



## **Cultural Connections Grant 2025**

### **About the Community Wealth Builder Project**

At Community Wealth Builder, we're here to support social enterprises, charities and co-operatives across the Doncaster borough every step of the way – whether you're growing your business or just getting started. That could include:

- One-to-one advice
- Training
- Workshops
- Links to networking opportunities
- And much more

All our support is totally free and will be fully tailored to your needs. We know that Community groups, Social Enterprises, CIC'S and Charities are often the backbone of any community and make the most difference to people's lives.

So, if you're doing work that supports your community, contact us today. A member of our team will get in touch to talk to you about your project – and then we can start to help you make the changes you want to see.

### **About the Community Wealth Builder Grant – Cultural Connections 2025**

This grant is available to the following groups in Doncaster:

- Not-for profit voluntary or community organisations
- Registered charities
- Faith-based organisations
- Not-for profit companies, community interest companies or social enterprises

This grant can be used for celebrating culture across the city, please look at the recommendations made following the cultural conversations held in early 2025. Base your proposed project or activity on the key recommendations made in each of the categories shown below, if you are not sure what area your proposed project will be in, please contact your local Well Doncaster Officer who can advise. **Please take note of the timescale shown before applying, this grant must be completed by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

#### **Children and Young People**

**Recommendations Support Creative Activities:** Provide more opportunities for CYP to engage in creative activities, such as arts and crafts workshops and music lessons.

**Enhance outdoor Space:** Maintain and improve parks and green spaces to ensure they remain accessible and enjoyable for CYP.

**Foster Community Engagement:** Support community events and activities that bring CYP together and provide spaces for socialising.

#### **East**

**Recommendations Improve Accessibility:** Address accessibility barriers by providing affordable transit options, outreach programs, and physical adaptations for mobility.

Consider offering more free and accessible events.

Promote heritage: Develop initiatives such as local history festivals, storytelling events, and museums dedicated to coal mining to engage younger generations and honour the community's legacy.

Support local artists: Amplify local artists and support creative urban expressions like street art, which resonate strongly with residents and reflect the community's unique stories.

## **Central & City Centre**

Recommendations Enhance Multicultural Initiatives: Promote and support multicultural events and activities to strengthen community bonds and cultural understanding.

Promote Arts and Culture: Increase funding and support for arts and cultural venues to enrich residents' lives and foster community engagement.

Expand Opportunities for Youth: Create more opportunities for children and young people to engage with arts and cultural activities, ensuring these offerings are well promoted and accessible.

## **North**

Recommendations Promote Historical Heritage: Increase promotion and celebration of Doncaster's historical sites and events, including its mining heritage and local history groups.

Support Mental Health Initiatives: Develop and Support arts and culture programmes that focus on mental health and wellbeing

Enhance Community Engagement: Encourage and support local art clubs, community projects and family friendly events to foster a sense of belonging

## **South**

Recommendations Enhance Community Engagement: Support and expand community spaces and local clubs to foster social connections and cultural engagement.

Promote Heritage: Develop initiatives to celebrate and preserve Doncaster's rich history and heritage, such as local history festivals and storytelling events.

Support Creative Hobbies: Provide resources and opportunities for residents to engage in creative hobbies, such as arts and crafts workshops and photography clubs.

We are open to fund a variety of activities and costs as part of this grant and welcome creativity and intergenerational activities. If you are not sure what geographical area you are in, please speak to your Well Doncaster Office as listed on page 4.

## **How much is the grant?**

You can apply for a maximum of **£500**, and there is no minimum amount. Only one grant per organisation.

## **Individuals and Un-constituted groups**

Monies from the fund will only be paid into a business bank and cannot be paid directly to individuals or un-constituted groups.

Individuals or groups who are un-constituted and/or do not have a bank account are advised to contact your local Well Doncaster Officer, in the first instance, who will be able to support you to become a constituted group.

A member of the Community Wealth Builder Team can offer more specialised support, should you require it.

## **We are unable to fund ideas that are:**

- Activities promoting religious beliefs.
- Political activities.
- Goods or services that have already been purchased or ordered.
- Activities outside of the Borough of Doncaster.
- On-going activities and/or organisational running costs.
- Trips and holidays.
- Costs that are already included within and funded by an existing grant or contract.
- Endowments / loan repayments.
- Items that can only benefit an individual.
- Capital Costs.

## Evaluation and celebrating success

We want to help raise the profile of the great work that is taking place throughout Doncaster's communities. To help us do that, all successful applicants must be willing to provide monitoring information including:

- **A case study** – this can be written content, a short video or before and after photographs
- **Evidence of all spend** including receipts and invoices
- **Completed Community Wealth Builder (CWB) monitoring form**

## When is the deadline to submit applications?

**Applications must be received by 11.59pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025.** Please note that due to the time constraints in ensuring that you receive the funds prior to your event, **the deadline will not be extended.** Please submit all applications using the Microsoft Forms Link here: <https://forms.office.com/e/2E775mV63A>

## What happens when you submit your application?

- You will receive an acknowledgement email which will have your unique reference number on it within 2 working days of submitting your application.
- You **may** be contacted by the Community Wealth Builder Team to discuss your application in more detail.
- Applications will be assessed by an independent panel and decisions given via email on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September. If you have been successful payments will be raised the following week, please note payments can take up to 30 days to credit to your account so please plan your activity accordingly.**
- By accepting receipt of the fund, you must be willing to engage with the Community Wealth Builder Project and return any monitoring paperwork required.
- Your local Well Doncaster Officer can provide support – keep in touch with them to let them know how you are doing.
- The grant must be used, monitoring information and a case study submitted by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2026.**

## Unsuccessful applications

The decision is final and there is no right of appeal. However, unsuccessful applicants may be offered further support by the Community Wealth Builder Team. We can request Feedback from the panel upon request, please speak to your Well Doncaster Officer who can support you with your request.

## Apply / How to find out more:

We encourage you to apply via the Microsoft Forms link. If you have a specific issue with this digital application form please speak to your local Well Doncaster Officer, they will be able to support you to apply.

For more information and for support to develop your idea, please contact your Well Doncaster Officer or the Community Wealth Builder Team.

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