

Funder's Information Pack

FUNDING ADVICE DAY 2025

Friday 7th March

10am - 12noon

Brackla Community Centre



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A word from Chris, Sarah & Huw...

Through our work across the constituencies, we know that many local groups and organisations have fantastic ideas but often struggle with finding and accessing the right funding opportunities.

We understand that you are navigating challenging times, and we know that many of you have found fundraising difficult. That's why we have decided to go on to hold our 9th Funding Advice Day.

We've got lots of funders and organisations attending this year, so there is plenty of information and assistance which we are sure you will be able to benefit from.

We'd love to visit your project and offer our support following today's advice day. Feel free to get in contact with our offices via the details on this page.

We hope you find the day worthwhile; you can contact the funders directly after the event via the contact details within this information pack.

Best wishes,

Chris Elmore MP | Sarah Murphy MS | Huw Irranca-Davies MS

Working together for Bridgend County Borough



The National Lottery Community Fund is the largest non-statutory community funder in Wales with the community at the heart of our purpose, vision and name. We distribute money raised by the National Lottery to thousands of organisations across Wales where we are privileged to be able to work with the smallest of local groups right up to UK-wide charities, enabling people and communities to bring their ambitions to life.

Groups can apply to us for funding under £20,000, or over £20,001, depending on what they want to do.

Tel: 0300 123 0735

Email: wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

Website: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk>



The Heritage Fund can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations. From the archaeology under your feet to the historic parks we love, from precious memories to rare wildlife. **National lottery Heritage Fund / Cronfa Treftadaeth y Loteri Genedlaethol** believe that understanding, valuing and sharing heritage brings people together, inspires pride in communities and boosts investment in local economies.

Tel: 0292 034 3413

Email: wales@heritagefund.org.uk

Website: www.heritagefund.org.uk



Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru
Arts Council of Wales

The Arts Council of Wales is the official body that funds and develops the arts in Wales. The funding we distribute comes from both the Welsh Government and The National Lottery. Most of our funding goes to creative professionals or organisations (including community based organisations) to carry out projects or programmes of art related work across Wales. Come and have a chat with us and see how we might be able to help you!

Tel: 03301 242 733

Email: grants@arts.wales

Website: www.arts.wales



Sport Wales run two schemes

The **Be Active Wales Fund** offers grants from £300 to £50,000 for projects in Wales that intend to do at least one of the following: reduce inequality, create long-term sustainability, introduce new or different ways of operating. For example, funding could be used to: upskill volunteers where clubs have gaps in skills or experience; buy equipment that allows more people to take part in sport; develop new or different ways to deliver physical activity; reach people currently under-represented in sport and physical activity.

A Place For Sport – Crowdfunder Sport Wales has partnered with Crowdfunder to create a match funding grant to raise money for facility improvements. The scheme is for not-for-profit clubs and community groups looking to raise money for 'off-field' improvements. This could be a club house, changing rooms, car park or even fencing.

Tel: 0300 300 3102

Email: grant.applications@sport.wales

Website: www.sport.wales/grants-and-funding

BAVO

Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations
Cymdeithas Sefydliadau Gwirfoddol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr

Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) provides funding and support services to help voluntary, charitable and community groups wade through the complexities of funding and fundraising. Drawing upon extensive experience, BAVO provides a free service to help you find the funding sources appropriate to your group's activities.

Tel: 01656 810 400

Email: bavo@bavo.org.uk

Website: www.bavo.org.uk



The Bridgend County Borough Council Community Asset Transfer (CAT) team administers the Council's CAT Fund which assists community groups to develop and enhance assets, subject to self-management, under the CAT programme so that they become sustainable and can be safeguarded for future generations. The Team also assists in the administration of the Council's Town and Community Council Capital grant scheme.

Email: Louise.Connolly@bridgend.gov.uk

Website: www.bridgend.gov.uk/business/community-asset-transfer



At the **King's Trust**, we work with young people aged 16-30 to help support them to make their next step. As the UK's leading Youth Charity, we support young people to gain the confidence to create the future they want, so get in touch, we'll have a program to suit. From our Education Offer to our Employability and Enterprise programs, adventurous activities and life skills with our Explore programs.

Tel: 020 7543 1384

Email: hello@kingstrust.org.uk

Website: www.kingstrust.org.uk



The Power of Postcodes

Since launching in the UK in 2005, over £1.4 billion has been raised for over 18,000 good causes by over 4.4 million players across the country. A minimum of 30% of the ticket price goes directly to charities. People's Postcode Lottery manages lotteries for 20 Postcode Trusts and the Trust that covers funding in Wales is the Postcode Community Trust.

Tel: 0131 322 9399

Email: info@postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk

Website: www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk



The Community Feasibility Fund continues the success of the Reach programme and is funded by the UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) for Communities and Place. It is a funding support programme specifically for community feasibility studies. A feasibility study researches and gathers all the information needed to consider whether a project idea will work. It will establish what the project involves, how much it will cost and if it is sustainable. The study can then be used to support larger funding bids for other funders. If you have a project in mind that benefits the communities of Bridgend County, come and tell us all about it.

Tel: 01656 815 080

Email: reach@bridgend.gov.uk

Website: www.facebook.com/bridgendreach



The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust's

income is generated through a levy on every ticket purchased for public events at the Stadium. The Trust is an independent all Wales Charitable Foundation and all funds distributed by the Trust are spent in Wales. Projects must be Arts, Community, Environment or Sports based and our aims are to improve the quality of life of people who live and work in Wales.

Tel: 029 20 022 143

Email: info@millenniumstadiumtrust.org.uk

Website: www.MillenniumStadiumTrust.org.uk



Bridgend Economic Development.

We have the knowledge and experience to help those who are planning to set up or expand a business in Bridgend County Borough.

We have 3 business grants available -
The Business Development Grant and Business Feasibility Grant will support Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in Bridgend County Borough (operating turnover of 3 years or more) to diversify, decarbonise and grow which will contribute to creating a vibrant and strong local economy.

Bridgend Business Start Up Fund provides grants of between £250 and £4,000 to new start-ups and businesses within the first 3 years of trading.

Website: www.bridgend.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/



Local Places for Nature is back #BacktoNature

Transform an unloved area into a garden that will benefit both nature and your community. Each free package includes native plants, tools and materials to make your garden beautiful. Keep Wales Tidy will handle all of the ordering and deliveries, and our project officers will turn up to provide support on the ground to help you create your new nature space.

We have a number of different packages available and further information can be found on our website.

Website: keepwalestidy.cymru

Email: Nature@keepwalestidy.cymru



The Coalfields Community Grant Programme has invested over £20 million in community and voluntary sector projects since 1999, targeting communities most in need. We provide grants (from £500 – £7,000 revenue or capital) to community organisations within, or benefit people from eligible coalfield areas in RCT and Bridgend.

A Wales Grant Assessment Panel meets quarterly for our main grant programme. In addition, we have Fast Track Funding up to £2,000 for energy efficiency or health and safety improvements for community facilities and our Coalfields Cymru Kit Grant which aims to encourage more young people (13 – 19) from Welsh Coalfield communities to play sport. We fund sports kit to maximum value of £750.

Tel: 01495 367680

Email: wales@coalfields-regen.org

Website: www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

nationalgrid



National Grid Electricity Distribution is the Distribution Network Operator powering homes and businesses in the Midlands, South West and South Wales. Our Community Matters Fund is an annual, £1 million fund, awarding grants to grassroots charities and community groups across the regions we serve. Since 2021, the fund has given more than £11 million to 1,900 organisations. We also run a scheme offering grants of up to £25,000 for solar panel installations on schools in areas of high economic deprivation, accompanied by a programme of renewable energy education to engage young people in science, technology, engineering and maths. We also operate the Priority Services Register which provides extra help and additional support during a power cut for elderly, very ill or disabled people, or those who rely on power for medical equipment.

Email: edcommunityinvestment@nationalgrid.com

Website: www.nationalgrid.co.uk



The National Churches Trust is here to support your church, chapel or meeting house to stay open, well-maintained and in use! We offer grants from £500 to £50,000 for repairs, maintenance, facilities and project development.

Thanks to **Cherish**, a project funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, our Support Officer for Wales-Cymru is available for training and support with grants, maintenance and lots more, to help you look after your church building.

Email: gareth.simpson@nationalchurchestrust.org

Website: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cherish>

Some information from those who couldn't attend today...



The Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) is the national membership organisation for the third sector in Wales. Our vision is for a future where the third sector and volunteering thrive across Wales, improving wellbeing for all. Our mission is to be a catalyst for positive change by connecting, enabling and influencing. Working with a range of national specialist agencies, county voluntary councils and other development agencies, to provide a support structure for the third sector in Wales.

Tel: 0300 111 0124

Email: help@wcva.org.uk

Website: www.wcva.org.uk



The application window for **Young Futures Fund** is open now until Thursday 13th March (Noon). Please note, the application window may close early if all funding is allocated.

Asda Foundation recognises the importance of supporting young people in our communities, with a particular focus on their mental health and wellbeing. This year, we will be providing up to £500,000, via the Young Futures Fund, to support young people in their development.

Website: asdafoundation.org/our-grants/young-futures-fund/



Employability Bridgend Established in 2018, we are a programme committed to helping Bridgend County Borough become a more prosperous place to live and work by supporting local people to overcome employment issues. This includes providing free training and qualifications, supported job search and CV development including volunteering placements as well as signposting to other support agencies as appropriate.

We are a community-based service using local venues including libraries, leisure centres, memorial halls, and other public spaces.

Tel: 01656 813 517

Email: employability@bridgend.gov.uk

Website: www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-support/employability-bridgend