

Welcome to our July 2025 Ezine! In this months Ezine you can find updated information on events, funding, training and opportunities for member organisations as well as highlights from our organisation.

HIGHLIGHTS!

This months highlights include sailing with tall ships, community dialogue sessions and more!

Read on to find information on membership renewal as well as opportunities for Youth Achievement Awards, funding opportunities and more!



World Refugee Day!



The Shared Agenda for Peace project hosted World Refugee Day for over 80 attendees. The event was filled with traditional food, henna art and powerful stories from young people.



**Shared
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Young Leaders Step Up to Reduce Tensions Around Migration



Young people from across Northern Ireland came together this month for the first session of the REMIT Dialogue to Action focus group, led by the Migrant Centre NI and YouthAction NI.

This timely initiative, developed in response to last summer's violence and more recent community tensions, provides young leaders with a space to reflect, connect and explore how they can take action to reduce fear, division and racism.

The first session focused on personal stories, shared experiences, and brave conversations around migration and safety. Young people showed real leadership, compassion and a desire to make change.

This project is supported through the Ethnic Minority Peace Project and Comic Relief.

Tall Ships Residential: *A Voyage of Discovery and friend-SHIPS*

We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails." - Thomas S. Monson.

On Tuesday, 10th June 2025, during Men's Health Week, YouthAction workers Adam and Ryan took a group of 10 young men from St Patrick's Youth Club (Keady) on a 2-night residential trip, not on land, but at sea! In partnership with Tall Ships, the group sailed from Belfast Marina to Larne (anchoring a few miles off the coast for the night), to Bangor Marina and back to Belfast



Over the course of the few days, the young people had to work together to set up the ship, manoeuvre and anchor, as well as perform various tasks together, such as cooking and cleaning.

The young people at the end not only received a certificate and experience that will help in future employment/further education interviews, but also reported they felt an increase in the following key areas of action:

Teamwork

Communication and Problem Solving

Confidence

Managing and growing relationships

Active Listening Skills and Resilience

Massive well done to the Keady Group and our Youth workers, and continue to take pride in all that you have achieved and all the best for your next voyage!

Key Comments from Keady Group

"It's been unreal"

"It's hard to describe, I mean, look at where we started not having a clue about boats but we sailed to Larne, Bangor and back to Belfast"

"Never celebrated a birthday at sea before, don't think I will ever forget it."

"There were challenging moments but the support from our leaders and each other really helped us"

"Would recommend it to others and would definitely do it again"



"Loved jumping into the ocean for a swim with everyone!"

"Feel more confident in myself"

"Think it helped with being able to speak and really helped me to start to think of my leadership skills"

"Made me consider a life at sea"

"Thanks for the opportunity and being sound with us"

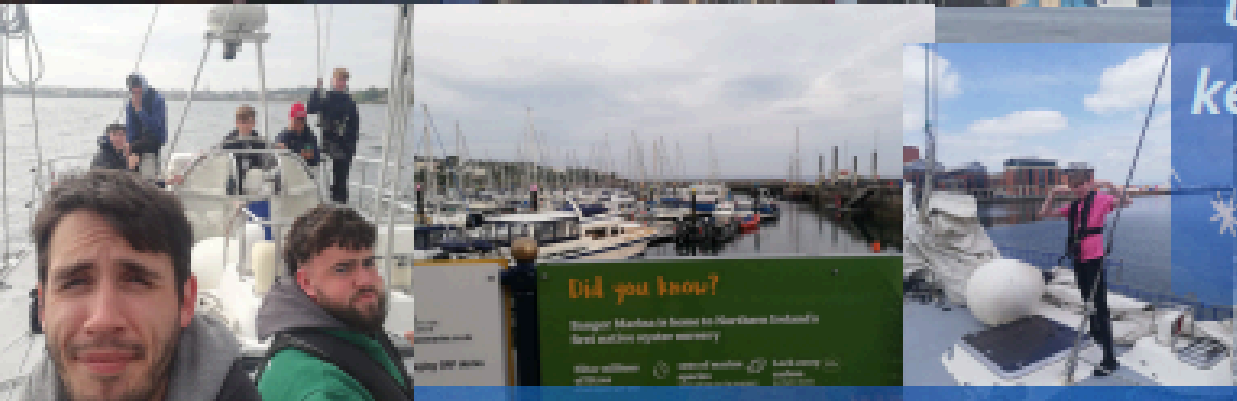
"A 10/10 experience"



Learning how to set up the boat and prep for setting sail



*Life at sea
meal prep,
cooking,
cleaning &
working
together to
keep the ship
going!*

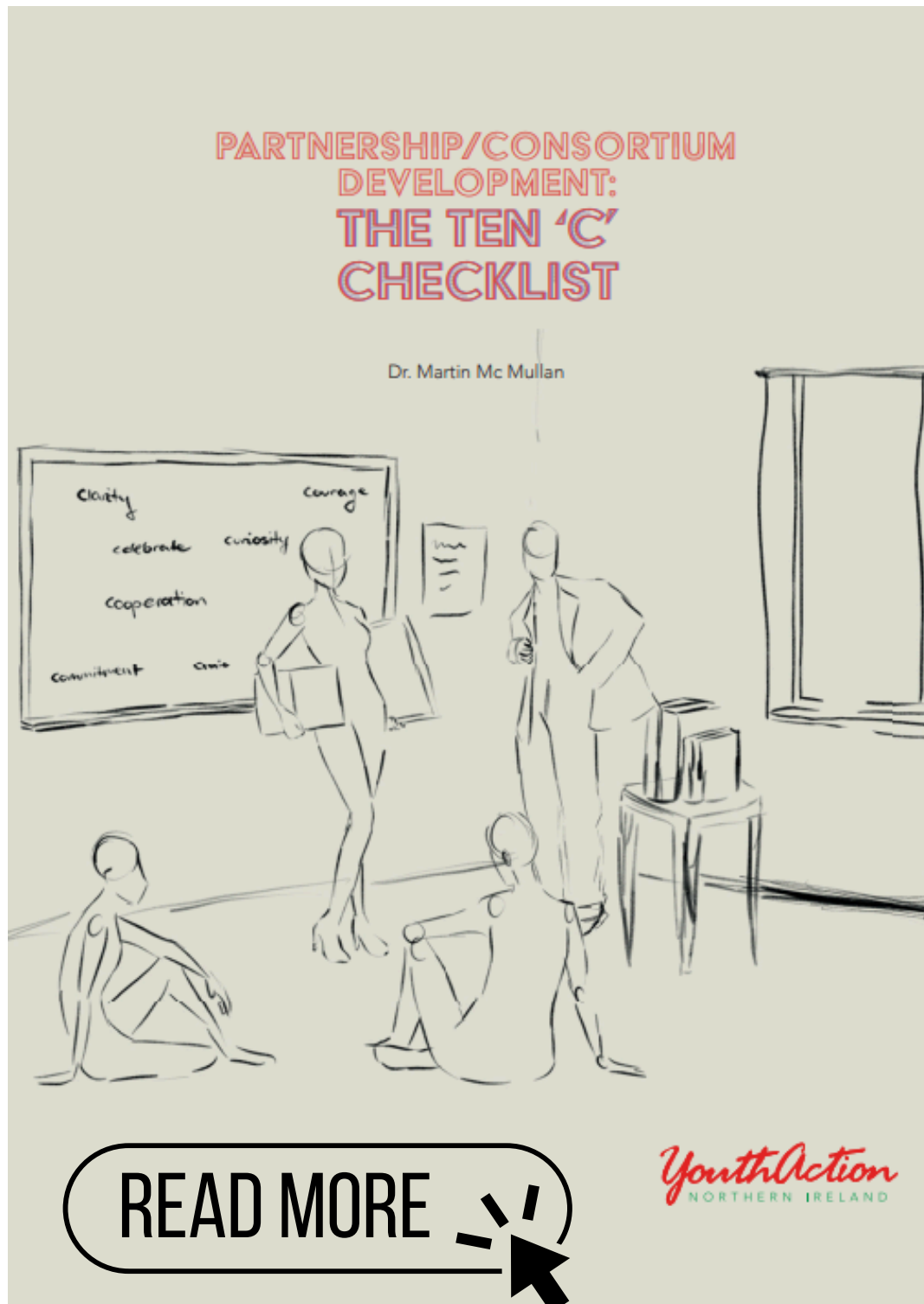


Sailing to Larne, Bangor & back to Belfast!





MEMBERS



**Read our new resource on
Partnership Development!**

COMPLETE OUR

Membership Needs Assessment

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**To help
YouthAction NI
ensure that our
membership
support meets the
needs of your
organisation,
staff, volunteers
and young people,
please complete
this form.**

SAFEGUARDING

TRAINING

DATES TO ATTEND

**Tuesday 16th September and
Tuesday the 23rd September,
6:30pm–9:30pm. Online**

We are offering the opportunity to complete Keeping Children and Adults Safe Module 2 Integrated. Both sessions need to be completed to receive your certificate.

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To register email donna@youthaction.org

GOOD GOVERNANCE TOOLKIT

A practical workshop providing activities
that promote good governance
and leading with purpose.



Thursday 18th September 2025

10.30am-1.30pm

14 College Square North Belfast BT1 6AS

This resource is aimed at local youth & community groups
keen to develop their boards and committees.

To register email:helen@youthaction.org

Light lunch will be provided.



YouthAction NI membership groups were invited to apply for Coca Cola Small Grants programme.

Congratulations to 32 local youth and community groups supporting leadership and volunteering in their communities.



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Youth Achievement AWARDS

Suitable for
youth groups
and schools

14 years+

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Youth Achievement Awards are a quality assurance tool noted by ETI & OCN endorsed

Reduced cost for YouthAction NI members

To register email: helen@youthaction.org



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Shared Agenda for Peace is an exciting opportunity for young people, youth workers, and volunteers to engage in a program that helps build relationships and connections through shared experiences.

Core Themes

1

Developing the People:

OCN training opportunities for staff and volunteers.

2

Developing the Practice:

Interactive youth led programme and social action.

3

Developing the Organisation

Committee support on governance and inclusion.

Activities

- Teambuilding
- Residential
- Youth Led Events
- Small Grants opportunities
- Accredited Training
- Youth Achievement Awards
- Arts, Sports, Podcasts, Music



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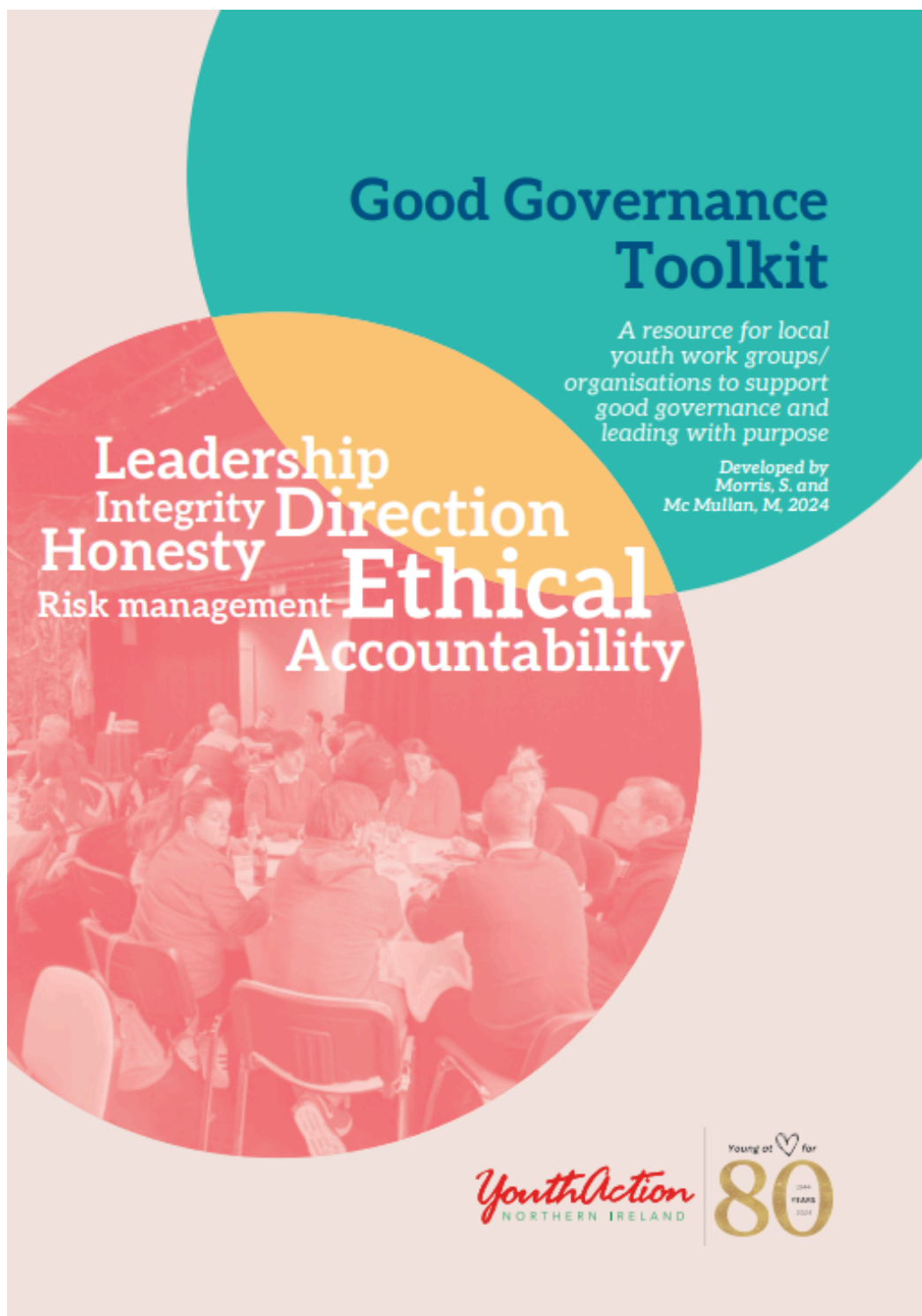
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**FIGHTING
WORDS NI**
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As part of our Shared Agenda for Peace Project we delivered our governance training to the management board at Raphoe Family Centre as part of our cross-border partnership programme. Both Raphoe Family Centre and REACH across will come together in October to share learning and experience and look at developing an agenda for peace action plan.

This has been a great learning experience for both committees to come together and work in partnership to support young people.

Trace to Transform

Conference 2025

Northwest staff were delighted to be invited to our member group The Churches Trust to their conference and celebration event in Donegal.

We heard amazing stories from young people and adults who completed a one-year project.

We heard the passion and excitement of their project. It was a great networking event and we are delighted to share their success as a member group.



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standing together with those in need



MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

YouthAction are delighted to support our member group North West Islamic Association. We have now started to deliver an OCN in peer mentoring as well as Youth Achievement Awards.

Once training is completed young people will support staff and volunteers over their summer scheme and become leaders of the future.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2025-26

YouthAction N.I is a membership based, regional organisation, with an 80 year history of supporting and developing local voluntary youth organisations.

Full Membership

Open to all local voluntary youth & community groups who share the values and aims of YouthAction NI and are committed to supporting young people. Membership rates are based on the number of members in your youth club:

- £ Groups under 30 members- £25
- Groups under 50 members-£35
- Groups with 51+ (60p/member to a maximum of) £75

EA registered youth groups nominating YouthAction NI as their Regional Voluntary Youth Organisation :

- £ Fee of £20 (20% Reduction)

Associate Membership

Organisations who share the values and aims of YouthAction NI and who are committed to supporting young people. There are two main categories:

- Umbrella organisations from both the statutory and voluntary sectors.
- Agencies, communities and businesses with an interest in or commitment to young people.

- £ Fee of £75

Key Benefits

- ✓ Free, unlimited Keeping Adult and Children Safe training for staff and volunteers.
- ✓ Unlimited Access NI checks for staff and Volunteers. (Unavailable to Associate members)
- ✓ Discounted OCNNI Youth Work Training Level 1-3 and Youth Achievement Awards.
- ✓ Free Youth Work Resources and Toolkits.
- ✓ Designated Youth Worker to provide bespoke support to your youth organisation.
- ✓ Organisational good governance and policy support.
- ✓ Funding support, small grants, regional member cluster support workshops,

See Membership Services and Benefits flyer for full details on membership opportunities.

Small Grant Opportunities

Coca Cola Thank You Fund
Irish Youth Foundation UK Small Grants
20 x Membership Small Grants (£500)

Become a member today !

Contact: Donna Salt
donna@youthaction.org
028 37511624

Registration Form April 2025-
March 2026



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & SERVICES

<p>01. Needs Assessment & Development Plan</p> 	<p>02. Staff & Volunteer Development</p> 
<p>03. Governance Support</p> 	<p>04. Child Protection & Safeguarding Support</p> 
<p>05. Funding Support, Meet the Funder Events</p> 	<p>06. Insurance Support</p> 
<p>07. Thematic Curriculum Support & Youth Work Resources</p> 	<p>08. Master Classes with Rainbow Factory & Techie School</p> 
<p>09. Programmes for Young People</p> 	<p>10. Quality Assurance & Impact Recording</p> 
<p>11. Risk Assessment & Management</p> 	<p>12. Communication, Information & Monthly Ezine</p> 
<p>13. Networking & Connections With Like Minded People</p> 	<p>14. Stronger Local & Regional Voice</p> 
<p>15. Regional Cluster Meetings & Members Celebration & Connector Event</p> 	<p>16. Discounted Tickets to YANI Training & Events</p> 



OPPORTUNITIES



The poster features a black background with scattered musical notes and a central illustration of a woman in a red dress and hat standing between the letters of the word 'CHICAGO'. The letters are large and colorful, with the 'C's being red and the 'H', 'I', 'C', 'A', 'G', 'O's being various shades of blue, purple, and yellow. The woman is positioned between the 'H' and 'I' and the 'A' and 'G'.

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Young at heart
80
YEARS

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School of Performing Arts

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performers bring this iconic
musical to life, with powerful
vocals, slick choreography, and
all the razzle dazzle you'd
expect from Chicago!**





SHARED AGENDA FOR PEACE

CONNECTION DAY

SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST 2025

Celebrate Diversity!



10.45am: Meet at YouthAction to walk to Mela Carnival

**1:45pm–5pm: Hunger for Peace Games at YouthAction NI,
14 College Square North, Belfast BT1 6AS.**



**Register via
QR Code
by 8th August**



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

**SAFEGUARDING BOARD NI AND
BARNARDO'S NI WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

On behalf of the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland, Barnardo's NI is holding events for children, young people, parents and carers, across Northern Ireland.

Join our sessions to share your views and influence SBNI's next 4-year Strategic Plan



Activities For
All Ages



Refreshments
& Drinks



Travel
Reimbursement

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and to get involved!

Dates

Booking

& MORE INFO



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Upcoming DATES

Your Experience

Your Voice

YOUR IMPACT

August
6

Newtownabbey

Mossley Pavilion

10:00AM- 11:00AM | Primary School Group
11:00 AM- 1:00 PM | Children / Young People

August
7

Armagh

Orchard Leisure Centre

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Children / Young People

August
8

Belfast

Girdwood Community Centre

11:00AM- 2:00PM | Children / Young People

August
11

Strabane

Riversdale Leisure Centre

10:00 AM – 12:00PM | Parents / Carers
1:00PM- 4:00 PM | Children / Young People

August
13

Lisburn

Resurgam Youth Initiative

1:00PM- 4:00PM | Children / Young People

August
18

Online Session

10:00 AM – 11:00AM | Parents / Carers
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Parents / Carers

August
20

Cookstown

Gold SureStart

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Parents / Carers
1:00 PM – 2:00PM | Primary / Pre-School
2:00PM- 4:00 PM | Children / Young People

August
26

Enniskillen

Fermanagh House

1:00PM –4:00 PM | Children / Young People



FUNDING



JOHN ELLERMAN FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW FUNDING STRATEGY

The John Ellerman Foundation has launched a new funding strategy for 2025–2030 offering multi-year core costs funding that supports work with a national relevance addressing social justice and the environment.

UK charities with an annual income of between £100,000 and £10 million can apply for up to £180,000. They are running Q&A sessions during the summer to help applicants understand the funding guidelines. Click the link to learn more & book your webinar place.



**John Ellerman
Foundation**

HENRY SMITH FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW 5-YEAR STRATEGY

The Henry Smith Foundation, formerly known as the Henry Smith Charity, has published its new strategy, Elevate Your Impact (2025-2030) which 'reaffirms their commitment to backing people and organisations driving change in communities across the UK.'

Over the next five years, they will focus their funding on three core areas: Getting started – supporting families to give their young children a strong start, Building independence – helping young people move into adulthood with confidence, skills and hope, and Safer futures – supporting people to rebuild their lives after abuse, displacement or prison.

The first three new programmes under these funding priorities have also been announced.

**HENRY SMITH
FOUNDATION**

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WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST

UPDATES GUIDELINES

The Woodward Charitable Trust updated their guidelines in May 2025 for their general application category. They now only provide grants to organisations supporting disadvantaged families with young children up to age 11, and organisations that work directly with children of the same age group (0–11 years).

Grants of up to £10,000 per year for core costs are available for organisations with an annual income of up to £200,000, for a maximum of three consecutive years. Core costs includes staff salaries, rent, utilities, general office costs, accountancy and audit costs, fundraising, governance and compliance and costs supporting the core programmes of the organisation.

The Trustees prioritise small-scale, locally based initiatives. The current grant round is open until 12 noon on Thursday 31st July.



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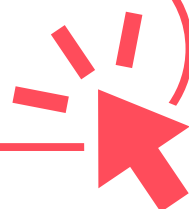
CHARLES HAYWARD FOUNDATION

A grant-making charitable trust that funds small and medium-sized UK registered charities, the Charles Hayward Foundation supports projects in four categories: Social & Criminal Justice for UK registered charities with an annual income between £350,000 and £4,000,000 can apply for grants of £15,000 – £25,000 per annum over one to three years.

Overseas projects for UK registered charities with an annual income of between £150,000 and £4,000,000 can apply for a one year grant of up to £15,000

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FOUNDATION

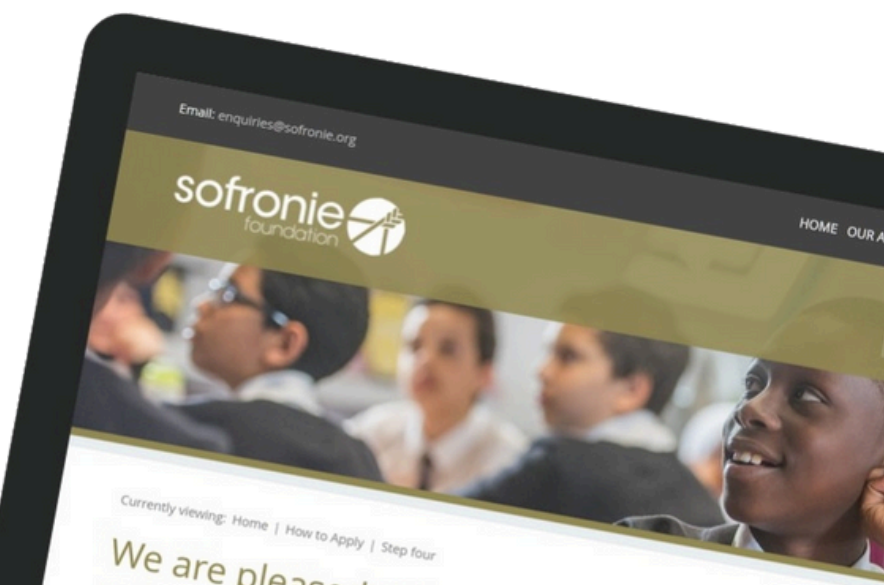
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SOFRONIE FOUNDATION

The Sofronie Foundation works with charities and not for profit organisations that focus on improving the lives of disadvantaged young people through educational or vocational programmes in the UK, France or the Netherlands.

STEM projects offering young people opportunities to acquire skills for higher education or training for work, they'd like to see interventions that increase access to higher education, raise aspirations, build confidence, and develop skills in preparation for university and interventions that increase access to vocational training, providing young people with practical skills or offer opportunities of work experience in preparation for future employment.



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