

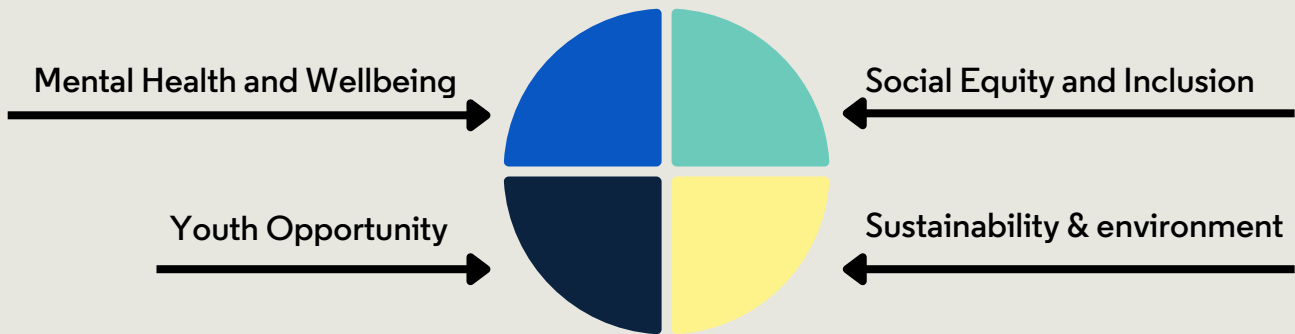


Summer 2024 New Grants

At The Fore we know that grassroots, local solutions are helping people thrive all over the UK and changing systems from the ground up. The charities and social enterprises we are funding have been set up by and for the communities they belong to. They all have innovative solutions to the problems we face and we will help them scale their impact and improve their resilience and sustainability.

This Summer we ran our national funding round, as well as regional rounds for the South West and North West. Twelve more exceptional organisations, from Cornwall to Manchester, will receive unrestricted funding, introductions to our networks, including our pro bono member network, and access to our training and support.

If you have skills or resources to share and would like to join us in transforming lives and society, please get in touch at partnerships@thefore.org.



Corey's Farm

Based in Cornwall, Corey's Farm transforms the lives of young people facing emotional and physical challenges through activities with animals and nature.

Founded by Holli and Alan Alway in 2021 after seeing how farm activities helped their son develop in the face of complex additional needs, Corey's Farm now supports 20 children, many of whom had not left home for years. With a waiting list of 50 children and growing, Corey's Farm desperately needs to expand.

The Fore's funding will allow Corey's Farm to develop an indoor space to double their capacity, to better meet need across the county and also secure a stronger financial footing for further expansion.

www.coreysfarm.org.uk
[@coreysfarm](https://www.instagram.com/coreysfarm)
£30,000 awarded





Cycle Sisters

Cycle Sisters inspires Muslim women to change their lives through cycling.

Their volunteer-led cycle groups foster an empowering environment for their 1,500 members across London, with 92% seeing improved physical and mental health, and 90% feeling more confident. By collaborating with national cycling organisations they also tackle stereotypes to make cycling more accessible and diverse. Capacity constraints mean that founder and CEO Sarah Javaid is focused on day-to-day operations, leaving no room for their growth ambitions to be realised.

With funding from The Fore, Cycle Sisters will recruit a Business Development Lead, giving breathing space to focus on diversifying income streams and reduce reliance on grant funding. This will propel an expansion across the UK.

www.cyclesisters.org.uk

@cyclesistersuk

£30,000 awarded



Dementia Disco

Founded in 2019, Dementia Disco uses music to reconnect people with dementia to loved ones.

Started by CEO Kate Darby after her dad struggled to find age-appropriate dementia groups, Dementia Disco fills a gap for multigenerational groups and younger people with dementia. Their discos in Stockport venues offer fun, food, and dementia resources, while their new income generating mobile discos bring the party directly to care homes. With dementia rates above the national average in Stockport, a waiting list of care homes for their mobile discos is building.

Funding from The Fore will enable Kate to scale the mobile disco offer and develop new income streams, including corporate partnerships. This will allow them to support more people with dementia and forge a path to financial sustainability and further expansion.

www.dementiadisco.org

@dementiadisco

£30,000 awarded



Glasbren CIC

Glasbren regenerates land and communities through food growing and nature education.

Modern industrial farming is intensifying environmental damage and exacerbating climate change and food insecurity. Glasbren are showing that smaller scale, sustainable farms led by local communities offer a better way, addressing both local and global challenges while promoting mental and physical health. Glasbren recently expanded to a 134-acre farm, but they lack capacity to fully capitalise on this opportunity.

Glasbren will use our funding to hire a Social Enterprise Coordinator to enhance fundraising, grow volunteers and develop partnerships, including with those already queuing up to partner. This will help them to scale their operations sustainably, fully utilise their new site, and increase their social and environmental impact.

www.glasbren.org.uk

@glasbren

£27,750 awarded



Thinking Black CIC

Thinking Black empowers black students to realise their full potential.

Founded by Hope Oloye during her time at Oxford in response to challenges she faced, Thinking Black improves the university prospects of black students aged 11-18 through hybrid sessions delivered by black university students and graduates. 100% of students on one programme received Russell Group university offers, with 37% secured from Oxford and Cambridge. However capacity constraints and outdated technology means they can only support 1 in 5 students who apply.

Using The Fore's funding, Thinking Black will develop a new virtual learning environment to reach many more students and commercialise part of their offer to eradicate reliance on a single funding source.

www.thinkingblack.co.uk

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£22,005 awarded



Good Night Out Campaign CIC

Good Night Out Campaign makes nights out about fun and freedom, not fear.

Public campaigns empower women and LGBTQ+ people to live safely, while their training for staff at pubs, festivals, and cultural venues helps them better respond to sexual violence in their spaces. With over 2,500 venue staff trained and 93% surveyed feeling more knowledgeable in keeping people safe, their reputation as the go to nightlife safety specialists is cemented. Training requests from venues and global brands have now tripled.

The Fore's funding will provide the capacity to expand reach and respond to growing demand, through for example, launching an e-learning platform. Boosted revenues will allow global expansion, especially in countries where support for sexual violence survivors is limited.

www.goodnightoutcampaign.org

@goodnightoutcampaign

£30,000 awarded



Delight

Delight creates lasting change for children affected by disadvantage enabling them to thrive in school and beyond.

Delight uses the arts to work with 2,200 children yearly, immersing them in eight-week programmes culminating in performances or exhibitions. Inspired by Founder Kathryn Mill's experience of growing up in a community where disadvantage was the norm, Delight alumni leave more socially and academically confident. This impact, combined with sharp rises in young people experiencing disadvantage, mental health and learning challenges, means the waiting list for schools wanting Delight's programmes is rocketing.

With our funding, Delight will recruit a Partnership Development Manager to provide capacity to reimagine their operating model by expanding digital and hybrid programme offerings to crush waiting lists and expand.

www.delightcharity.org.uk

@delightcharity

£30,000 awarded





Access Cornwall CIC

Access Cornwall wants everyone to enjoy what Cornwall has to offer, regardless of disability or learning differences.

Established in 2019, they impact the lives of 750,000 people each year. Listings and guides help people experiencing accessibility challenges find the best places to visit, eat and stay, while accessibility reviews, led by people with lived experience, make businesses more accessible across West Cornwall. Website traffic has doubled yearly, with 3 to 4 requests monthly for accessibility reviews in areas they don't have the people to serve.

Our funding will enable Access Cornwall to onboard two new team members to expand accessibility reviews across all of Cornwall, in turn unlocking a sustainable income stream and making the county more inclusive for everyone.

www.accesscornwall.org.uk

@accesscornwall

£30,000 awarded



Merseyside Refugee Support Network

Merseyside Refugee Support Network (MRSN) supports newly-granted refugees with their social and economic integration into life in Liverpool and elsewhere.

With 80% of those they work with saying MRSN helped meet their needs, the value of their support, including legal and housing advice, cannot be underestimated. Bulk decisions on backlogged asylum claims have left hundreds of refugees in Merseyside homeless. This and wider policy changes have accelerated demand that they are struggling to meet. With the CEO now largely focused on firefighting, the opportunity to focus on organisational resilience is limited.

Our funding will enable MRSN to hire an additional caseworker, increasing the capacity of the CEO to focus on strategic development and fundraising to expand services to fully meet demand.

www.mrsnliverpool.org.uk



£30,000 awarded



Steve Browne Foundation

The Steve Browne Foundation gives young people the tools and guidance to shape their own futures and thrive.

They offer personal development programmes from work experience that improves employment prospects for marginalised young people, to building healthy coping strategies for those at risk of mental health issues. Local authorities are eager to partner with them, but the inability to formally demonstrate known impact and a website in need of upgrade to reflect their current offering, hampers partnership building.

The Foundation will use our funding to develop an impact evaluation framework and revamp their website, strengthening their ability to secure local authority contracts and grow. Training volunteers to deliver programmes will free trustees to focus on strategy.

www.stevbrownefoundation.co.uk

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£30,000 awarded



Transparent Presence CIC

Transparent Presence builds confidence and improves well-being for gender diverse people.

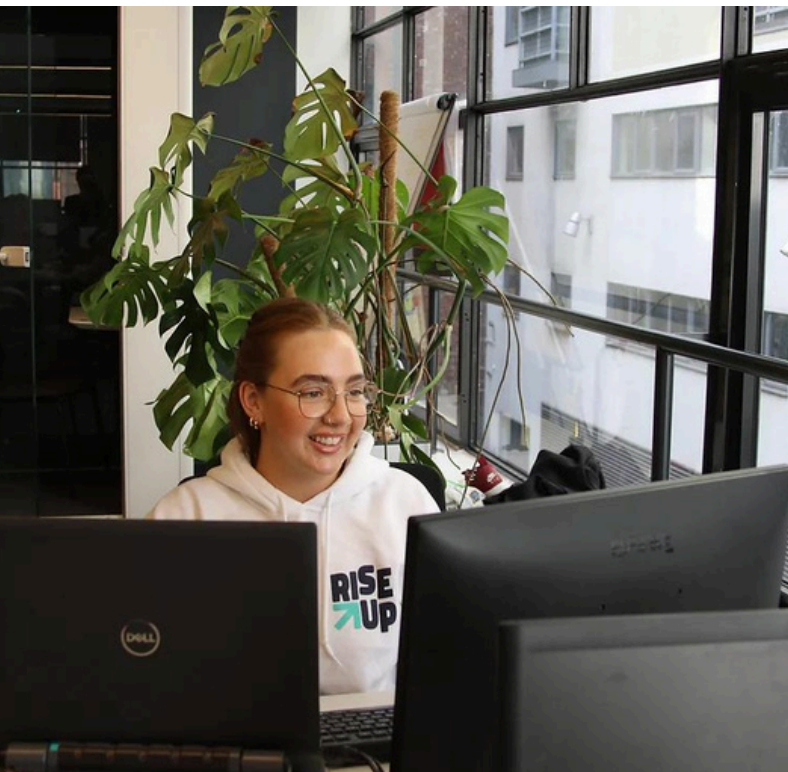
They were established by Elliot and Annie Kenton after Elliot's social transition revealed a lack of support in Cornwall for transgender and non-binary people and their families. With gender diverse people waiting seven years for a gender clinic appointment, Transparent Presence's support is crucial, helping people deal with gender dysphoria and social isolation. NHS Cornwall want them to deliver gender diversity training, but lack of course accreditation and capacity means they can't.

Transparent Presence will use our funding to gain accreditation and roll out training to the NHS and beyond, creating a self-sustaining income stream to catapult impact and expand support services to include a counselling arm.

www.transparentpresence.co.uk

[@transparentpresence](https://twitter.com/transparentpresence)

£30,000 awarded



Rise Up (Talent RISE)

Working across Manchester and beyond, Rise Up enables young people facing barriers to employment succeed in life-changing careers.

Led by CEO Roman Dibden who left school at 14, Rise Up develops workplace skills and facilitates jobs, apprenticeships and placements through company partnerships. Their approach of tailoring support to each person's unique challenges works, elevating participants into meaningful jobs above the minimum wage. With 1 in 8 young people now neither earning or learning, referrals are surging. Rise Up needs to grow, but with limited capacity this is impossible.

With funding from The Fore, Rise Up will recruit a Youth Development Officer, freeing up Roman to develop more partnerships to sustainably scale and change the lives of more young people.

www.riseupuk.org

[@rise.up.uk](https://twitter.com/rise.up.uk)

£30,000 awarded



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