

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 awarded spend to 64% of the overall fund. Applications in August has seen new awards for 4 new projects (of which 2 in Shropshire & 2 in Herefordshire) continuing Landau's fundamental work with partners supporting community projects in moving individuals back into employment. Application numbers are increasing with £79,683 being awarded in August

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 August applicants:

Houghton Project

Project: The Houghton Project
Awarded: £20,000



The Cart Shed 3

Project: Horticulture at the Cart Shed
Awarded: £20,000



ANTA Education Ltd 4

Project: Mental Health Work Confidence Round 4
Awarded: £20,000



Telford Christian Council Supported Housing

Project: Able, Asset Based Learning Environment
Awarded: £19,683



IMPORTANT NEWS AND UPDATES

NEWS

- October Applications
- Community Grants Panel
- Partner Focus: Dulson Training Ltd

CASE STUDIES

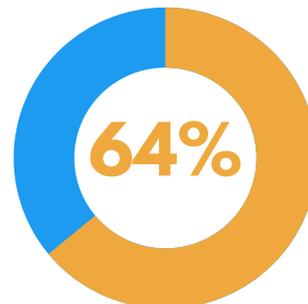
- Karen's Story - The Cart Shed
- PW's Story - Meeting Point Place

EVENTS

- Connecting Business & Charity
- Office Space for Rent in Hereford
- Hereford Jobs Fair



Contact the team at landaugrants.co.uk



of total grant fund awarded

£961,122

NEWS

APPLICATIONS

Closing date for October applications:

Sunday 31st October



Click to apply



Click for details

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!

If you would like further information please contact our Community Grants Administrator Katie at landaugrants@landau.co.uk who would be happy to take you through your application stage by stage.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL - WE NEED YOU!

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



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

BENCH TALK PODCAST

Vennture participant Peter will be joining Joanna Hilditch, High Sheriff of Herefordshire on her county focussed podcast- keep an eye out for this in November's issue!

PARTNER FOCUS

Dulson Training Ltd



Dulson Training, which has bases in Shrewsbury, Telford and Wrexham, has secured a European Social Funding Community Grant for their 'Lifted' project and it is hoped that this will be the first of many such projects for the firm in helping people into the logistics industry.

Steve Dulson, of Dulson Training, said: "We are delighted to be taking part in such a positive project where we can train local jobseekers and help them obtain their forklift truck licence – a vital step on their path towards employment.

"There are literally thousands of job vacancies in the logistics industry at the moment and we are pleased to be playing our part in providing this wonderful opportunity to help people maximise their employment chances".

Landau Community Grant Officer Katie visited Dulson Training recently to meet with Steve and the team to discuss their operations as well as their training services.



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CASE STUDIES



KAREN'S STORY - MEETING POINT PLACE

Karen heard about the project via an advertisement on Facebook. She had previously been volunteering in another local community centre. Karen's main concerns were her low self-confidence and nervousness about meeting new people and participating in new activities in an unfamiliar environment. She was, however, familiar with Meeting Point House having attended different activities here and noted that she felt more at ease as she knew a couple of the team members.

While Karen is still fully engaged with the project- it is only halfway to completion, with activities undertaken so far including 8 weeks of Mindful practice and 4 weeks of Woodland work which has included tree identification, forest bathing and willow harvesting and weaving.

All of the activities detailed above have assisted in Karen developing her self-confidence. Karen has also found the connection with others on the course to be extremely positive. Karen said that she arrived on day one with very low self-confidence and feels that she is now thriving and feeling confident that she will find her niche and ultimately a role that she will thrive in.

PW'S STORY - VENNTURE

PW was referred into Vennture by a homeless outreach worker at Herefordshire Council following a marriage breakdown. When I first met PW he was extremely reclusive and he also suffered with his mental health due to financial stresses. PW had not worked for approximately 20 years due to physical ill-health, but more recently because of his mental health.

PW had been adopted as a child - only finding out a couple of years ago when his adoptive mother passed. PW had developed an alcohol addiction some years back and was causing him problems with having access to his children.



PW engaged immediately, and we discovered his passion for gardening. Together we identified that isolation was largely responsible for PW's poor mental health. PW's goal was to become socially interactive and get involved in as much volunteering and education as he could.

In July, we launched the Vennture group gardening project. PW has attended every Thursday since the start, never missing a session. PW has proved an asset to the group, working confidently in a team and always maintaining the team's motivation. PW's confidence has grown enormously and he regularly interacts confidently with groups of up to 15, week on week. Together, we have managed PW's benefits income and created a monthly budgeting plan for him. I have minimized his food budget by introducing PW to The Living Room; a Talk Community hub, cafe and community larder, where he now spends £5 a week on his food shop.

EVENTS



HIGH SHERIFF OF HEREFORDSHIRE: CONNECTING BUSINESS AND CHARITY

We were delighted to be able to attend the 'Connecting Business and Charity' event organised by Jo Hilditch the High Sherriff of Herefordshire at The Whittern last month.

Herefordshire's Connecting Business & Charity group aims to help connect the county's businesses and charities together, so businesses can better support the work of our amazing charities and community groups for the benefit of everyone in Herefordshire.

Around 200 delegates were in attendance, all of whom showed enthusiasm. We had the opportunity to meet and watch some great speakers, dancers, charities and businesses. We are looking forward to maintaining and working with some excellent new contacts from this event.

HEREFORD JOBS FAIR

On Thursday 21st October Landau will be holding a job fair spanning various employment sectors at the Kindle Centre in Hereford from 10am – 2pm.

There will be over 100 job vacancies from over 25 employers at the Jobs Fair and this will be a great opportunity to network at a local and regional level- no matter your qualifications, experience or preferences. Expect jobs from Retail, Customer Service, Construction, Hospitality and more on the day, with full, part-time and temporary contracts to be snapped up.

Organisations confirmed so far include Next, ASDA, Nandos, Tyrrells Crisps, Shaw Healthcare and many more!

OFFICE SPACE IN HEREFORD FOR RENT

We are delighted to report that Community Grant Partner- Renu Hair & Beauty Training- have opened a new Training Academy in Hereford.

While this Academy will no doubt be a hub for training opportunities delivered by Gail Smallman and her team- there is also an opportunity for local organisations/individuals to rent office space here.

The dimensions of the available room are **2.80m x 4.3m**, please get in contact with Gail using the contact details below if this office space is of interest to you.

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