

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 donors face-to-face and realise their funding on the night.

Since its inception in 2004, TFN Bristol has supported 60 local and 11 international organisations raising over £300,000 for social impact.

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 of issues that the audience can 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 with the Bristol community for social change, which we define as the potential to enable enduring transformation for individuals, communities, society and the environment over the long term. We do not support medical or animal-welfare projects. All applying should consider the following:

- Organisations can apply for up to £4,000 where this small amount of money would make a useful contribution either to a particular piece of work or to the organisation's core costs
- Those who have applied to TFN Bristol before but were unsuccessful can apply again
- Only organisations working with the Bristol community can apply
- Each application requires a sponsor (this must be an individual; please see Sponsorship Guidelines for more information) who will pledge the initial £250 and should be present at the pitching event
- Organisations do not need to be registered charities but must be able to demonstrate clear charitable aims, culture and ethos
- Organisations must be prepared to make a short presentation to our audience at the pitching evening

TFN Spotlight: Tales by the Oven, awardee in 2017



Tales by the Oven creates 'pop up' experiences with a difference, working with young and adult homeless people in their hostels. Funding from TFN Bristol enabled them to develop a more sustained programme of activity with two hostels, focussed on building wood burning pizza ovens, cooking workshops, creative activities around event planning culminating in 'pop up' events that involve local neighbours and customers.

Pitching at the event has also enabled Tales by the Oven to expand their social media profile and increased business by way of catering orders.

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 also provide support and mentoring for all chosen to pitch at the fundraising event.

**Applications are available on the Quartet website:
(<https://quartetcf.org.uk/grant-programmes/the-funding-network/>)
Deadline to apply is 12 noon on Monday 30 July 2018**

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