

Eric Wright Charitable Foundation Funded Groups 2023/24

Group Name/ Project Name	Area	Description of project	Amount Awarded
Rolls Bowling Club/Indoor Bowling	Pendle	To increase activity for their members, hopefully inviting new members to the sessions. Each session is for two hours where they can play bowls or just meet for a brew and a friendly chat in a warm environment.	£1,000.00
Burnley Wood Community Group/Combating food Poverty	Burnley	After the successful launch of our Over 50`s Lunch club we have now extended this to the whole community as there is an overwhelming need for this. Our Xmas Luncheon is almost upon us and we are confident this will be busier than last year, indeed our last lunch event served over 50 people and we had a couple of homeless people join us which allowed us to provide additional help. We will then be able to advise our guests that the volunteers are going to open the centre on Xmas Day again for a few hours for those who may be on their own over the festive period, where we can offer a place to come and socialise and a place of warmth for a few hours. Our play and Stay club continue to grow and offers parents and carers a safe place to meet and interact with other parents and carers. Plus we provide some warm food and things like cereal and fruit for the young ones . We have over the last 12 months been able to provide food to families mainly kids at the movie nights we have in the	£1,000.00

		centre. This additional funding will help us to continue to provide future events for this part of the community and explore new avenues of where we can help.	
The Let's Talk Project/Listening service	Rossendale	The Let's Talk Project CIC is a dedicated community interest company, focused on supporting mental well-being for a diverse range of individuals. Our mission is centred on providing accessible mental health support, enhancing resilience and fostering a supportive community environment. We cater primarily to people aged 11 and over, offering a free service for those struggling with mental health, loneliness and isolation. . A cornerstone of our work is the provision of the Listening Service, where trained volunteer Listening Support Practitioners offer empathetic, non-judgmental listening, emotional support and guidance. This service is crucial for those facing mental health challenges, seeking a supportive ear.	£462.00
Rossendale Refugee Support group /Christmas & New Year Events	Rossendale	<p>We are organising an event in place of our weekly drop-in. We plan to meet at our usual drop-in time but at the Whitaker Museum café, where people will be able to meet each other in a pleasant festive environment, and also have chance to be introduced to what the museum can offer. Two of our members volunteer at the Whitaker so we hope that they will be able to help others feel comfortable using the museum.</p> <p>New Year party, 2nd January</p> <p>We are planning a party for all those who have used our group in the past year.</p> <p>The Boo, Waterfoot, have once again provided us with a room free of charge. We have volunteers who will</p>	£500.00

		offer children's entertainment, a father Christmas experience, and gifts for children. The party planning group is organising for people who wish to bring home-made food, and for the party to include children's games, a father Christmas visit, music, and dancing.	
Spectrum Inclusion Rossendale/ Social Group for LGBTQ+ and Allies	Rossendale	Provide a safe and welcoming space for LGBTQ+ people and their allies to socialise. Provide an environment which is non-judgemental where people can be themselves, ask questions, find information, and be supported. These often-marginalised members of the community need access to a space where they don't have to worry that other people are judging them or fear any harm.	£306.00
IMT Forever CIC/ LET'S GET MOVING – a stepping stone to being active	Rossendale & Burnley	We plan to work with community groups in Rossendale and Burnley to deliver movement and dance sessions to those who are less likely to attend exercise classes in settings such as gyms and leisure centres, based on barriers such as cost, location, health inequality, confidence level. The classes are designed for those who would not usually take steps towards being active. Sessions use movement and dance patterns to create bespoke dance routines, using music and themes to engage the audience and encourage co-creation, with a nurturing and empowering approach to not only deliver physical objectives but health and skill objectives too.	£500.00
Ponies for People/ Afternoon Tea with ponies	Rossendale	It is aimed at those in the local community who are living with dementia, their families, friends and carers. It involves an Afternoon tea, with sandwiches, scones, cakes etc served in our large barn, proper tea service etc. Added bonus is that we have some very gentle ponies for people to stroke, brush,	£365.00

		have photographs with as appropriate. This connection with a large animal is very powerful. It may bring back memories for some and create a new opportunity for others.	
Readstone Environment Group/ Balsam Bashing and Lunch	Burnley	Gather people together in a group, to go to a designated area where Himalayan Balsam is rife and remove by pulling the stems out of the ground and stamping on the roots, or possibly strimming the stems down to below the first growth notch. We will then meet up at the village hall for lunch and refreshments. We held a very successful Litter and Lunch event last year and it was really good to see people socialising during and after lunch. Some people live alone, so this was a chance for them to chat and socialise with people. I think that if we also get families and children to come that would help the environment practically and we would be able to chat about other environmental issues.	£250.00
South Pennine Archaeology Group/ MFN Dig (Part 2)	Rossendale	In 2020 we identified an anomaly in adjoining fields above Stacksteads, Bacup. Covid put paid to further investigation but in 2022 with help of this fund and another we raised funding for a geophysical survey. The results were exciting and to quote Peter Iles (LCC Planning Officer- Archaeology) we may 'have something of Regional or National importance.' Probably Iron Age or Romano-British we now need to get on site and get our hands dirty. We are starting with Field 1 in March and then moving to Field 2 in July (different landowners from whom we have written permission to dig).	£500.00

Drumming for Wellbeing/ ongoing Drumming Sessions	Burnley	To continue running drumming sessions, for the foreseeable future. When needed we will buy more drums and percussion instruments. We would like to in outside locations, which gives us the opportunity for our activity to be seen by others in the community, who we would encourage to join in and try drumming and perhaps recruit new members.	£990.00
Friends of Haslingden Cemetery / Volunteer Support	Rossendale	Our aim would be to hold 4 community days/Thank You events during the year for our volunteers and members to come together and celebrate their community as well as allowing them the chance to network and develop ideas and consult as to new projects within the cemetery, which is not possible to do during working days when people are spread working across several acers. Importantly it will allow the volunteers to be thanked for the estimated 3000 hours they put in each year enhancing the cemetery gardens and improving biodiversity.	£500.00
Phoenix RDA/ Volunteer Recruitment and support	Burnley	To put on an event/ open day to encourage volunteers to become part of Phoenix RDA to show what we are all about and who we as a riding for disabled group support, and how we provide that support. Also to offer support and encouragement to our current and very hard-working volunteers with a wellbeing activity day to thank you for their continued support.	£500.00
Advocate Neurodivergence Educational Consultancy/ The Neuroaffirmative	Burnley	To Train parents and teaching staff about understanding neurodivergence with a focus on meeting the needs of autistic children and young people. We would like to enhance the knowledge and	£500.00

Approach for families and schools		understanding of a neuroaffirmative approach for learners.	
Enso Creative Arts/Enable U Arts	Pendle	To run a course of mindful art sessions with adults who attend the Enable U centre, these will be 1 hour sessions in which we will explore a variety of different techniques and materials to create visual art pieces, to help increase confidence, improve wellbeing, learn new skills explore creativity as a means of expression etc.	£930.00
Spectrum of Light Rossendale/Parent & Carer Support Group for Children and Young People with Additional Needs	Rossendale	Spectrum of Light Rossendale CIC provides a community support provision based on a welcoming safe space for Parents and Carers of children and young people with Autism and additional needs. It's a non-judgemental environment, where parents can share openly, feel supported, ask questions and sign post to and share information. Through group membership, a (still growing) support network has been established and friendships have been formed providing ongoing support for one another outside of group meetings. Our closed community Facebook group (also growing) provides a platform for contact, sharing and support. The group membership has been said to 'bring the feeling of community and belonging', 'not feeling alone' and 'a much needed space to reset'. Each group is structured in a similar way to provide predictability, familiarity and consistency allowing our members to feel more at ease as parental and carer anxiety is high within our neurodivergent community.	£500.00
Pendle and Craven Croquet Club/Wellbeing Group	Pendle	Offer an opportunity via the Social Prescribing Team for vulnerable members of the community to attend hosted croquet sessions to try out the sport, meet and socialise whilst also benefiting from gentle physical exercise. The	£450.00

		aim is to enhance the participants sense of health and wellbeing.	
Rosegrove Neighbourhood Watch	Burnley	The funding will allow us to work with residents in the area, to make Hanging Baskets etc for lamp posts near the Peace Garden on Rosegrove Lane, Burnley to make the area more interesting. A Community Pop up fun day to promote the area and invite residents. Invite residents along to talk to specialist on how to improve their gardens/back yards. We will hold sessions in our new Youth and Community Hub with local elderly/disabled residents to plan the event. Design posters and leaflets for the community pop-up event. We will also run a card making workshops making cards giving residents a chance to learn new skills and a new hobby.	£1,000.00
Stacksteads Countryside Park Group/Lantern Parade	Rossendale	We would spend the money on Stacksteads Lantern Parade and workshops which have been held for the past 6 years and are a very popular event in Stacksteads. This year we intend to recycle willow frames from previous years and this money would contribute to the cost of materials for this. We will deliver workshops attended by a range of local residents and we plan to improve the park where the parade takes place by planting flowers during the summer. The parade is held in October and we provide refreshments after the event to make it a real community activity	£500.00
The Oasis/Social Supper Club	Burnley	This group will meet once a week for 2 hours in an evening. We will offer activities including Bingo, arts and crafts, games, refreshments and drinks and a light meal.	£500.00

		Total so far (the funding runs from October – September)	



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