



DCMS Know Your Neighbourhood Workshop

26 April 2023



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Introduction

Know Your Neighbourhood Fund is multi-year funding running until March 2025

Priorities:

Supporting meaningful & impactful volunteering, and increasing volunteer engagement

Helping people to connect locally & reduce loneliness and social isolation

Learning fund, key aspect is about evaluation

First round of funding distributed £130,000

There is £1.1million for Year 2/3

Partnerships/consortiums encouraged

Know Your Neighbourhood Fund Objectives

The Know Your Neighbourhood Fund is also about learning. This means that the evaluation aspect of the funding is key. Any group applying must ensure their project fulfils one of the following objectives:

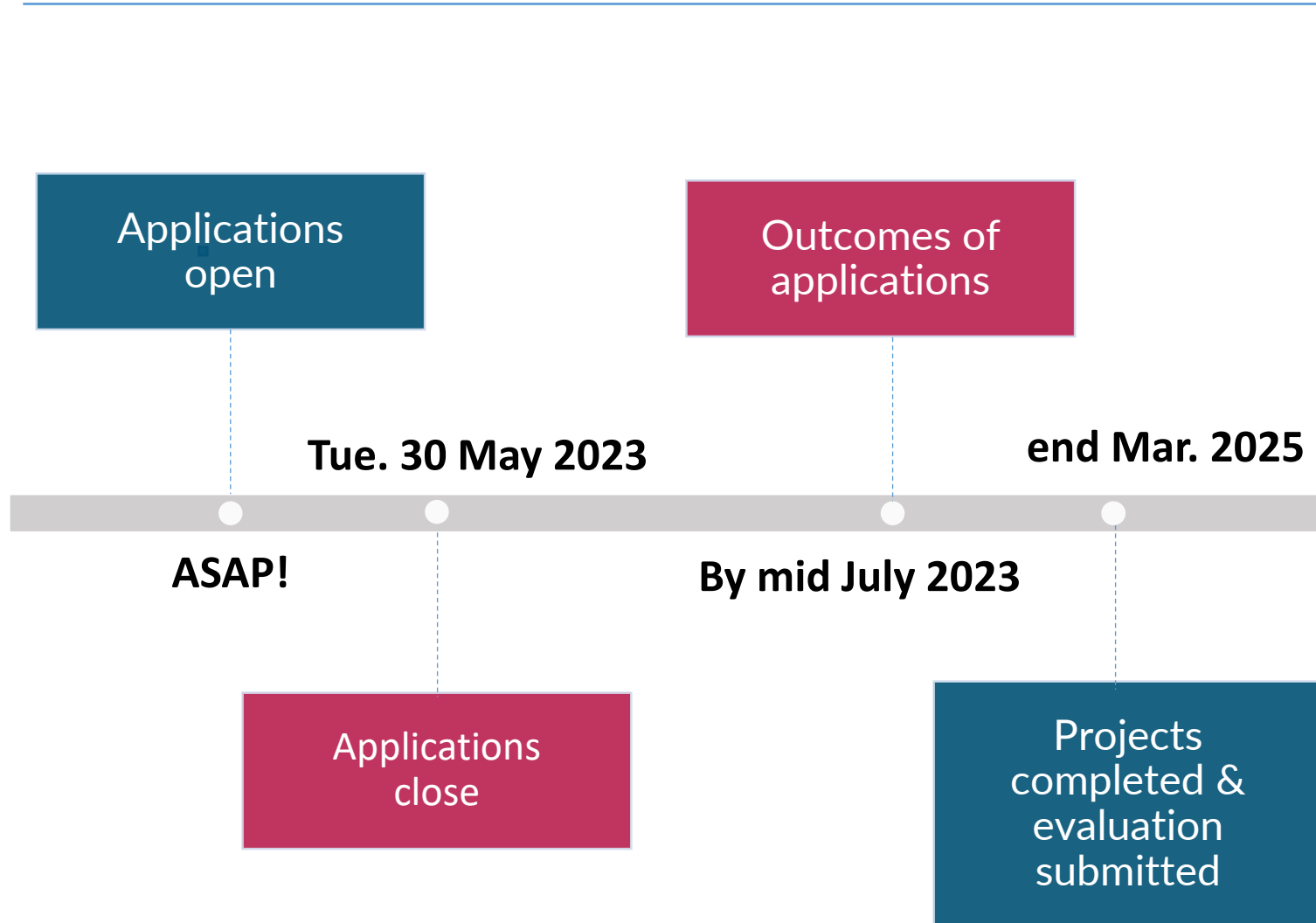
To build the evidence to identify scalable and sustainable place-based interventions that work in increasing regular volunteering and reducing chronic loneliness.

To increase the proportion of people who volunteer at least once a month.

To reduce the proportion of chronically lonely people who lack desired level of social connections.

To enable the local voluntary and community sectors to implement sustainable systems and processes that encourage volunteering and tackle loneliness.

Timeline



Size of grants

Large Grants
Up to £150,000

Medium Grants
Up to £50,000

Small Grants
Between £10,000 -
£20,000

Thinking about evaluation

Because of the learning aspect of this fund, when designing your project you should consider how you will gather evidence that shows

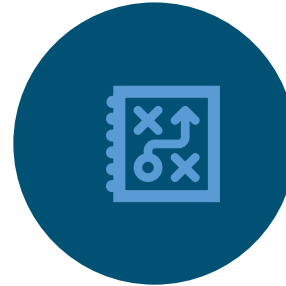
- What works
- Why it works
- Who it works for
- How it can work in another area
- Whether it can expand to benefit more people



Evaluation with a local evaluator



A lot of the evaluation will be carried out by a **local evaluator**



They will implement an evaluation strategy that works for successful projects



They will work directly with you and your team



They will pass this on to a regional evaluator called **Forever Consulting**

Evaluation you will be involved in



Financial monitoring information



Impact Learning via interview/ focus group or completing a form.



Common Minimum Dataset Monitoring

Numbers of:

Activities

Beneficiaries reached

Volunteering opportunities created

Frequency and duration of participants' involvement

Regularity of volunteering



Outcomes Measurement Dataset Monitoring

Loneliness

Wellbeing

Skills

Confidence

Pride in place



Two Ridings
Community Foundation

Evaluation you will be involved in



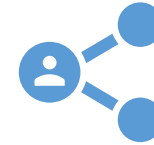
**Learning
workshops
with other
funded projects**



**Interviews
about processes**



**Completing
surveys**



**Providing access
to participant
contact details**



**Identifying
examples of
best practice**



Two Ridings
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Types of evaluation methods

To understand what works, why it works and who it works for, the Know Your Neighbourhood fund is also evaluating projects in greater depth. Questions asked in the application will assess how your project can be further evaluated using these approaches. Only a few will use the complex experimental approach.

Experimental approach (QED)

Aims to discover whether a project is directly responsible for any changes using a comparison group

Contribution analysis

Evaluating a project where there isn't a comparison group showing a project has made an important contribution to the outcomes

Observations

Observing participants whilst they are taking part in a project

Action Research

Ongoing research requiring high levels of interaction and reflection from staff and beneficiaries

Joining the gaps in Hull - Volunteering Support

Time 2 Volunteer

Putting Volunteers at the Heart of Volunteering - <https://time2volunteer.org/>

Equivalent of Indeed for Volunteering in the Hull and East Riding Area - led by Hull CVS and HEY Smile

- *Launched in September 2022*
- *Volunteer Management resources available to groups*
- *Campaigns and Events*

To date:
122 organisations registered
247 volunteer roles advertised

March stats 2023:
678 unique visitors to the site



Volunteer Manager and Coordinators Network

A forum for Volunteer Managers and Co-ordinators to come together and share:

- Best Practice
- Opportunities
- Access Training
- Request Non-judgemental advice and guidance

Face to face bi-monthly meetings

88
Organisations
Signed up to the
network

Hull Volunteer Centre

Hull CVS run Hull's Volunteer Centre from The Strand Beverley Road

Completed the New Volunteer Centre Quality Accreditation – One of five in the UK

This means we have been quality assured for :

- **Strategic Development of Volunteering**
- **Good Practice Development**
- **Brokerage**
- **Developing volunteering opportunities**
- **Voice of volunteering**

*Volunteer Centre advisor appointments available to the public
– Monday PM, Wednesday and Friday AM.*

Loneliness Support

Be Connected Network

Established during the pandemic to bring together organisations who are working together toward eradicating loneliness and the long term effects of loneliness within the communities of Hull and surrounding area.

The areas of focus are:

- Grow our understanding of the issues around loneliness and isolation
- Provide a space to share ideas and good practice in addressing loneliness and isolation
- Collate training available to address loneliness and isolation
- Develop a joint communications approach to raising awareness in the issue of loneliness and isolation

Quarterly meeting - 45 members

Older Peoples Partnership Hull and East Riding

This is a multi-agency partnership promote the needs of older people, coordinating and improving existing services in the region.

- Bi-Monthly network for groups supporting older people to come together.
- Develop the annual creativity the Celebration of Older People Week, organised and run by the charity.

The role of Sector Connect in Hull

Sector Connect Hull is a partnership between Hull CVS and Forum to provide free support, advice and guidance to all voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations working in Hull

- Our work is currently funded by Hull City Council and we are planning a joint bid to Know Your Neighbourhood to extend and build on this –*bidding on same terms as everyone else*
- Hull CVS may also be part of other Know Your Neighbourhood bids in their capacity as the city's volunteering infrastructure body
- Supporting and facilitating partnerships is a key part of Sector Connect's work



Support available from Sector Connect

- Helping Two Ridings to plan information workshops and consultations as part of Know Your Neighbourhood Fund
- Helping smaller groups to get involved and make connections
- Providing advice on partnership working and developing partnership agreements
- Offering help with formulating bids to the fund including understanding evaluation requirements
- If successful with our application – providing training, advice, mediation etc. to funded projects



Partnership working

Can bring many benefits, including some specific to this programme:

- Shared knowledge and expertise
- Potential for smaller organisations to benefit from mentoring and improved opportunities
- Can bring together resources and capacity of larger organisations with the skills and reach into communities that smaller organisations have
- Prevents duplication and competition over resources
- Prepares organisations for partnerships and consortia working, which is only going to increase



Partnership Agreements

Sector Connect can support groups to develop an agreement for this fund or others, which may include things like:

- Delivery aims and objectives
- Names of partners and key contacts
- Scope and scale of partnership – what it includes, what it doesn't
- Key deliverables – who is doing what
- Reporting – how is data gathered and shared
- Communication e.g. is there a steering group?
- Governance and accountability
- Conflict resolution – what will you do if things go wrong
- Project plans including milestones, targets and timescales (usually an appendix)



Group collaboration – Speed dating!

Could you collaborate with other groups in Hull around these topics and more:



Befriending and Buddying



Volunteer coordination



Digital support



Impact measurement

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