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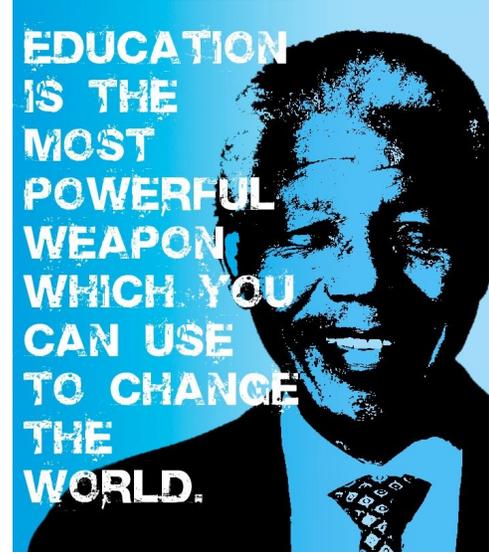
Wiltshire Community Foundation has made a significant contribution to local communities by making grants of £10 million since 1991.

In 2013/2014 Wiltshire Community Foundation awarded grants of £800,000 to 157 local groups and 387 individuals across the county.

Giving money and support where Wiltshire people need it most, from Tidworth to Trowbridge; Swindon to Salisbury

In the financial year 2014-15, we awarded over £8,000 in Vocational Grants and £4,000 in Personal Support Grants to young people to support their education.

In addition, we have a current grant commitment for students at university of over £200,000. This will be paid in stages over the duration of their degree courses. This is helping 50 local students achieve at university



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APRIL EDUCATION PANEL

The **Education Panel in April** awarded grants for Personal Support and Vocational costs, including —

- * An award for a post-16 student at a specialist school for students with ASD to attend a project based at the RUH Bath. It is expected to lead to employment.
- * An award for a young mum to purchase a laptop so she can continue from her level 2 course to a level 3 through on-line learning. She plans to then work in a nursery when her child is older.
- * An award to enable an 8 year old with ADHD better manage his condition— through attending football club and Forest School activities— as well as an iPad for use at home to aid his visual learning style.
- * A financial contribution towards travel costs to enable a post-16 student with musical talent attend a college out of county, enabling him to study a targeted mix of music and performing arts courses not available within Wiltshire
- * **In total, 12 grant applications were approved,** including 5 Personal Support Grants for school children aged up to 16 with additional needs and 7 Vocational Grants for 16 to 25 year olds, including 2 young people on the apprenticeship minimum wage of £2.73 per hour and 1 NEET (not in education, employment or training) young person.

IMPORTANT DATES

July Education Panel

- * July 3rd 2015
- * Closing date for Expressions of Interest - Friday 5th June
- * Completed application forms to be received by 19th June

*Further Panels will be held in
October 2015 & Spring 2016*

****Scholarship Applications****

Please complete the Expression of Interest at <https://odm.wiltshirecf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant>

- * Closing date for Eols—17th April.
Closing date for Eols now extended— please register now

- * Completed applications by 29th May.
- * Panel date 3rd July

One Degree More Grants

Scholarship Grants are open to young people who are under 25 and are on or about to start an undergraduate course at a UK university. Grants are awarded to assist with general living expenses, travel costs, books and course related costs for the duration of the degree course.

Vocational Grants are open to individuals aged between 16 and 25 and can be awarded for course related costs and equipment, such as travel and field trips or other costs related to a course at 6th form, college or training through an apprenticeship. Awards are made up to £1,000.

Personal Support Grants are open to individuals up to the age of 25 who have a disability or additional learning need, or who are in the care of the local authority (Wiltshire or Swindon). Awards have been made for IT equipment to facilitate study at home, for specialist courses, school trips and vocational items up to £1,000.

For more information please go to

www.odm.wiltshirecf.org.uk

THANK YOU & HELLO THERE!

Along with acknowledging 'thank you' notes from grant recipients, we would like to thank those who help us (to help young people)

- staff in schools who alert young people to our grants
- advisers and support workers in various organisations who share the information on our grants
- panel members who give their time voluntarily to consider applications and determine the awards

We need you to help us reach those in need...

Now is the time for year 12 students considering university to explore finances.....let me know if you want me to talk to your team

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UPDATES ON PAST GRANT

RECIPIENTS

We follow-up our university Scholarship grantees annually—and really like to discover what they do on graduation.

The 'class' of 2014

- * 4 have continued onto Master's degrees in their fields (marketing, engineering, materials science and media & film studies)
- * 1 has returned to Wiltshire to a development role with a large manufacturing company
- * Another had the option of year long placement rather than a 6-week one, so is now continuing in their final year
- * And one has gained full-time employment as a nanny and is continuing their degree (BA Hons Early Years) part-time with Norland College

These are some of the many success stories we hear when we follow up the awards we have made.