

Inspiring Local Giving

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Local family boosts support

Last spring Professor and Mrs Hans Rausing were the first individuals to set up a named fund at Sussex Community Foundation to support projects which address the root causes of problems in Sussex.

Professor and Mrs Rausing were so pleased with our service that they decided to double their fund from £50,000 to £100,000 per year.

Mrs Rausing also hopes this vote of confidence will encourage other donors to join The Foundation in meeting the needs of Sussex.

Recent grants from the fund include:
Mediation Plus - £5,000 to deliver mediation services and positive parenting advice.

West Sussex Learning Links - £5,000 to support their work with adults with learning difficulties.

A fantastic first year

Thanks to our generous donors we have been able to award a fantastic £127,000 to community groups in Sussex in our first year.

The average grant award was £2,800 which made a real difference to the recipients who were mostly small groups.

Nearly half of our grant recipients ran their groups or projects on less than £30,000 per year.

Most of the groups could not exist without the dedication and commitment of their volunteers. 80% of grant recipients employed two or less full time staff and 62% of did not employ any full time staff.

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Hangleton Time Travellers

Hangleton & Knoll Medieval Festival received a boost with a grant of £3,500 from the Marit & Hans Rausing Fund at The Foundation.

The Festival will be held on the 9th and 10th of June at Greenleas Recreation Ground.

It aims to 'bring history to life' with living history camps, medieval cookery demonstrations and a series of exciting battle re-enactments.

Details of our funds and all of our grants can be found at www.sussexgiving.org.uk

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“Without the help of The Foundation we would not have been able to continue”

- Linda Hallums, Downland Village Lunch Group

When they were forced to relocate to new premises Downland Village Lunch Group needed to buy catering equipment that had previously been provided.

The group enables people who are housebound to get out, meet others and enjoy a tasty roast meal. Many live alone and the monthly lunches offer a chance to make friends. The experience is also rewarding for the committed volunteers who provide the transport and prepare the meals.

With a grant from the Marit and Hans Rausing Fund the group were able to purchase large pots, roasting dishes and the seersucker tablecloths to add the finishing touches.

Supporting the Arts



A grant to Brighton Festival from the American Express Fund will support “Breaking Convention” a performance by the International Festival of Hip Hop Dance Theatre at Brighton Dome. It will be the company’s only UK performance.

Now in its 41st year, Brighton Festival is the country’s biggest mixed arts festival with a varied programme of theatre, dance, music, books & debate, children’s and family shows and outdoor events.

Celebrating Success



The first in our series of “Success in Sussex” events took place at the Wine Studies Centre at Plumpton College.

Successful business leaders from across the County, joined us to learn more about The Foundation and to celebrate the success of award-winning Sussex wines.

Guests enjoyed a tour of the winery and a chance to sample wines from award winning local vineyards and to enjoy a buffet of tasty Sussex produce.

Plumpton College kindly sponsored the event.

In January we introduced ourselves to Sussex MPs and Peers at a reception at the House of Commons.

The turnout was impressive with 10 Sussex MPs and 17 Peers attending between business in the House.

Feedback following the event has been positive with many guests agreeing to act as ambassadors for The Foundation

Become an SCF Trustee

Our trustees are vital to our success. The role is voluntary and requires some time commitment but is very rewarding.

We currently have trustee vacancies and would particularly welcome applicants who live in Brighton & Hove; from the business sector and from Black and minority ethnic communities.

If you can bring a mix of skills, experience and contacts we want to hear from you.

Contact Kevin Richmond.

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