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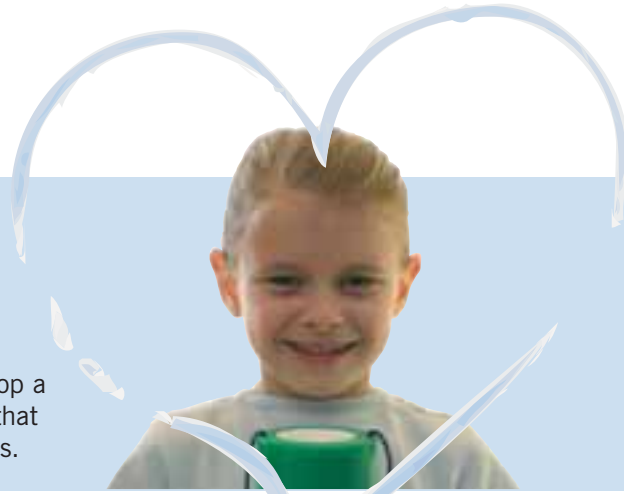
NCH Scotland's Gael Og Mentoring Project receives an award from Robert Brown, Deputy Minister for Education and Young People

What is the Partnership Drugs Initiative?

The Partnership Drugs Initiative (PDI) is a funding programme that supports voluntary sector work with vulnerable children and young people affected by substance misuse. It has been running since 2000 and is funded by the Foundation, the Scottish Executive and other funders.

The programme is designed to promote partnerships between voluntary and statutory groups. To encourage the partnership approach all applications to the programme need to be supported by local Alcohol and Drug Action Teams (ADATs).

- Our criteria cover three target groups:
- Children and young people in families in which parents misuse drugs and/or alcohol.
 - Pre-teen children who are at higher risk of developing problem substance misuse.
 - Young people who are developing or have established problem substance misuse.



Projects have been funded to develop a variety of support and approaches that encompass the criteria target groups.

Examples of approaches:

- Young Carers Support Projects.
- Intensive Family Support.
- Peer Education.
- Streetwork Projects.
- Intensive Support for Young People.
- Diversionary Activities.

The PDI is a relationship grant-making programme and staff work with potential applicants to help develop proposals. We also offer a range of training and networking opportunities to assist funded projects deliver their key outcomes.

Examples of outcomes identified from PDI funded projects so far include:

- Reduction in substance misuse.
- Reduction in offending.
- Reduction in anti-social behaviour.
- Increased access to education/employment opportunities.
- Increased access to diversionary activities.
- Improved health and well-being.
- Improved life skills.
- Improved parenting skills.
- Improved safe and nurturing home environments.



Barra Youth Café



Family Service Unit Scotland
(Photograph courtesy of Malcolm Cochrane)

Application Process

ADATs are a key group in co-ordinating work locally, and charities develop two-stage applications with them.

There are two rounds of PDI funding each year, and all the projects we fund must identify match funding for at least 50% of the project costs from another funding route.

The steps involved in our application process are:

1. Contact your local ADAT and the PDI programme staff to discuss your potential proposal. They will be able to advise you on the eligibility of your proposal as well as the deadline dates for submitting applications.
2. Complete the initial outline application. We can meet with applicants prior to the deadline date to offer support and guidance in completing the application. The initial outline **must** be endorsed by your local ADAT, who will submit the form on your behalf.

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3. The initial outline applications are considered by an expert Steering Group and a panel of young people. If the proposal is successful at this stage, charities will be invited to develop a full application. Feedback from both groups is made available to successful and unsuccessful projects.
4. We will arrange to meet with you to assist in developing the full application form, and are able to provide further support by reviewing draft applications prior to the deadline date. The full application **must** be endorsed by your local ADAT.
5. Each full application is assessed by our Steering Group which has a wide range of expertise in this area. Recommendations by the Steering Group are then considered by Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland's Board of Trustees.
6. If you are successful, we will arrange a visit to discuss reporting requirements and your plans to evaluate and monitor your project, with a focus on developing key indicators to evaluate the impact (outcomes) of your work. As part of our funding conditions, all projects **must attend** an evaluation training day. Free additional training focused on developing your evaluation plans as well as networking opportunities are available on an on-going basis.

Some Essential Points

Early contact with the PDI programme staff is recommended prior to application.

Applicant organisations must be registered as a charity.

Applicant organisations must identify at least 50% matched funding of the project costs from another funding route.

Applications must be supported by your local Alcohol and Drug Action Team.

Applications will be considered in relation to both drugs and alcohol.

All underlying principles of the PDI include those adopted by the Foundation in all its grant programmes and the Scottish children's legislation – the Children (Scotland) Act 1995. Our comprehensive guidance notes provide further details on our core principles. **We advise that you read these thoroughly.**

We promote partnership working between agencies and families to ensure all the needs of children and young people are met.

We have a strong focus on evaluation and applicants must be able to demonstrate clarity between the project outcomes and outputs.

West Lothian Youth Action run a workshop at the Partnership Drugs Initiative conference



What We Don't Fund



The CAFÉ Project in Arbroath

- ✗ Organisations which are not formally recognised as charities.
- ✗ Charities which make payments to individuals who also hold a position as Director/Member on the Board of Management Committee. This principle also applies to charities operating as Collectives.
- ✗ Individuals – including students.
- ✗ Sponsorship or marketing appeals.
- ✗ Establishment/preservation of endowment funds.
- ✗ Organisations that collect funds for subsequent grant making to other organisations and/or individuals.



Voluntary Action's BefriendER project in East Renfrewshire

Other Programmes

The Foundation operates a range of programmes to which charities are eligible to apply simultaneously. A summary of each is provided below:

Standard Grant Scheme

The majority of the Foundation's awards are made through the standard grant scheme, which focuses on local charities working at grassroots level. All sorts of charities receive funding from this programme, with no charity being too small.

Applications will be considered for both revenue and capital costs. Support is

available for new initiatives as well as established services/projects. There are six opportunities to apply to this programme each year, with funding available over one, two or three years.

From time to time, grants may be awarded to groups of charities engaged in genuine partnership initiatives. Early contact with the Foundation prior to applications of this nature being developed is required. Charities that receive funding via such collaborations may also be eligible to apply for a grant in isolation for their own activities.

Capacity Building Grants

This programme has been designed to help your charity build its capacity by helping to identify strengths and opportunities for development in the areas of:

- Governance
- Strategic planning
- Business planning
- Resource and financial planning
- Marketing
- Information technology
- Staff training and development

There are two stages:

Stage one

An independent adviser will spend the equivalent of two days evaluating where you are and giving pointers on the way forward, culminating in the provision of a report.

Stage two

Further support is available to develop some of the improvement areas which have been identified. An independent adviser will be allocated to work with you for an agreed number of days, the cost of which will be awarded to your charity for onward payment to your adviser at a pre-agreed set rate.

A single application form covers both stages, and there are no closing dates – you can apply to this programme at any time. A member of the Foundation's staff is dedicated to managing this programme.

Overseas Programme

The Overseas Programme makes awards to charities with a base in Scotland that work overseas in fragile communities. Awards are made for development of charities at home and for the initiation or continuation of sustainable indigenous services abroad.

Research Initiative

The Foundation makes awards for medical, scientific and social research through partner organisations specialising in such work. The aim of this programme is to help inform the work of charities in a range of fields tackling social disadvantage and improving quality of life. The Trustees review research themes every three years.

Pre-submission advice and information is available to all potential applicant charities in advance of making an application. If you require assistance or further information, give us a call on: 0870 902 1201.

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