ACTION4YOUTH AWARDED £20K TO FUND DUKE OF EDINBURGH PLACES

Action4Youth (A4Y) are a charity that provide positive, often transitional experiences and activities which inspire children and young people. They are the operating authority for the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) open award in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes and are an Approved Activity Provider, running expeditions at all three award levels.

A4Y are able to negotiate free or subsidised DofE places where appropriate, which covers or contributes towards the £41 enrolment fee. However, the cost of the expeditions, which are a compulsory element, often make it prohibitive for those from poorer and more disadvantaged backgrounds and subsidies for these are much more limited. The costs for expeditions vary by award level, ranging between £150 for bronze and £700 for gold.

A4Y have been awarded a grant of £20k over two years from a Heart of Bucks donor in order for them to offer fully subsidised places to a significant number of young people who would otherwise not be able to take part.

With the grant A4Y will be able to support 50 students requiring subsidised places for the bronze award in year one. In year two, the funding will allow approximately 25 students from the initial cohort to progress through to the silver award.

Jenifer Cameron, CEO for Action 4 Youth said:

“DofE is a world leading youth development and achievement award but the cost of the expedition programme can make it difficult for some young people. As a charity our aim is to give all young people the opportunity to challenge themselves, work with others and discover new skills and experiences that help them to grow in confidence and achieve success.

“By offering free expeditions to those who otherwise may not have been able to take part we can support even more young people and enable them to take full advantage of the benefits, fun and rewarding experience of the DofE Award.”

Peter Costello, CEO for Heart of Bucks said:

“A particular donor of ours has always been a big advocate for the DofE award and the positive impact it has on young people. It gives us great pleasure to be able to connect this donor with Action4Youth in order to fund places for young people who might otherwise miss out on a brilliant experience.”
Every year we support many wonderful organisations and our annual report offers a snapshot of some of the great work going on in Buckinghamshire, as well as documenting our achievements for the year and ambitions for the future.

We are grateful to our fund-holders, trustees, staff and community partners for their continued support. Heart of Bucks exists because of this support and the fantastic work that is carried out on the ground by the communities with which we work.
Small charities and community groups working with some of society’s most vulnerable women and girls are set to receive a much-needed funding boost thanks to a further round of Tampon Tax Community Fund grants.

UK Community Foundations has been awarded over £3.5m by Government to distribute a further round of funding through its network of community foundations that work all over the UK.

Over 400 groups were awarded a grant between £5-£10k from the first round of funding. Community foundations were oversubscribed with applications in every area of the UK. In Buckinghamshire, eight applications were received totalling £57,609 against a grant fund of £25,328.

Welcoming the announcement, UKCF Director of Programmes & Development Vicki Papworth said:

"It’s great to be working with Government again to deliver this vital funding in communities across the country. Community foundations have already been able to support some fantastic local projects tackling huge issues like mental health, unemployment and domestic abuse. However demand is growing and with only a quarter of applicants receiving grants in the previous round, we know many worthy projects missed out.

“We’re confident our network will use its unparalleled local knowledge to fund the groups that carry out life-changing work to help women and girls overcome the many barriers and issues they face in society today.”

Funding will be available for groups across the UK and further details of how to apply will be available over the coming months.
# OPEN GRANT FUNDS

## The London Marathon Charitable Trust

Grants available: £5,000 - £20,000

Priorities:

- Projects that inspire physical activity and deliver the greatest possible impact for the Trust’s target audiences, such as women and girls, BAME communities, people from lower socio-economic groups, older people and disabled people.

- Projects that encourage and support all members of the local community to be physically active.

- Projects providing inclusive, accessible and sustainable facilities for physical activity.

Closing date: Sunday 5th May

[Find out more and apply >>](#)

## The Nic Willoughby Fund

Grants available: £500

Priorities:

- Grassroots sports activities for children aged 16 or under, particularly those which aim to increase engagement and participation.

- Support for those on the Sport England Talent Pathway, or equivalent talent programmes who might otherwise be unable to participate due to economic or other disadvantage (application must be made via a club not by an individual).

Closing dates:

Midday 12th June (expression of interest)
Midday 3rd July (full application)

[Find out more and apply >>](#)

## YouthBank

Grants available: up to £3,000

Priorities:

- Activities/projects that benefit vulnerable young people aged 12-19 years (and up to 25 years for young people with disabilities).

- Projects where young people are involved in the design and/or delivery, including demonstrating how they helped with the application form and their views on the project/activity.

- Activities/projects which benefit young people from areas of deprivation.

Closing dates:

Midday 12th June (expression of interest)
Midday 3rd July (full application)

[Find out more and apply >>](#)

## Kop Hill Climb Fund

Grants available: up to £5,000

Priorities:

- Particular priority will be given to Princes Risborough and surrounding areas.

- Projects that clearly illustrate social inclusion or wider need.

- Projects which are new, or existing projects looking to expand their reach.

Please visit our website to view a map of the priority areas for this fund.

Closing dates:

Midday 2nd October (expression of interest)
Midday 6th November (full application)

[Find out more and apply >>](#)
JULIAN BUDD KIDS IN SPORT TRUST
TRANSFERS TO HEART OF BUCKS

We are delighted to share the news that the Julian Budd Kids in Sport Trust has transferred to Heart of Bucks.

Kids in Sport was founded in 2008 by Roger Budd and his wife Pamela in memory of their son Julian, who had suddenly passed away overnight from a rare throat virus.

Julian was a keen sportsman and the aim of the charity was to fund local organisations offering sporting activities for children with additional needs or financial barriers which may prevent them from taking part.

The charity was entirely run by volunteers and this year Roger and his fellow trustees made the decision to close the charity and transfer the remaining funds to Heart of Bucks in order to continue the work they started.

Speaking about the partnership, Roger said:

"After ten successful years as a small charity helping local disadvantaged youngsters, Heart of Bucks was an ideal destination for us to hand over our charitable baton to. We also feel our funds are in safe hands."

"They guided us through the transition period and are very responsive to our original charitable aims and objectives for which we are very grateful."

The Charity Commission acknowledges that community foundations have a reputation for the effective management of charitable funds in order to maximise their impact at local level. This trust transfer will enable the legacy Roger started to continue on.

Heart of Bucks have just started awarding the first grants from the fund since the transfer took place and look forward to seeing the difference this funding will make to local organisations.
IMPACT STORY: FAMILIES OF CHILDREN UNITED SUPPORT

Project: Contribution to core running costs
Grant: £4,000
Fund: HoB General
Impact category: Life skills, education & employability
District: Wycombe

Saunderton Lodge is Wycombe District Council’s (WDC) emergency accommodation for homeless families and individuals. Families of Children United Support (FOCUS) has been actively involved there for the past 12 years and work with residents developing their personal life skills and helping to prepare them for a return to independent living.

Families and individuals arrive at Saunderton Lodge having been made homeless due to a variety of circumstances. WDC place the more vulnerable and in-need families at the lodge and they often arrive with few possessions and, in some cases, are quite traumatised by the whole challenging experience of finding themselves homeless.

FOCUS work closely with the lodge staff to offer both mental and physical support. For vulnerable and homeless parents they ensure they have the knowledge and support they need to bring up their children through their trained Parents as First Teachers (PAFT) project workers.

PAFT offers a mixture of one to one parenting sessions alongside ‘Den’ sessions where the parents and children get together and engage in activities. In 2017/18, 66 adults and 88 children came to their ‘Den’ meetings and 11 families with 15 children received ‘Born to Learn’ PAFT personal visits during the year.

In addition to their PAFT work, their ‘all age’ project workers support families and individuals by helping to improve their life skills. As a result when they move on from the lodge they are better equipped to live independently.

CASE STUDY

Sarah and Dan* had recently had a new baby girl and had been evicted by their landlord. Both the parents were suffering from high anxiety and coming to terms with their dire situation. They were rehoused by Wycombe Council into emergency accommodation at Saunderton Lodge.

From the first day I knocked on their flat door I was aware it was going to be a challenge to involve them in any meaningful activities which involved them leaving the security of their flat. After several weeks visiting them I began to establish a working relationship. Sarah was a good mum but struggled with her confidence, which impacted her and her daughter’s social interaction.

Sarah and Dan attended the Den group sessions which gave them a chance to meet up with other residents and their babies. Sarah was introduced to the health visitor, Doug the therapy dog, and signposted to a charity which was able to help with the family’s overwhelming debt.

Over the four months that the family stayed at the Lodge I was pleased to see a great change. Sarah became engaged with our local children’s centre and began to provide support to the other new resident in a real but subtle way. The family have now moved into further temporary accommodation but still attend Den sessions. Sarah is returning to work after maternity leave and Dan is going to take on baby care duties. I have seen in this couple, how regaining confidence changes people and FOCUS gave them the chance and opportunities they needed. Through our non-judgmental support, suggestions and praise we gave them the tools they needed to look forward to a better future.

- Denys Williams (Chair)

(*names changed)

NB: FOCUS will cease as a charity in August 2019. WDC have plans to relocate the homeless facility to a new build situated in High Wycombe. This will have many positives for the residents particularly the proximity to support services such as the children’s centre, health visitors and local facilities. The trustees of FOCUS decided that this would be a good time to cease their activities.

The Heart of Bucks grants panel were very sad to learn that FOCUS have decided to close, but do understand the reasons and are very pleased to have been able to help towards their final year.

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THERE’S STILL TIME TO ENTER OUR CHARITY GOLF DAY!

Thursday 23rd May 2019
Denham Golf Club

£600 per team of 4, includes:
- Bacon rolls & coffee on arrival
- Green fees
- 3-course carvery lunch
- Team & competition prizes

Supporting our work in the community
18 hole Stableford team competition
Sponsorship opportunities available

THERE’S STILL TIME TO ENTER OUR CHARITY GOLF DAY!

NIC WILLOUGHBY FUND SUMMER BALL

Date: Saturday 6th July
Venue: The Oxfordshire Golf Club

Tickets cost £70 which includes a glass of bubbles on arrival, a 3-course meal with wine and lots of entertainment, including a magician and band. There will also be a silent auction with some great prizes lined up!

To book your tickets please email: nicwilloughbyfund@gmail.com

All proceeds in aid of the Nic Willoughby Fund with Heart of Bucks which supports grassroots sports activities.
INTRODUCING OUR NEW TRUSTEES

Moir Stewart

Moir is a retired police officer with over 30 years of experience working with local communities and was subsequently a Director of Investigations for the Independent Police Complaints Commission. Moir has lived in Penn for 28 years and is a volunteer with Penn & Tylers Green Village Care. Moir was appointed a trustee in March 2019 and says he is very much looking forward to making a positive contribution to the work of Heart of Bucks.

Annalise Pask

Annalise is Head of Client Development for the Philanthropy Company, advising charities of all shapes and sizes on growing income to achieve their vision. Annalise lives in Wendover, is passionate about the arts, and enjoys sharing a love of singing through a community choir she has helped to form with local mums.

Lucy Wood

Lucy is a qualified solicitor and partner of the private client team at a regional law firm based in Gerrards Cross, specialising in wills, estate planning and trusts. Lucy has lived and worked locally her whole life and is a keen cook in her spare time.

Richard Collins

As an experienced brand strategist and creative Richard has pursued a passion for helping companies in the public, private and third sector promote their brand reputation. He has helped organisations promote their CSR and sustainability efforts as an integral part of their brand personality. He founded Ecobrand in 2012, which specialises in brand reputation and runs the UK’s first CSR Accreditation Scheme.