



Makers of Playing Cards Charity

Grant Allocation October 2019

Ability North London

Supported by Lindsay Howard

Based in Hackney this charity is aimed at looking after 40 learning disabled adolescents between ages 15-29 grappling with moderate to severe disabilities including Downs Syndrome, ASD, Global Delay, and Severe Dyspraxia, just to name a few.

They have introduced a DIY Independence club which will run Sunday through Thursday for 3 hours a day and request funding for this.

Previous grants: £1,000 in 2018

They have received **£2,000** over two years

Eastside Young Leaders Academy

Supported by David Hussey

The grant is towards work advancing the education of children and young people from disadvantaged communities in East London. In particular the grant would be used towards the purchase of two large screen TV's to enhance the creative arts workshops and is a direct appeal from the student council.

Previous grants: £1,000 in 2018

They have received **£4,000** over two years

EBED

Supported by Nick Prentice

Mini- Bridge

Grant requested to train teachers to run mini-bridge in schools. Liz Dale, of the Stamford Youth Bridge Academy (SYBA) and her team run a program of teaching mini bridge in schools.

Her teaching program has been incredibly successful over the last 3 years and the team has delivered Bridge taster sessions to over 3,000 children.

Liz and EBED are now looking to arrange Mini Bridge Buddy Training sessions across the country.

Previous grants: £1,000 in 2017, £2,500 in 2018

Granted: £5,000

Bursary

Grant requested to assist attendance at weekends for young bridge players who would otherwise not be able to afford to attend.

The children and young people attending these events are given exclusive learning opportunities such as being taught by coaches of the under 26 England Squad and many of the most sought after teachers of Bridge.

Previous grant: £1,000 in 2017

Granted: £1,000

Families United Network

Supported by Tony Mallard

Based in Bedfordshire, the application is to support a weekly young adult club which runs throughout the year for people with additional needs or disabilities.

They are supported by trained staff and undertake a range of activities as well as preparation for independent living.

Previous grant: £1,000 in 2018

£2,000 over two years

Family Support Work

Supported by Tony Carter

This charity is aimed at supporting vulnerable young people aged between 5-16 years who are living in the most income deprived wards and rural areas in East Sussex.

It provides support to children with additional needs such as emotional/behavioural difficulties, learning difficulties and/or physical disabilities and some have caring responsibilities. Some are on the Child Protection Plan.

The children are introduced to a varied range of activities including archery, outdoor climbing, trampolining, swimming etc, to relieve pressure at home.

Previous grant £1,000 in 2018

£2,000 over two years

Family Trust

Supported by Rosemary Brighton

The Family Trust is a children and young people's charity based in Medway, Maidstone and Swale and was established in 1988.

The application is to fund a Wellbeing Project costing £1,450. The project will educate children and young people from a multi-angle perspective that will include basic biology, sociology, morality and psychology – all customised to be age-appropriate and on different levels of understanding.

Previous grant: £1,000 in 2018

Granted: £1,450

Island Trust

Supported by Josh Dines

Based in Plymouth this charity is asking for £1,000 towards the cost of a six-day residential sail training voyage. It aimed at young people to instil a sense of adventure and develops initiative, improves social skills, feelings of self-worth, communication skills and acts as a catalyst to engagement with education and employment.

Half of the £5,750 cost has been already raised with a projected sail around Easter 2020.

Previous grant £500 2017

£2,000 over two years

IT Schools Africa

Supported by Nick Prentice

The charity is based in Cheltenham and is asking for £1,000 x 3 years to contribute towards the cost of the UK Community Programme, specifically to train an additional five students a year for the Special Needs and Student Work Experience programme.

This provides work experience placements for young adults with a range of disabilities.

Previous grant £1,000 in 2016, £1,000 in 2017

£8,000 over four years (final)

London Symphony Orchestra

Grant towards the delivery of the **LSO Digital Technology Group**.

This is free to attend and open to all those aged 12-18 living in Hackney or Islington, regardless of prior experience. In 2018/19, it will give around 35 participants the opportunity to learn through weekly evening workshops, delivered by industry professionals and LSO musicians.

Previous grant £1,000 in 2018

£3,000 over three years

RAW Workshop

Supported by Richard Seaman

A grant is requested towards a new project called 'RAW Potential' that will specifically help change the lives of young people from a diverse range of backgrounds.

'RAW Potential' offers a broad range of support, experiences and activities which will include: one to one and group support sessions with a skilled youth worker to identify goals, address issues and encourage positive growth work experience including team working.

They are based in Buckingham.

Previous grant £1,000 in 2018

£2,000 over two years

Applications from new charities:

1st Thaxted-Carver Scout Unit

The Trustees allocated **£5,000** in May towards the cost of their new minibus, subject to them being able to raise the balance. Their fundraising was extremely successful and the grant has been paid.

Kids in Action

This charity based in Dunstable and is dedicated to supporting children, young people and young adults with special needs and disabilities, together with their families.

To date they have helped over 5,000 disabled children with weekly youth clubs and social opportunities, family weekend breaks and holidays, a range of trips, activities and social functions for families throughout the year.

Granted: £1,000

The Squad Juniors Club

Based in South Wimbledon this charity runs a weekly youth club for young people with Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND), with activities ranging from coding and cookery to sports and art.

Squad is more than just an activity club: it delivers non-formal education, promoting inclusion, empowerment and co-production. Main outcomes aimed for are increased independence, improved life skills and reduced social exclusion.

Granted: £1,000

Barbara Ide, Prime Almoner

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