



# DCMS Know Your Neighbourhood Workshop

26 April 2023



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# Introduction

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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

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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:

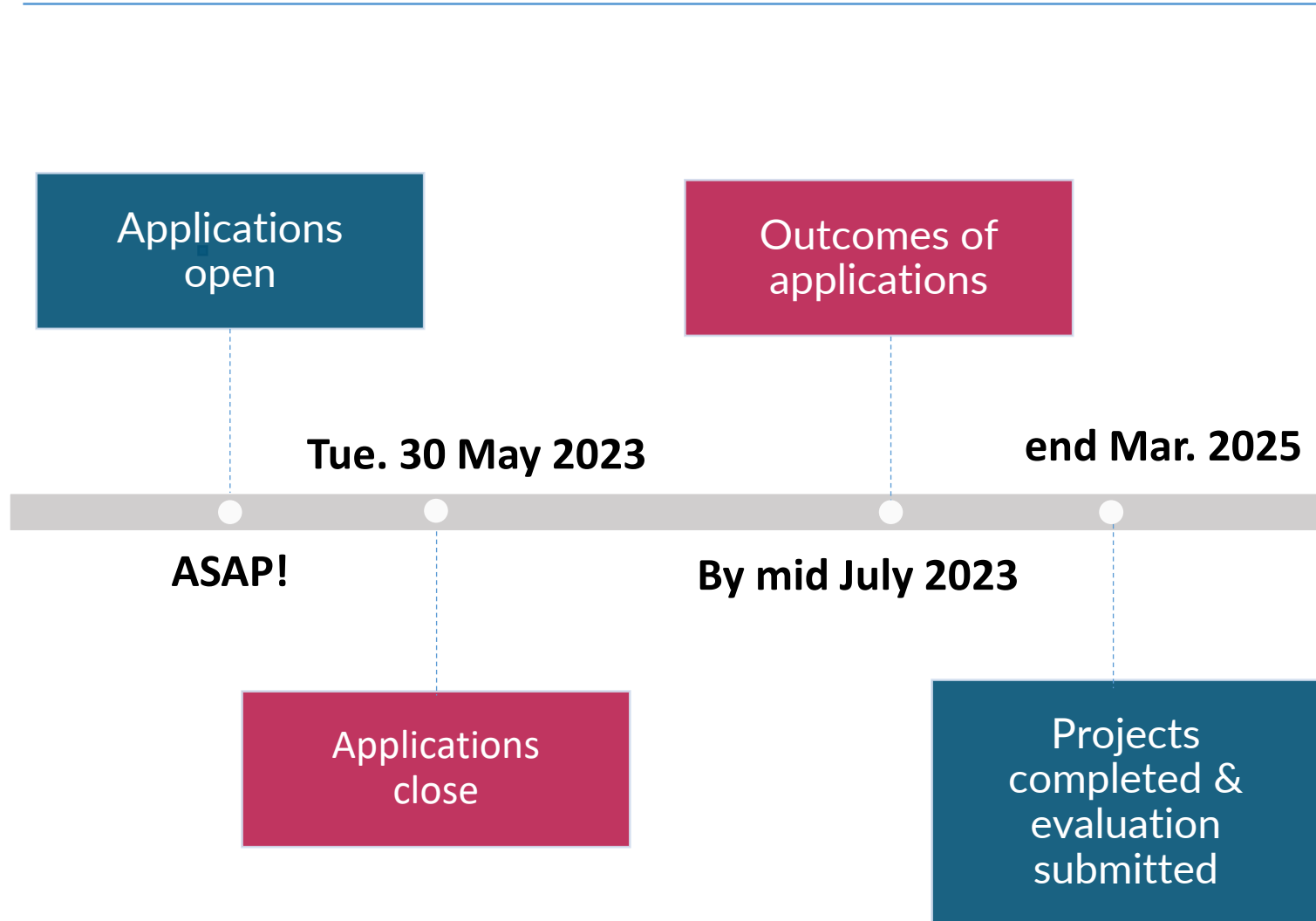
To build the evidence to identify scalable and sustainable place-based interventions that work in increasing regular volunteering and reducing chronic loneliness.

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

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Large Grants  
Up to £150,000

Medium Grants  
Up to £50,000

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

# Thinking about evaluation

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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

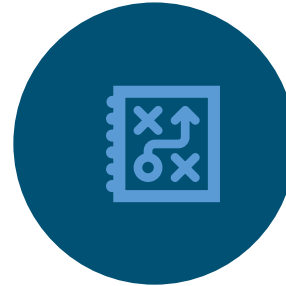


# Evaluation with a local evaluator

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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

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**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

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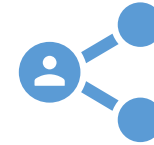
**Learning  
workshops  
with other  
funded projects**



**Interviews  
about processes**



**Completing  
surveys**



**Providing access  
to participant  
contact details**



**Identifying  
examples of  
best practice**



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# Types of evaluation methods

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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

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## 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

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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

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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

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## 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

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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

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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

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- 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

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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

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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!

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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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