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ARTISANS



Would you like to be part of a thriving art and social hub?

ARTISANS Studio is now open for new applicants to join our lively and creative members, in a friendly environment, where we put together some fantastic creations, in between chatting, drinking tea, sharing experiences and skills and laughing a lot.

We are not looking for the next Banksy, you do what you want, in your own time, there is no competition with other members. You can do painting, sewing, quilting, card making, jewellery and many other crafts.

One of our most important objectives is creating a down to earth and friendly atmosphere where we aim to provide a really first class facility within the local community.

ARTISANS is open from 10am to 3pm, 3 days a week, Monday/Tuesday/Thursday. Membership fees are £10 per week which will entitle you to use some of ARTISANS materials and equipment, also occasional free group outings when possible and free refreshments.

For further information, or a free taster session, please pop along to UNIT 2 at the Enterprise Centre, Brougham Terrace, Hartlepool, have a look, a chat and a coffee/tea, you will be more than welcome, or call us on 01429-892060.

North East Charity Awards



ChronicleLive | TeessideLive

BE PART OF IT

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER, 2022
THE FED, GATESHEAD

TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT:
WWW.NORTHEASTCHARITYAWARDS.CO.UK

#NECharityAwards

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The graphic features a map of the North East region of England, with different areas colored in green, purple, and orange. The background is dark blue with faint icons related to charity and awards.

The Annual [North East Charity Awards](#) celebrate charities, the voluntary sector and the people and companies that support them. They celebrate, showcase and shine a light on the region's top charities, as well as charity leaders and individual fundraisers. The awards give us all a fantastic opportunity to thank the organisations that do so much to help people in our region. The charity and voluntary sector has never been more important to our region - so enter the awards and make sure they get the recognition they deserve.

This year's celebration evening will take place on Wednesday 19th October at [The Fed in Gateshead](#) - come along and join us!

Find out how to enter or nominate charities at www.northeastcharityawards.co.uk.

Book your tickets by clicking [here](#).

LARCH

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[LARCH](#) is the Local Access Redcar, Cleveland and Hartlepool programme which aim to enable local people and communities to thrive through a vibrant, inclusive, resilient and economically productive social enterprise and community ownership sector.

To keep updated with LARCH sign up to their newsletter - <https://www.larch-ne.org/index.php/larch-live/#newsletter>



LARCH invites you to our free event

'Social Enterprise Conference'

13th July 2022 - 10.00 - 12.30 pm
Council Chamber, Redcar and Cleveland Leisure and Community Heart
Redcar

LARCH stands for Local Access
Redcar & Cleveland and Hartlepool

- Are you an individual or a group working at turning what you love into sales for good or already delivering social good,
- This conference offers you the chance to connect, hear success stories from a fresh perspective and find out the unique opportunity LARCH offers

www.larch-ne.org

'Social Enterprise Conference', 13th July [Redcar and Cleveland Social Enterprise Conference Tickets, Wed 13 Jul 2022 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)



LARCH invites you to our free event

'What is Social Enterprise and is it for you?'

18th July 2022 - 10.00 – 12.30 pm
Hartlepool Central Hub, 124 York Rd,
Hartlepool TS26 9DE
to book: <https://bit.ly/30Djc38>

hello@larch-ne.org

LARCH stands for Local Access Redcar & Cleveland and Hartlepool

- **Learn how LARCH can help you and meet the LARCH team**
- **Showcasing local innovative social enterprises**
- **in Hartlepool**
- **Opportunity to network with like minded people**

www.larch-ne.org

'What is Social Enterprise and is it for you?', LARCH event Hartlepool 18th July
– to book <https://bit.ly/30Djc38>

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16th July: [Tea for Trussell](#)

[Hartlepool Foodbank](#) and [All Saints Church](#), Stranton are excited to announce that on Saturday 16th July at 2pm-4pm we will be holding our Tea for Trussell event at All Saints Church, Stranton. All are welcome!

A cup of tea is at the heart of our food bank. The warm welcome of a cup of tea has the power to spark conversation and offer support to people coming into



Join Hartlepool Foodbank for a
Fundraising Tea Party!
16th July 2022
2pm-4pm
All Saints Church, Stranton, Hartlepool

Tickets: £8 Prosecco & afternoon tea
£5 tea/coffee afternoon tea
£1 per child

Contact: info@hartlepool.foodbank.org.uk
for tickets

the food bank, while helping to uncover and address the underlying issues of why someone needs our support.

We are hosting a ticketed afternoon tea. The Prosecco afternoon tea is £8 and includes a glass of prosecco and traditional afternoon tea with tea or coffee is £5 per ticket. You are very welcome to bring children for their own afternoon tea with juice for £1 per child.

They will also be hosting a bake sale so those who want to pop in and support can buy takeaway treats. If you can't attend but would still like to support our Foodbank, please donate to our Just Giving page for this event:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hartlepool-tea-for-trussell>

For further details or tickets, please contact Hartlepool Foodbank (info@hartlepool.foodbank.org.uk) or HFB Secretary, Finola (finola.andelic@gmail.com)



19th July: Sector Connector 66 on Zoom

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158404453?pwd=YithOWVQY20xNTBXLzltMnFmRSt2QT09>

Add event to calendar by selecting your calendar option below:





21st July - VCSEP Capability Building Events

VCS Emergencies Partnership Capability Building Events

Thursday 21 July 2022

Find out more details on the three events being ran by clicking [here](#).

1. Local Resilience Forums (LRFs)
2. The impact of emergencies on deaf and hard of hearing communities
3. Impact of the cost of living crisis on communities

Click [here](#) to register for any of the events.

21st July - 10am-12pm CLIP AGM

[CLIP](#)'s annual general meeting is taking place on Thursday 21st July 10am-12pm at [CECA](#).

Here they will present their annual report as well as inviting CLIP members to be a part of a steering group.

The event will have its own BSL interpreter and should any additional needs for attendance be needed, please email: enquiries@clip.uk.com

CLIP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
(AGM) 2022
THURS 21ST JULY
10AM - 12 NOON
CECA
KING OSWY DRIVE
TS24 9PB



They are also inviting members to put their names forward to sit on the CLIP steering group. 4 places are available including Chairperson, secretary and treasurer. if you would like to express your interest in one of these roles, please contact Tracie Bestford at enquiries@clip.uk.com or call 07457 401686



2nd August: Sector Connector 67 live at Greenbank

Add event to calendar by selecting your calendar option below:



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We have plenty of rooms available for functions and new spaces available in [Hartlepower Hubs 1 & 2](#). If you are interested in finding out more information, please get in touch with Clair Gilbraith via: ClairGilbraith@hartlepower.co.uk or call 01429 806 400 and select option 2.

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Donna Stone - [Community Hubs](#)


Donna aims to give social opportunities to community members of all ages throughout the town of Hartlepool from the Community Hubs. Given the prevalence of Covid on babies and toddlers, extra care has gone into producing groups for them and their parents to develop sharing and play skills. They are also a beneficiary of the [HAF fund](#) which on the 18th July events paired with breakfasts for children will be announced here.

Get in touch: Donna.stone@hartlepool.gov.uk

Tracy Harvey - [Volunteer Coordinator](#)

Tracy has been working hard to produce the [Tees Valley Volunteer Charter](#). Across the Tees Valley, it is hoped that the charter will be seen as a commitment from organisations to provide relevant information and support to the volunteers of their organisation. To ask questions or find out some more information, get in touch with Tracy.

Get in touch: tracy.harvey@hartlepool.gov.uk

TEES VALLEY VOLUNTEER CHARTER	
 TEES VALLEY Infrastructure Partnership #SupportingCommunities	
1: Volunteering is meaningful and impactful	- roles are created where volunteers can make an impact on the aims and objectives of the organisation and/or achieve self-development.
2: Volunteering is welcoming and accessible	- our volunteering opportunities are flexible and take account of an individual's motivations, needs and availability.
3: Valuing our volunteers	- our volunteers are recognised and valued by our staff, trustees, and service users and we have ways of acknowledging and celebrating their commitment and achievements.
4: Volunteers have a good experience volunteering with us	- our volunteers feel part of the organisation and are integrated into our work and ethos.
5: Recruiting our volunteers	- our recruitment processes are fair, equitable and accessible.
6: Safe environment	- we have the relevant insurances, policies and practices in place that protect our volunteers and appropriate safeguarding and risk assessments to keep them safe. Volunteers receive a clear and appropriate induction.
7: Good practice	- we have appropriate policies and procedures in place for managing volunteers and our volunteers are aware of these.
8: Support for our volunteers	- our volunteers receive regular support to enable them to carry out their volunteering role and are supervised throughout their time with us.
9: Learning and development	- our volunteers are provided with an appropriate induction and receive training that is relevant to their volunteering role. Further opportunities for personal development are offered should they wish to pursue this.
10: A positive and managed exit	- volunteers are thanked for their service and feel the time they have given is appreciated. Support is offered to identify alternative opportunities where appropriate.

Tony Leighton - [Healthwatch Hartlepool](#)

Healthwatch Hartlepool have recently moved into the upstairs of Hartlepower's Hub 2. They aim to enable patients of services to have their voices heard. Their work has been extended to perform visits and collect data of opinions on services by their users confidentially. Recently their work has seen them collate data from the [McKenzie medical group](#) to use in the proposed closing of Hartfields Medical practice. If you'd like to find out more, get in touch or check out their website [here](#).

Get in touch: tony@healthwatchhartlepool.co.uk

Nicola Falconer - [Project Choice](#)

A supported internship college, Project Choice offer support for individuals with learning difficulties between 16-24 to attain English and maths A-levels, find employability skills and find work placements around the North East. Nicola is looking for organisations who could offer placements (especially in retail). Their success rate with clients has jumped from 83%-94%.

Get in touch: nicola.falconer@hee.nhs.uk

Partner with Project Choice

Join Project Choice and become a partner to provide invaluable work experience and supported internship placements for young people with learning disabilities/difficulties and/ or Autism.

What is Project Choice?

Project Choice is a specialist College providing tailored educational support, and a **supported internship course** for young adults aged 16-24 with learning disabilities/difficulties and/ or Autism.

We partner with NHS healthcare settings, local organisations and private businesses to create supported work environments to provide real work experience for our Interns.

Our support is tailored to each Intern, based on their skills and interests. Interns spend 1 year learning math, English and employability skills and attend up to three, 12-week placements with a Project Choice Partner.

The College is supported by the NHS as part of the ongoing commitment to improving employment outcomes for vulnerable groups.

The Benefits

Local & National Business

- Additional Staff Support and support for your business.
- Free training on disability awareness and mentoring
- Support with Access to work applications
- Direct links to the local community and the NHS.

NHS Trusts

- Additional staff support.
- Meets the Talent for Care agenda to increase employment for vulnerable groups.
- Project Choice and Supported Internships are included in the NHS 5 year strategic plan.
- Labour and skills support for an already stretched NHS workforce.

The Intern should cost
£0.00



And should always be of benefit to your business

www.hee.nhs.uk

We work with partners to plan, recruit, educate and train the health workforce.

The support we provide

We know that supporting Interns can be daunting and we are here to help you.

We support our partners and Interns by:

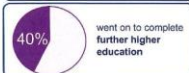
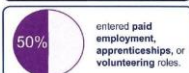
- Training designated staff within your organisation to be **Mentors**
- Working with you to create bespoke roles and responsibilities that match the interns skills and also the needs of the business.
- Conducting weekly or fortnightly reviews to ensure the quality of the placement for both your business and the Intern.
- Being available at any point to assist with any issues that arise from the placement.
- Provide a one to one Job coach on site when required.
- Direct contact to a local Project Choice Coordinator and Area Manager

Additional support available to Partners

- Organisational training including Mental Health first Aid, Autism Awareness, Job Coaching and Training in Systemic Instruction.
- Assistance with Disability Confident Applications
- Applications to nationally recognised Employability Awards.

The Project Choice Impact

In 2020 – 2021 academic year, Project Choice Interns



Our Locations

We are growing every year. Contact us, to find out more how to start a Project Choice group in your area.

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| North <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darlington • Durham • Hartlepool • Middlesbrough and Redcar • Newcastle • North Tyneside • Northumberland • South Tyneside • Stockton • Sunderland | South <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hampshire • Hertfordshire • Portsmouth • Southampton |
| Yorkshire and Humber <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • York/ East Riding • Sheffield/ Rotherham • Doncaster • Lincolnshire | London <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnet • Brent • Camden • Ealing • Harrow • Haringey • Hillingdon • Islington |

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 Project Choice Supported Internship
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Code Reader website



Health Education England

www.hee.nhs.uk

We work with partners to plan, recruit, educate and train the health workforce.

Barbara Ward - [Hartlepool Holistic Wellbeing Centre](#)

The Hartlepool Holistic Wellbeing Centre is one arm of the [Alice House Hospice](#) group.

They aim to offer therapeutic interventions through a range of holistic activities designed

to promote self-healing and restoration of psychological, emotional, social, spiritual and physical equilibrium. They offer CMA accredited training in these fields as well as run weekend retreats in addition to their other work. They also host the [Craft Angels](#) every Friday morning. To find out what's on at the centre, click [here](#).

Get in touch: BWard@alicehousehospice.co.uk

Victoria Alton - [Tees Valley Sport](#)

Tees Valley Sport work on ground level with individuals to help make physical activities more accessible. As such they are hoping to redefine what being active is to destigmatise the term and show everybody that anyone is capable of doing some physical activity. They work with non traditional sports organisations to achieve this goal. Despite them being nationally funded, the group is community driven and as such is hoping to make contact with organisations who engage with lots of people. One example of their work is encouraging the set up of walking groups within organisations to promote activity for audiences who may not be 'active' in the traditional sense.

Get in touch: v.auton@tees.ac.uk

Gil Parker - [Alice House Hospice](#) - **Like a Dad**

Like a Dad is for Dads and men with parental responsibility's. A place to talk and receive advice and signposting, Gil offers to create groups of activities that would interest the dad's if none are on offer. They are based throughout the North, South and Central Hubs. Some of these include, mechanics, DIY, plumbing and dance. Gil also assists in running Belle Vue youth club, open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in two groups one for 5-11's and one for 11-19 year olds.

Get in touch: gparker@alicehousehospice.co.uk

Peter Robinson - **Communications Coordinator for** [Centre for Excellence in Creative Arts](#)

[CECA](#) are featuring a new open door policy where anyone can come along and see what's on offer, which includes but is not limited to; a dance studio, TV studio, recording studio and theatre. Tours are also on offer by contacting Peter, but they are hopeful to get local community groups from the area involved in the running of activities within the hub.

Get in touch: Peter.Robinson@hartlepool.gov.uk

Nancy Pout - Community-Led Business Support, [Hartlepower](#)


Hartlepool's first Community-Led Business Roadshow!

Introducing the town's first Community-Led Business Roadshow showcasing 4 businesses who offer services that can be tailored to your needs.

S will be joined by [Woodturning workshop, Hartlepool](#), [Fiona Marston Artisan Jewellery and Felt Maker](#), [Simply Bonsai](#) and [Jemma Louise Academy](#), who will be demonstrating what their businesses can offer you!

Get in touch: nancypout@hartlepower.co.uk

COMMUNITY-LED
BUSINESS ROADSHOW



COMMUNITY-LED BUSINESS DEMOS

WED 13 JULY 2-3 DENNIS WAKE
WOODTURNING HARTLEPOOL
WED 20 JULY 10-11 FIONA MARSTON
ARTISAN HANDICRAFTS
THURS 28 JULY 10-11 RACHAEL BUDD
SIMPLY BONSAI
FRI 4 AUG 11-12 JEMMA FLOUNDERS
BALLROOM DANCING

ROSSMERE YOUTH CENTRE
ROSSMERE WAY
HARTLEPOOL

COMMUNITY-LED BUSINESS ROADSHOW



COMMUNITY-LED BUSINESS DEMOS

FRI 15 JULY 11-12 JEMMA FLOUNDERS
BALLROOM DANCING
WED 20 JULY 2-3 DENNIS WAKE
WOODTURNING HARTLEPOOL
WED 27 JULY 10-11 FIONA MARSTON
ARTISAN HANDICRAFTS
TUES 2 AUG 12-1 RACHAEL BUDD
SIMPLY BONSAI

GREATHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
FRONT STREET, GREATHAM
HARTLEPOOL

COMMUNITY-LED BUSINESS ROADSHOW



COMMUNITY-LED BUSINESS DEMOS

THURS 14 JULY 10-11 RACHAEL BUDD
SIMPLY BONSAI
FRI 22 JULY 11-12 JEMMA FLOUNDERS
BALLROOM DANCING
WED 27 JULY 2-3 DENNIS WAKE
WOODTURNING HARTLEPOOL
WED 3 AUG 10-11 FIONA MARSTON
ARTISAN HANDICRAFTS

COMMUNITY HUB CENTRAL
YORK ROAD
HARTLEPOOL

Juli Simons - [Hartlepower](#)

Community transformation proposal draft

[Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys Mental Health Trust](#) (TEWV) is radically rethinking how to

support people experiencing emotional distress – through its Community Transformation programme. Together with Hartlepool’s voluntary & community sector and [Hartlepool Borough Council](#) – views are being sought about how to test out different approaches to supporting people. A Hartlepool-wide network of non-medical, emotional support hubs is proposed – a model designed to reduce distress & risk, empower people and give people choices about what works for them. Collaborative approaches and ideas are sought about how to provide such community-led, locally-based, support options for people. Read on for further details and have your say. If you have any feedback, please send it in to Neil Harrison at Neil.Harrison_1@hartlepool.gov.uk by the 15th July.

Get in touch: Julisimons@hartlepower.co.uk

[Download the Community Transformation Proposal](#)

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Alice House Hospice
Serving the communities of
Hartlepool & East Durham

[Alice House Hospice](#)

Alice House Hospice employs a combination of over 120 part-time and full-time staff dedicated to providing people living in the Hartlepool and East Durham area with high quality care and support.

To see all of their available job vacancies, click [here](#).



Community Volunteering in Hartlepool

If you have some time to spare and would like to help people in our community, then we'd love to hear.

Please get in touch here:

Community.Volunteering@hartlepool.gov.uk

or learn more about their Facebook for any recent volunteer vacancies [here](#).

Your Views: Consultation and Feedback

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Join the conversation.

Complete our Community Survey! 2022

Tell us...

- What you think of Cleveland Police.
- What you think our policing priorities should be in YOUR neighbourhood.
- How well are we doing and what we can improve on.

Scan the QR code to complete the survey before July 17 2022.



There are also 10 £50 Amazon vouchers up for grabs...

To request a paper copy of the survey, please e-mail PerformanceAnalysis@cleveland.pnn.police.uk or call 01642 301610 and we'll post one out for you to fill in and send back to us.

Cleveland Police Community Survey

Cleveland Police want your views on their services, what you think their policing priorities should be and what they can improve on within their service.

The last day for entries is the 17th July so be sure to get your entries in.

Scan the QR code on the picture or click [here](#) to complete their survey.

A Selection of Funding Opportunities

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Community Partnering Fund (Grant – North)

Up to £10,000 per year for up to 2 years. Incorporated community groups*. Deadline August 2nd, 2022.

*Small, unincorporated and unregistered groups can apply for a maximum of £5k, if their annual income is less than £10k and the grant does not take them above this threshold.

Leeds Community Foundation is working with Northern Powergrid to enable community organisations to deliver schemes that tackle priority issues. The fund will focus on supporting innovative approaches to delivering sustainable initiatives that help, educate and support communities to do the following:

- Alleviate hardship associated with fuel poverty and promote innovative energy-related environmental impact and energy efficiency.
- Support Community Hubs with crisis planning.
- Develop learning pathways/support in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths subjects and related career opportunities.
- Support communities to lower their carbon footprint.

Of particular interest are applications that seek to help those less likely to access support or who are vulnerable.

Find out more [here](#).



[Barchester Healthcare Foundation](#) (Grant – England, Scotland and Wales)

£100 - £5,000. VCSE/individuals via third party. No deadline.

The foundation helps older people (aged 65+) and adults with a disability. The focus is on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community, and consideration is given to applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged.

The foundation supports small community groups and local charities with:

- activity projects
- equipment and materials for use by members
- member transport
- day trips, outings and group holidays in the UK

Find out more [here](#).

[The PFC Trust](#) aims to improve the lives and life chances of the people of Hartlepool.

We aim to do this by providing donations, grants and scholarships to organisations and individuals whose work benefits the people of Hartlepool and meets at least one of our charitable objects.

Click [here](#) to find out more.



[Greggs Foundation - North East Core Funding](#)

The programme supports organisations in the North East of England in the counties of Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Durham and Teesside that work in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods or organisations that support otherwise disadvantaged people.

How much can we can give?

We can give up to £20,000 per annum for up to three years, resulting in a maximum grant size of £60,000. We look for organisations that can demonstrate one or more of the following outcomes if successful with a grant.

- New and/or improved programmes/services
- Improved organisational sustainability
- Increased number of beneficiaries reached
- Maintained delivery of programmes/services



Click [here](#) to find out more.

[National Lottery Awards for All England](#)

A quick way to apply for smaller amounts of funding between £300 and £10,000. Suitable for voluntary or community organisations. Funding size £300 to £10,000, for up to one year.

Click [here](#) to find out more.



[The Community Foundation](#) are offering grants out to community led businesses in the near future to help in tackling issues around employability; debt management; food poverty, homelessness, social isolation, and the environment find out more and apply for funding.

Click [here](#) to find out more.



[The Fore](#) currently offers grants of up to £30,000 over 1-3 years.

The Fore is particularly looking to fund small organisations working with marginalised groups and led by people in the community that may have found it hard to access trust and foundation funding in the past. We want to be different. Our funding process is specifically designed to level the playing field and give no advantage to those with fundraising experience or connections.

Any registered charity, CIC, CIO or Community Benefit Society with turnover of under £500,000 in the last financial year is eligible to apply.

To find out more, click [here](#).

To find out more, click [here](#).

TESCO

Community Grants

[Tesco Community Grants](#) is open to charities and community organisations to apply for a grant of up to £1,500. Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK.

Grants will be awarded to voluntary or community organisations (including registered charities/companies), schools, health bodies (e.g. Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), NHS Hospital Trust, Foundation Trust), Parish/Town Councils, local authorities and social housing providers.

Applications are open to all local good causes, but we are currently prioritising helping projects that support food security, children and young people and local store nominated good causes.

To find out more click [here](#).

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Hartlepool College of Further Education

Get ahead with a FREE qualification as part of the Lifetime Skills Guarantee. These specialist qualifications are FREE for adults who have yet to complete a Level 3 qualification with great career progression opportunities in a wide range of sectors. Any adult aged 19 and over, who does not already have a level 3 qualification (equivalent to an advanced technical certificate or diploma, or A levels) or higher, can access hundreds of fully funded level 3 courses.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

[Hartlepool Learning and Skills](#) - National Skills Fund

The National Skills Fund is a learning initiative, set up by the government, that provides fully-funded courses to adult learners up to Level 3.

Any adult aged 19 and over, who does not already have a level 3 qualification (equivalent to an advanced technical certificate or diploma, or A levels) or higher, can access hundreds of fully funded level 3 courses.

The qualifications have been identified to help adults improve their job prospects. They have good wage outcomes and can address skills needs in the economy, delivering a wide range of skills in many jobs and sectors.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

"The world hates change, yet it's the only thing that has brought happiness"

Charles F. Kettering