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Funding ideas

There is funding still available for COVID-19 support and projects if you have an idea, but need some funding to make it a reality.

Maybe your organisation needs support with reopening and getting back to 'normal'?



Here are just a few ideas for funding which might be useful for you to look at:

[LLR Community Fund](#)

[Leicestershire Communities Funding](#)

[The New Normal Fund](#) (closes 21 August 2020)

Also, a fund to help with reopening community buildings eg for signs, sanitiser, PPE etc) and a few ideas for sources of information and advice on reopening buildings:

[Enabling Social Distance Fund](#)

[Leicestershire Communities community buildings guidance](#)

[Rural Community Council COVID-19 community facilities guidance](#)

[Government guidance](#)

Nominate your hero

There's still time to nominate someone for their efforts and support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are a few options:

[NWLDC local hero](#) - for an individual or group for outstanding contribution.

[COVID-19 honours](#) - to nominate an individual for their contribution to the coronavirus crisis.

[Queen's Award for Voluntary Service](#) - the highest award for voluntary groups; the MBE for volunteer groups.



Voluntary Action LeicesterShire (VAL)

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire (VAL) is a source of advice and support for voluntary and community groups in Leicestershire.

VAL has supported many COVID-19 groups during the current crisis and will continue to support when we return to normal.

Do have a look at their website for lots of useful guidance and information and check out 'Voluntary Sector Support' on the website. It covers a variety of topics eg managing volunteers, recruiting, protecting your staff etc:

[Voluntary Action Leicestershire \(VAL\)](#)

They also offer lots of free training. This is still being offered online and their programme can be seen here:

[VAL online training](#)



The new normal...

Some groups are finding demand for their support is gradually decreasing and are letting us know that they are starting to wind down their support in their communities, as things gradually return to 'normal'. Some groups are experiencing the same level of demand, or even an increase.

We appreciate you letting us know how things are in your community. If you are thinking of winding down or need more support, please get in touch and let us know.

The GREAT Project

With many families across Leicestershire facing childcare pressures and the increased risk of redundancy due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, employment support remains in acute demand.

The GREAT project (Getting Ready for Employment And Training) is addressing this by providing remote delivery across Leicestershire, that also keeps local communities safe.

After transitioning into a fully remote service, GREAT project is now opening its virtual doors to new families in need. When lockdown began in March, the project had to implement a waiting list, and have recently gained capacity to accept new cases.

“Being able to take on new referrals again could help many more families in need - particularly during these challenging times.” notes Project Manager, Chantal Brotherhood.

With the support of the project’s lead partner Voluntary Action LeicesterShire (VAL), GREAT currently offers group wellbeing and skills development sessions, behind the scenes employer tours and preparation for work and training with Employment Support Officers.

“Lockdown has meant that many more Leicestershire residents could now be in need of employment and training.” manager Chantal Brotherhood notes.

The GREAT project continues to be made possible by funding from the European Social Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund.

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Can you help Enrych?

IT equipment needed!

Enrych need your support!

Do you have a Laptop, iPad or Tablet you no longer use and in good working condition?

Or know of an organisation who may like to help out with IT equipment?

It doesn't have to be brand new, as long as it's in good working order, Enrych will clean and reset back to factory settings.

Your donated equipment would mean so much to them and it will be put right back into the community.

It will help Enrych to reach out to more people, train and support them to get online and keep in touch with family and friends!

For more information on how you can help, please get in touch with Rekha Randerwala at Enrych Connect on:

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Free online training for parents

This ‘Parent’s Guide to Child Sexual Exploitation, Trafficking, Missing and County Lines’ is awareness training aimed at parents, carers and professionals who are working directly with children and young people.

By the end of the training you will be able to:

- Understand what child criminal exploitation is.
- Recognise the signs of child criminal exploitation.
- Understand the terminology for slang (urban) words.
- Feel confident to know where to go to for help and support.

Delegates will need to complete a pre and post training questionnaire. A link will be emailed to you once you have secured your place.

To book a place, click the following link: [A Parent's Guide to Child Sexual Exploitation, Trafficking, Missing and County Lines - 29 September 13:00-15:00](#)

This online training is delivered by Leicester City Council Early Help and Prevention, in partnership with Leicestershire County Council.



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