme and our mental help support sessions with our Counterpunch groups. We're also working with vulnerable young people who are at risk of criminal exploitation.

So this is a massive thank you to all of our amazing volunteers that make everything we do at Bright Star possible! Thank you too to all of our partners, supporters, schools and incredible young people we work with too."

WE SEE YOU CAMPAIGN

In April 2021 Landau launched its 'We See You' campaign to drive greater diversity and inclusion in workplaces across the UK.

By telling the inspiring stories of some of the 3,000 vulnerable individuals who we have helped into training or employment we hope to highlight the wide-ranging benefits to organisations who commit to operating a more inclusive workplace culture.

Your organisation can help too by signing our 'We See You' campaign pledge and together we can drive down unemployment, provide opportunities and create greater diversity.

By doing so, you will be joining a growing community of like-minded businesses, organisations and individuals committed to 'changing lives and creating futures'.

Please also invite any local organisation you are involved with to sign up and contribute as an organisation - for example, businesses, community groups, charities, NGOs, parish and town councils, trade unions, schools, colleges and universities.

[Sign the pledge here!](#)

