

Call for projects

- Do you know of, or are you part of a local organisation involved in social change and in need of funding?
- Do you want an opportunity to share your work with prospective funders?

If so, get in touch!

The Funding Network (TFN) is a unique opportunity for small, enterprising social change organisations to pitch their projects to prospective funders face-to-face and realise their funding on the night.

Since its inception in 2004, TFN Bristol has supported 55 local and 11 international organisations raising over £275,000 for social impact.

TFN Spotlight: Mind Your Music, awardee in 2016



Mind Your Music is a Bristol-based organisation that promotes better mental health through the creation and performance of music. TFN's award to Mind Your Music has enabled them to organise and deliver over five concerts, with 50% of the music performed by people with mental health difficulties. Presenting at TFN also enabled the organisation to grow its network; they have been approached by Salvation Army to deliver music workshops for them.

TFN Spotlight: Flamingo Chicks, awardee in 2015

Flamingo Chicks is a volunteer-led organisation that provides children with disabilities and illnesses the opportunity to enjoy ballet alongside their friends. While the children explore movement, their parents and carers benefit through a vital support network. Inundated with the demand for places, TFN's award enabled Flamingo Chicks to set up more classes for children and provide a better resourced support network for parents and carers. The award has also enabled them to unlock funding from other sources, allowing sustainable change.



How does TFN work?

TFN is an exciting face-to-face fundraising event that provides a platform for organisations to present their work to those who are interested in supporting enterprising social change locally. Applications are invited from organisations, not only registered charities, who are working towards social change. Those chosen often cover a wide spectrum and offer the audience a range of issues to donate to. Donations are conducted during a lively pledging session but can also be made anonymously on the night.

Who are we looking for?

TFN welcomes applications from organisations who are working for social change, which we define as the potential to enable enduring transformation for individuals, communities and/or society, and the environment over the long term. We do not support medical or animal-welfare projects. All applying should consider the following:

- The organisation must have a specific project in mind that requires funds of up to £4,000
- Each project requires a sponsor (this can be a trustee or a friend) who will pledge the initial £250 and should be present at the pitching event
- We will focus on projects that are working for the Bristol community and are based in Bristol
- You do not have to be registered charity but you must have clear charitable aims, culture and ethos
- You must be prepared to make a short presentation to our audience

How do you apply?

We are keen to assist even the smallest projects and so we try very hard to make it easy to apply. The key for us is to hear about your project, hear about your work so far, and hear from your sponsor. Please contact us if you have questions so we can explain what you need to do and if necessary, we will help you with your application. We can also provide support and mentoring for those who are not used to presenting to an audience.

Apply soon!
Deadline for applications is 4 August 2017

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