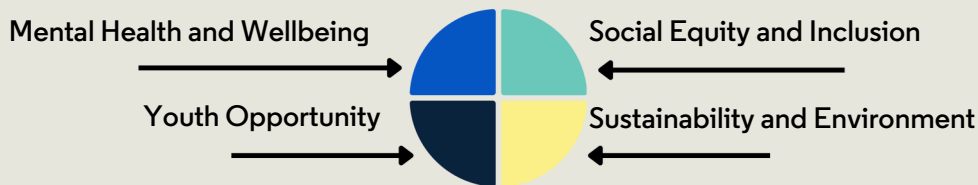




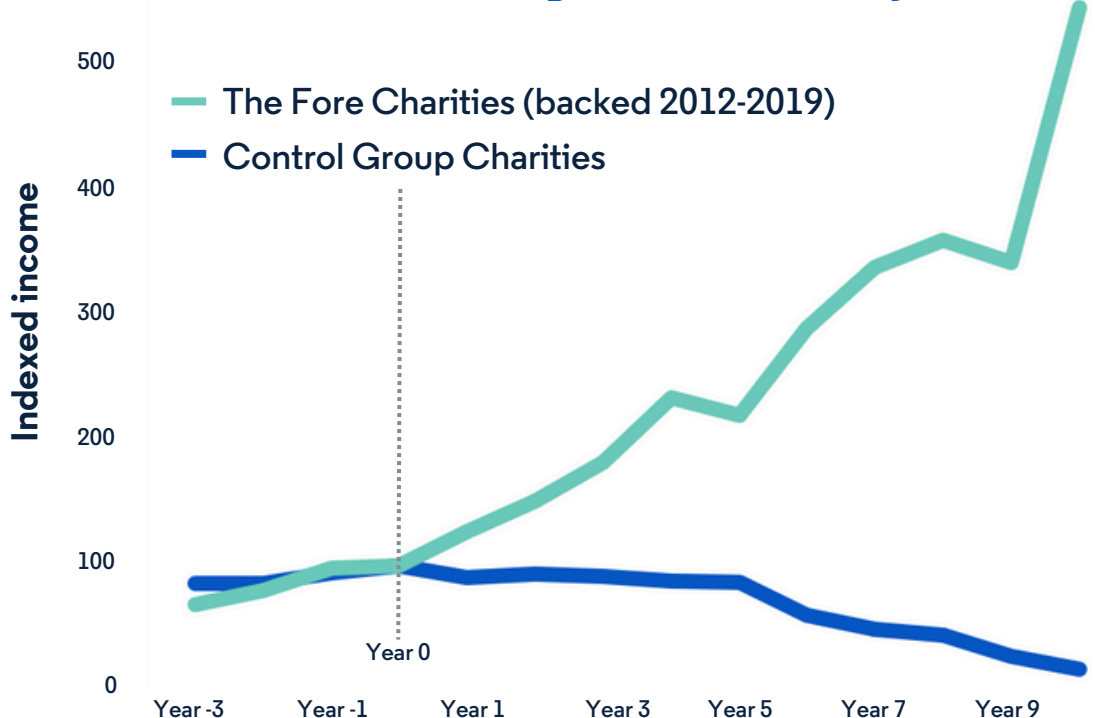
# Rising Stars Spring 2025

The Fore is creating a society that solves its own problems. We're the only venture philanthropy fund in the UK dedicated to small charities. Our goal is for the best solutions to get from grassroots to nationwide impact in five years.

This Spring, 15 more exceptional charities and social enterprises, from Dundee to Dorset, will receive unrestricted funding, introductions to our networks and access to our training and support. They are the Rising Stars of the sector.



## Charities #BackedByTheFore show incredible income growth over 10 years



Further detail on our benchmarking study can be found [here](#).

If you have skills or resources to share please get in touch at [partnerships@thefore.org](mailto:partnerships@thefore.org).



## AA Urban Rise CIC

AA Urban Rise CIC are arming young people with the financial skills they need to set themselves up for the future.

AA Urban Rise deliver financial education workshops to underserved young people in East London, helping over 1,000 individuals build confidence in money matters since 2022. They are ready to expand their offer through training youth workers, and developing a financial assessment tool for organisations supporting young people. There is already interest from Greenwich and Southbank Universities, but they don't have the time to capitalise on these opportunities.

They will use the funding from The Fore to get their training and financial assessment tool off the ground, allowing them to tap into new unrestricted income streams and improve the financial sustainability of the organisation.

[@aaurbanrise](#)  
£30,000 awarded



## Access Adventures

Access Adventures' vision is a world where disabled people have equal access to the benefits of adventure sports.

A lack of accessible sporting venues fuels health inequalities and isolation, with disabled adults almost twice as likely to be physically inactive as non-disabled adults. Founded by Paralympians, Access Adventures are breaking down these barriers by offering adaptive adventure sports for disabled people, from skiing to water skiing. Since launching in 2015, they've expanded their reach nearly 15-fold and they're just getting started. But without the capacity to focus on growth, progress will stall.

With The Fore's support, they'll hire a new team member and diversify income, strengthen impact measurement, and grow volunteer numbers, enabling them to launch in three new locations by 2027.

[accessadventures.co.uk](https://accessadventures.co.uk)  
[@access\\_adventures](#)  
£30,000 awarded



## Bee Pedal Ready CIC

Bee Pedal Ready CIC are changing the narrative for women in cycling, creating a more diverse cycling community.

Women from minority ethnic backgrounds are severely underrepresented in the cycling industry, with it being 91% white and male. Bee Pedal Ready was born from the founder's own experience of this. Since launching, the organisation has helped over 2,100 people, offering bike maintenance skills and building communities of confident women cyclists. However, the organisation's growth has been hindered by a lack of capacity, with the founder focused on the day-to-day.

Bee Pedal Ready will use The Fore's support to hire a Project Coordinator and a Social Media Manager. This will free the founder to develop a long-term business plan and help grow income through partnerships, improving the organisation's long term sustainability.

[beepedalready.com](https://beepedalready.com)  
[@beepedalready](#)  
£30,000 awarded



## Beyond Reflections

Beyond Reflections help gender-diverse people live fully, proudly, and without fear.

Transphobia is rising in the UK and it affects every part of a trans+ person's life. 70% face discrimination in healthcare and 26% don't feel comfortable enough to be open at work. Beyond Reflections offers therapy, support groups, and safe social spaces to help trans+ people build resilience and navigate the challenges they face. Their external training equips organisations like the NHS to better support trans+ people and contribute to an accepting society. As need continues to rise, Beyond Reflections know they must scale.

With our funding, Beyond Reflections will build capacity to develop new income streams (including CPD for therapists) to enable them to support more trans+ people and influence national policy.

[beyond-reflections.org.uk](https://beyond-reflections.org.uk)

@beyondreflectuk

£30,000 awarded



## Camp Jojo

Camp Jojo make the impossible possible for children with complex needs, creating accessible camping adventures they never thought they'd have.

Founded by parents of children with complex needs, including the late Jojo, a boy whose love of the outdoors helped inspire it all, their three-day camps are fully inclusive, with multiple volunteers per family. This gives parents and children the freedom to fully take part and try new experiences, like going into the sea for the first time. With a 100% satisfaction rate, it's unsurprising demand is seven times higher than capacity. Their admin-heavy data systems can't keep up and are draining the team's time.

With our funding, they will implement a CRM system to streamline operations which will unlock their potential to expand to the North of England.

[campjojo.org](https://campjojo.org)

@\_campjojo

£24952 awarded



## The Cornermen CIC

The Cornermen CIC are tackling the mental health crisis by redefining how we support men.

Founded by two friends from South Moreton Boxing Club, The Cornermen was founded in response to the devastating male suicide rates, offering personalised mental health support based on what each man feels most comfortable with. The majority of the men they work with have not accessed traditional support services. The Cornermen have now developed a paid for package of mental health services for employers in male dominated industries like construction. While this has been well-received, they lack the time to fully realise this opportunity.

They will use The Fore's support to hire a staff member to drive this paid for service, reducing dependency on grants and allowing them to expand across the UK.

[thecornermen.org](https://thecornermen.org)

@thecornermencic

£30,000 awarded





## Ellie's Gift CIC

Ellie's Gift CIC provide vital support to families who have experienced baby loss.

One in four pregnancies in the UK end in loss, and Ellie's Gift is the only app specifically supporting families through this. Founded by Lucy and Rick Livesey after their own loss, the app offers mental health tools, relaxation classes, and aftercare support. It's integrated into five hospital trusts and endorsed by NHS experts. They have plans to expand across the UK, but are curtailed by their current capacity.

With our investment, Ellie's Gift will hire a Hospitals Liaison Officer to embed the app into more hospitals and release the founders to focus on strategic growth and partnership development to lay the groundwork for further expansion.

[ellies.gift](https://elliesgift.com)  
[@elliesgiftproject](https://twitter.com/elliesgiftproject)  
£30,000 awarded



## For The Love of a Child

For the Love of a Child (FLOC) help children heal from trauma and rebuild their futures.

Founded by Donna Jennings after the loss of her five-year-old son Samuel, FLOC delivers creative therapies, including dramatherapy, to children experiencing grief and emotional challenges. With 70% of children affected by trauma lacking access to timely support, FLOC is overwhelmed with demand. They plan to license their flagship programme, The Listening Stone, which helps children process loss, for purchase by other organisations. Interest from the WHO and others signals strong potential, but FLOC lack the capacity to license.

With our backing, FLOC will launch The Listening Stone commercially and develop new products, generating new income streams to expand their services to more parts of the UK.

[fortheloveofachild.co.uk](https://fortheloveofachild.co.uk)  
[@fortheloveofachild](https://twitter.com/fortheloveofachild)  
£30,000 awarded



## Funding Futures CIC

Funding Futures give women in Wigan the skills, confidence, and opportunities to break free from poverty.

Through courses, qualifications, and hands-on work experience in beauty and well-being, Funding Futures build employability skills that lead to financial independence. And it works: over 80% of alumni move onto employment, self-employment or further education within three months. This success rate comes from their bespoke approach; working with each woman to overcome the personal past traumas holding them back. Demand is insatiable, but momentum is stalling because the leadership are stretched across daily operations.

With our support, they will hire key operational staff, freeing up 42 hours of leadership time each week to build corporate partnerships and catalyse expansion into new sectors like construction and hospitality.

[fundingfutures.co.uk](https://fundingfutures.co.uk)  
£30,000 awarded



## GenEarth CIC

GenEarth are mobilising the next generation to lead the fight for climate and a fairer future.

70% of young people are seriously concerned about the climate crisis, but many lack the knowledge and opportunities to act. GenEarth bridges this gap through expert-led workshops and programmes in schools and communities, like the Young Green Briton Challenge, where students create real-world solutions to climate issues. 100% of teachers recommended one of their most recent programmes. But with limited capacity, GenEarth are reaching only a fraction of schools.

Using The Fore's funding, they'll hire an operations role, freeing the CEO to focus on fundraising, partnerships, and strategy. This will double the number of young people reached to 20,000 and kickstart new, sustainable income streams through corporate volunteering.

[genearth.uk](http://genearth.uk)  
[@genearthuk](https://twitter.com/genearthuk)  
£30,000 awarded



## Head In The Game

Head In The Game are using the power of sport to tackle men's mental health and prevent suicide.

With UK suicide rates at a 25-year high, too many men are struggling in silence. Head In The Game have created a blend of physical activity, mental fitness education and peer support, that connects with men that would not normally engage with mental health professionals. Based in Kent, they are ready to scale their organisation into London and beyond, but lack capacity.

With our support, Head In The Game will bring in a new team member to focus on corporate partnerships and income growth. This will also unlock the capacity of the CEO to focus on franchising their model and creating new programmes so more men can benefit from their life saving support.

[headinthegame.co.uk](http://headinthegame.co.uk)  
[@hitgcio](https://twitter.com/hitgcio)  
£28,998 awarded



## Plastic Shed Limited

Plastic Shed unite communities to turn plastic waste into something useful and beautiful.

Their creative workshops bring people together to transform plastic waste into items like plant pots and clipboards for schools. They also work with festivals and communities to create art installations from unwanted plastic, including the UK's largest 100% recycled bottle lid mural, made with 80,000 donated lids and 40,000 community members. They sell a small range of recycled plastic products which has huge potential to grow, but this is hampered by temperamental, slow machinery.

Funding from The Fore will enable investment in better machinery and the resources to boost productivity, grow product sales nationwide, and expand income-generating workshops. This will unlock new revenue streams and build a more sustainable future for Plastic Shed.

[plasticshed.org](http://plasticshed.org)  
[@plasticshed](https://twitter.com/plasticshed)  
£30,000 awarded





## Project Manna CIC

Project Manna CIC are helping people find purpose and peace through nature-based therapy on a 5-acre farm in Dorset.

Through horticulture, animal care sessions and therapeutic group work, Project Manna support people experiencing mental health issues and physical disabilities. With the land now fully developed and matured, they have an opportunity to increase the number of adults they support by introducing a self-sustaining low-cost, fee-paying model. However, the part-time directors don't have the capacity to take advantage of this.

With our funding, Project Manna will increase the hours of one of the directors, to get their fee-paying model up and running and to develop the long-term strategy so they can unlock future income streams from room hire and cabin rentals.

[projectmanna.co.uk](http://projectmanna.co.uk)  
£30,000 awarded



## Sea Trust Wales

Sea Trust Wales connect people with the marine life around them, inspiring care, understanding, and protection.

Our seas are in trouble and marine life is declining fast. Sea Trust Wales are helping turn the tide by driving action through workshops, school programmes, community events, research projects, and a visitor centre with an aquarium. There is a growing waiting list for school visits, but the team is stretched to its limits, holding back growth plans.

With support from The Fore, they will increase the hours of a key team member, unlocking capacity to grow income through activities like school visits. It will also give the leadership the space to focus on strategy and partnerships, as Sea Trust Wales aims to become one of the UK's leading marine conservation charities.

[seatrust.org.uk](http://seatrust.org.uk)  
[@seatrust\\_wales](https://twitter.com/seatrust_wales)  
£30,000 awarded



## Street Storage

Street Storage give people experiencing homelessness something no other organisation does: a safe place for their things.

By offering secure storage, they reduce theft of belongings, physical strain, and the stigma of 'looking homeless', opening up access to employment and support. They also connect people to vital services from mental health care to housing. With homelessness rising 25% year on year in London, expansion is vital. But a lack of time means they can't focus on this.

The investment from The Fore will allow them to hire a support worker, enabling the founder to focus on growing sustainable income through corporates and to develop a franchise model to expand across London and beyond.

[streetstorage.org](http://streetstorage.org)  
[@streetstorage](https://twitter.com/streetstorage)  
£30,000 awarded

