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Your Donations at Work: The Community Foundation in Wales

The Community Foundation is a charitable foundation, connecting generous people with communities in Wales to positively change lives.

Established in 1999, the foundation now awards grants of over £2 million each year to charities and community groups.

This is especially important given cuts in public spending in Wales and with the impending impact of loss of European funding through Brexit.

There are more than 30,000 community groups and charities in Wales, often working on a shoestring budget or voluntary basis. They understand their challenges and ambitions, and work hard to address key issues and achieve the aspirations of people in their neighborhoods. Through our awareness and knowledge of these smaller groups the foundation is able to award grants on behalf of donors from £500 to £150,000 to support these fantastic projects and organisations.

Considering that 90% of charity giving in the UK goes to the biggest 7% of charities, the community foundation has an important role in ensuring that community groups in Wales are supported, creating opportunities for people and groups to thrive.

Donations and legacies through the community foundation can make a huge difference to people and communities in Wales.

Often a small bit of generosity can go a long way in supporting people to take huge steps:



Strengthening communities and bringing people together

The community of Llithfaen was devastated by the closure of their village shop and the loss of their local postal service. The small village community on the Llŷn Peninsula in Gwynedd decided to come together to run the store voluntarily with as little as £500 to buy stock, and now Siop Pen-y-Groes is an integral part of the life of the village. The community company now employs two members of staff and volunteers also help run the shop. The community foundation was able to support the group with £649 to help buy a credit card payment machine and other equipment, which has

helped increase their sales and secured their future.



Nurturing Welsh culture

The community foundation was proud to support some of Wales' brightest young harpists to attend a masterclass with the world's leading harpists at the recent Wales International Harp Festival, held in Caernarfon. Our partnership with the festival is part of our role in supporting and nurturing Welsh culture and creating opportunities for young people to develop their skills. The festival was a huge success and continues to go from strength to strength.



Supporting young families

Morrison Playscheme provide free play sessions to children between the ages of 0-12 years in a deprived area of Swansea. The playscheme offers children a safe place to play and provides parents and families time for some respite in their busy lives. Young people and adults are given volunteering opportunities to gain valuable skills and work experience with access to a range of training courses and accreditation. The community foundation was able to support the play group with

£1,000 to ensure the service continued to be free for the local community.



Preventing isolation for older people

Croesyceiliog Friends for Life Befriending Hub was created to help older people socialize and avoid isolation in Cwmbran. The group's aim is to reduce social isolation, as well as to improve its members' health and well-being, by encouraging people to take part in a range of activities which aid mental stimulation and reduce memory loss. The community foundation was able to support the group with £790 to support the 35 members who

attend the hub.

"Loneliness was my life, now I have met people in the same situation through our group. We are now friends and loneliness is a thing of the past." - A member of the hub

The Community Foundation in Wales is proud of its relationship with the Welsh communities of North America and in enabling the building of strong bonds that help people and communities in Wales to grow and thrive.

The foundation's chief executive Richard Williams will be at the festival and is happy to meet and offer advice on supporting community groups and people in Wales through the foundation.

To contact Richard in advance to set-up a private meeting, you are welcome to email richard@cfiw.org.uk.

Diolch yn fawr / Thank you