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## DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD

2022 was a year in which we reflected on, and consolidated, changes we began in 2020 that were prompted by the twin challenges of COVID-19 and Black Lives Matter. Embracing change doesn't mean giving up on continuity – the amount of funding we provided to capital projects under our Open Grants Programme was above 2019 levels, and we reaffirmed our long-term commitment to this programme.

However, alongside our core work of grantmaking, we undertook a Strategic Review (delayed by two years due to the pandemic). We looked back to learn from our funding over recent years; our review included a series of qualitative interviews with grant recipients and staff. In particular, we reflected on the increased flexibility and more enabling approach we had adopted for our COVID-related emergency grant programme, as well as our new commitment to reaching a more diverse range of organisations and

communities. We considered how to embed these approaches in our processes for the long term.

We also looked at the practice of our peer grant makers to inform our work. This helped us to understand our potential collaborators, but also to identify our distinctive role and the unique impact we could have, both as a livery foundation and within the wider landscape of UK trusts and foundations. We believe our role of supporting the infrastructure of small- and medium-sized charities through capital funding is valuable, and should be maintained, but we are also able to put in place more unrestricted and long-term funding to strengthen organisations tackling entrenched issues of inequity.

Finally, we 'looked ahead' to set our strategy for the next five years. This is a strategy with a commitment to disadvantaged and marginalised people and communities at its heart, and to supporting work

that contributes to our vision of an equitable society. You can read much more about this in our published *Strategy 2023-2027* (available on our website).

In 2023, we have begun implementing this strategy, including changes to our Open Grants Programme, the launch of new Proactive Equity Programmes, and new monitoring and learning processes.

You can read all about our 2022 grantmaking in this annual review. As a new joiner in 2022, I have been privileged to get an insight into the work we support, and the energy and commitment of the organisations and individuals having a positive impact on people across the country.

Jenny North  
Foundation Director

Image from The Bridges Project, which received funding from The Clothworkers' Foundation and the Musselburgh Area Partnership to launch the 'GetConnected' programme. The programme tackles digital exclusion among vulnerable young people (aged 12-25) in East Lothian, Scotland.

# GRANTMAKING AND INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

## OPEN GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Open Grants Programme (OGP) exists to fund the infrastructure needs of small- and medium-sized charities or not-for-profit organisations serving disadvantaged and marginalised people and communities, and those working towards an equitable society.

The projects we fund enable these organisations to be more sustainable, engage (more) people more effectively, and support their staff and volunteers to do their work. In 2022, we gave grants to eligible UK-registered organisations working on one of the following Programme Areas:

- ☐ Alcohol and Substance Misuse
- ☐ Disadvantaged Minority Communities
- ☐ Disadvantaged Young People
- ☐ Domestic and Sexual Abuse
- ☐ Homelessness
- ☐ Older People
- ☐ People with Disabilities
- ☐ Prisoners and Ex-Offenders
- ☐ Visual Impairment

In 2022, we awarded 291 grants through the Open Grants Programme. This figure was down from 320 grants the previous year, which we believe was driven by a slight fall in applications to our Small Grants Programme, but also by a decrease in grants awarded under our Large Grants Programme.

Overall, the success rate of eligible applications remained at 51%.

However, the success rate for the Small Grants Programme increased, and decreased for the Large Grants Programme. We believe we are effectively removing barriers to success for the smallest charities, but we are less clear on the reasons for the fall in the success rates under Large Grants and are doing work to understand this. We want to maintain a (comparatively) high success rate for both of these programmes, and decrease the chances of organisations spending time on applications that are not successful.

We observed that applicants' project budgets are increasing as a result of inflationary pressure on the cost of equipment, vehicles, construction materials and labour. This is reflected in the increased amount of funding awarded within our Open Grants Programme, despite a slightly lower number of grants approved.

Additionally, we recognised that inflation was causing costs to rise dramatically during the year and that some applicants could not have predicted this in their original budgets. To support them, the board of trustees approved a 10% uplift across the building and refurbishment projects we funded for grantees at the end of the year.

## PROACTIVE GRANTS

The Clothworkers' Foundation has been making multi-year revenue grants to

organisations in support of strategic, thematic areas of work, for more than 15 years. Our most recent proactive grantmaking has been focused in the areas of Care Leavers, Better Futures for Young People, and the Dramatic Arts. We provided funding to a small number of organisations under the Care Leavers and Better Futures programmes in 2022. These programmes allow us to develop greater understanding of a subject area as well as the organisations with which we work over time.

Our understanding is deepened via external evaluations, which are shared with grantees. Final evaluations of recent programmes are due in 2023. These programmes are not open to application or enquiries.

## REGULAR GRANTS

This programme allow us to support a small number of mission-aligned organisations, sometimes over many years, and with very light-touch reporting and renewal requirements. In particular, this programme includes organisations making direct grants to individuals or community groups that we could not otherwise reach. This programme is not open to applications and inclusion is by invitation only.

## RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIP

The Clothworkers' Foundation can

fund work that complements our other grantmaking, or allows us to explore work that we may wish to fund more deeply in the future. This included:

- ☐ £25,000 to the Child Poverty Action Group, which helped it produce, digitally publish, and update its Fuel Rights Handbook. This had previously only been available in hard copy for professional advisers – the new project makes it not only more accessible, but more up to date and accurate.
- ☐ £42,000 to the Set Them Up Foundation, a very new organisation established to deliver financial education in secondary schools and online.
- ☐ £8,400 to the Charity Digital Skills Survey, a key resource for funders and other organisations wishing to understand the digital capacity and needs of the third sector.

## SOCIAL INVESTMENT

Alongside our grantmaking, social investment is another way in which we use financial capital to enable impact. We made our first social investment in 2018, enabled initially by a gift from The Clothworkers' Company, and subsequently from our own expendable endowment. We did not make new investments in 2022, while we carried out

our Strategic Review. However, we continued to monitor our five current investments in:

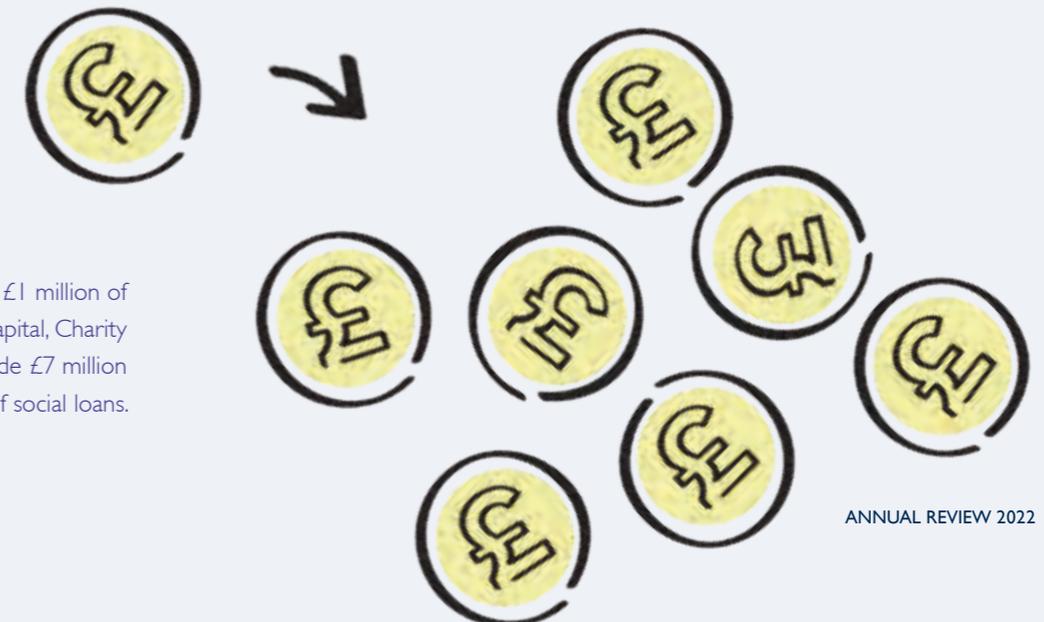
- ☐ CAF Venturesome (£150,000)
- ☐ London Play Design CIC (£50,000)
- ☐ Women in Safe Homes Fund (£250,000)
- ☐ RefuAid (£200,000)
- ☐ Charity Bank (£1 million)

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We direct our savers' and investors' money towards organisations dedicated to improving lives, communities, and the environment across the UK. Loans help our borrowers improve their financial position, the quality and reach of their services, and their ability to deliver their mission ... 60% of our lending was directed towards organisations operating in the most underfunded and underserved areas of the UK.

~ Charity Bank Social Impact Report, 2023

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# SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION 2022

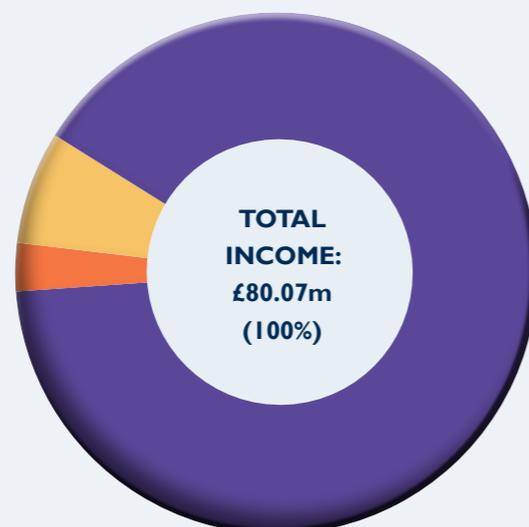
## WE AWARDED GRANTS IN EXCESS OF £7.4M IN 2022

### Grants Awarded in Recent Years (£000)



Investment and Rental Income:  
£5.4m (7%)

Donations\* (grant-making):  
£2.73m (3%)

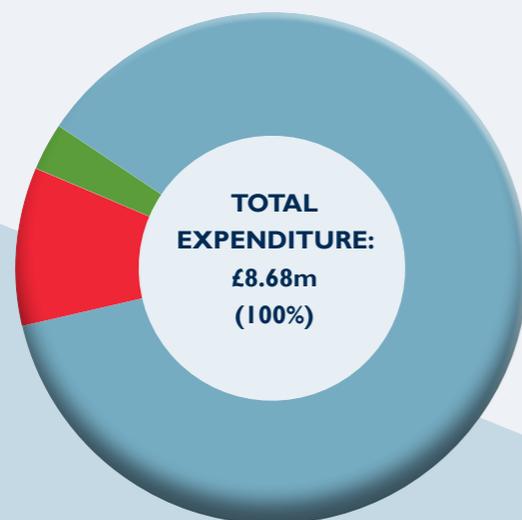


Donations\* (investment):  
£71.94m (90%)

\*Donations were received principally from The Clothworkers' Company.

Costs of Generating Funds: £0.33m (4%)

Charitable Support Costs: £0.96m (11%)



Grants to Charities\*\*:  
£7.39m (85%)

\*\*'Grants to Charities' represents grants expenditure using new funds (£7.39m). We awarded £7.49m in grants in 2022, which included the recommitment of £0.1m.

### INCOMING RESOURCES

	2022 (£000)	2021 (£000)
Donations and Gifts	74,668	6,973
Investment and Rental Income	5,404	4,669
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>80,072</b>	<b>11,642</b>

### RESOURCES EXPENDED

Costs of Generating Income	(335)	(202)
Charitable Expenditure		
Grants	(7,391)	(6,985)
Support Costs	(961)	(800)
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>(8,687)</b>	<b>(7,987)</b>

### Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources

Gains on Investment Assets	(19,016)	28,931
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### Net Movement in Funds

Fund Balances Brought Forward at 1 January	265,287	232,701
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### FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER

	<b>317,656</b>	<b>265,287</b>
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### FIXED ASSETS

Social Investments at Cost	1,512	1,473
Investments at Market Value	291,400	262,609

### NET CURRENT ASSETS

Current Assets	33,507	8,367
Creditors – due within one year	(8,489)	(6,797)

### Net Current Assets plus Fixed Assets

	<b>317,930</b>	<b>265,652</b>
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Creditors – due after one year

	(274)	(365)
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### Net Assets

	<b>317,656</b>	<b>265,287</b>
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### RESTRICTED FUNDS

Permanent Endowment	60,970	65,816
Expendable Endowment	107,554	38,674
Members' Endowment	348	357
Social Investment	1,750	1,749
Other Restricted Funds	51,897	56,099

### UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Designated	94,483	101,778
General and Other	654	814

	<b>317,656</b>	<b>265,287</b>
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The full report and accounts of The Clothworkers' Foundation can be found on the Charity Commission website.

# OPEN GRANTS PROGRAMME SUMMARY 2022

## TOTAL GRANT AWARDS: 291

Many of our grantee recipients work across more than one of our programme areas, and this especially applies to those funded under Alcohol and Substance Misuse, Prisoners and Ex-Offenders, and Homelessness.

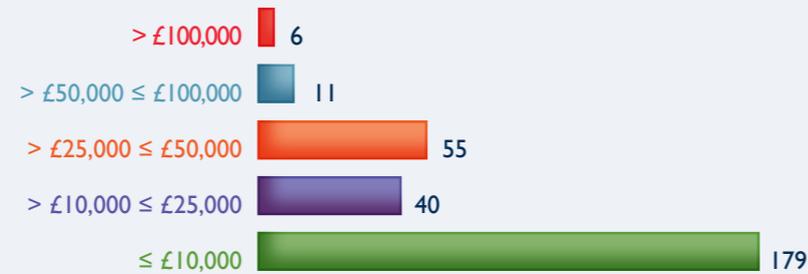
Disadvantaged Young People was our largest programme area in 2022, continuing a long-standing trend.

We met our target to distribute at least 20% of funding to the Disadvantaged Minority Communities programme area in 2022 – although this was driven by larger grants in this area, rather than more grants. However, the data we have to understand the community focus and leadership of our grant recipients is limited.

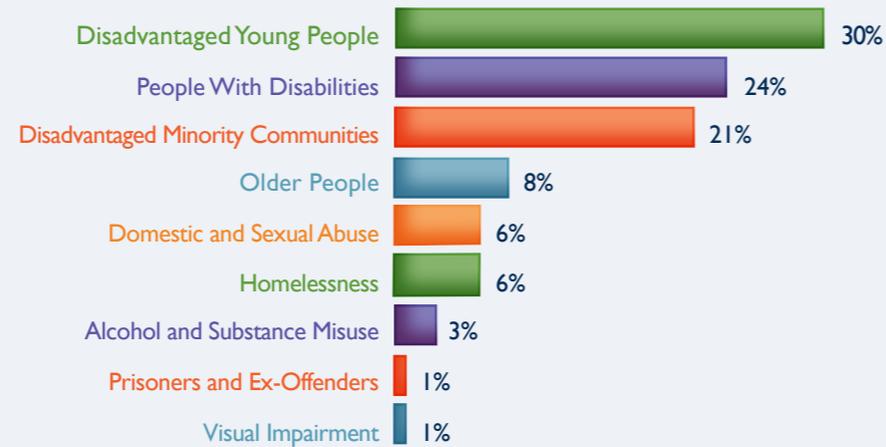
In 2023, we have implemented the DEI Data Standard to improve our grantmaking insight over time.

Case studies on selected grant recipients can be found on pages 10-27.

## SIZE OF GRANTS AWARDED BY AMOUNT (£)



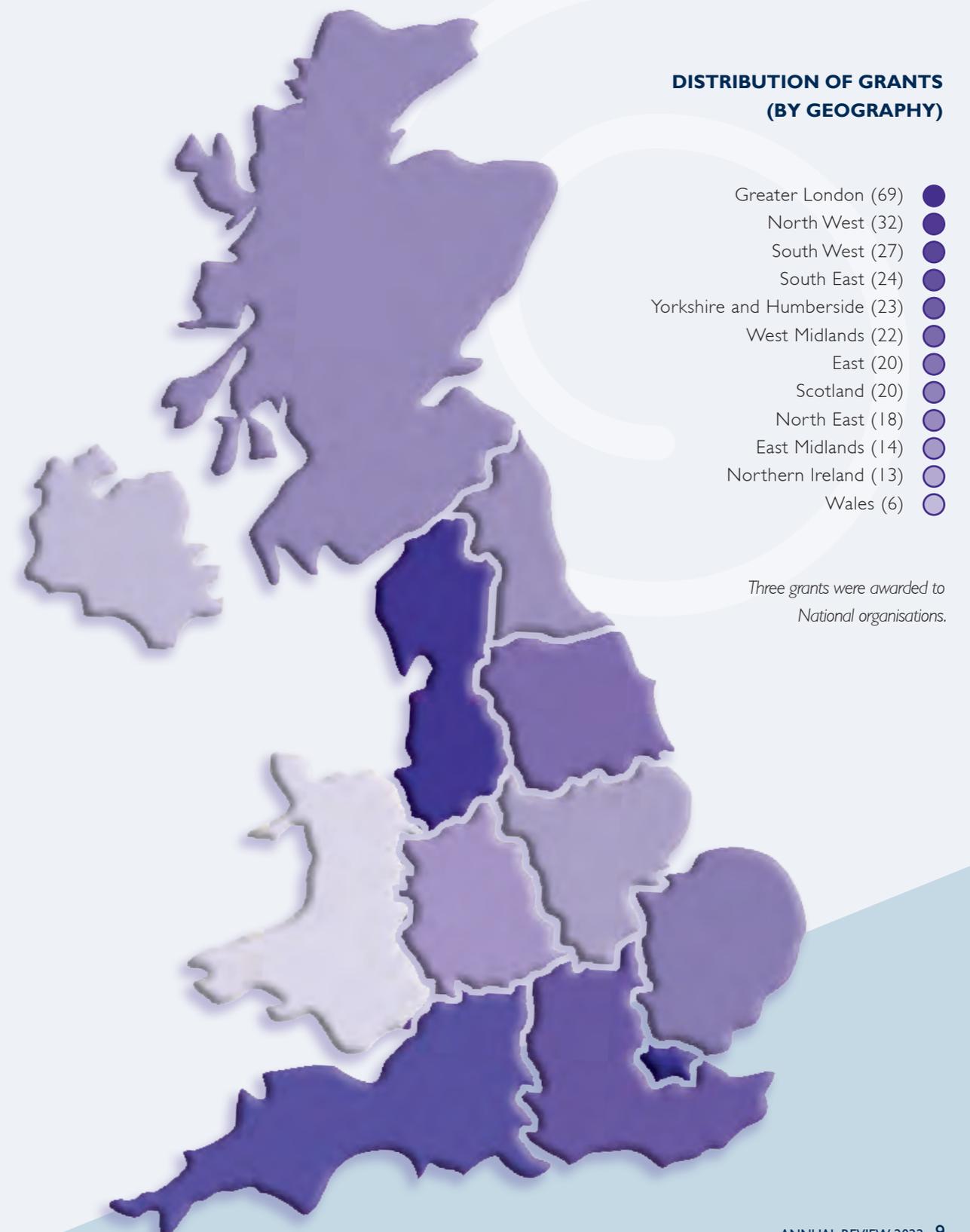
## SHARE OF FUNDING BY PROGRAMME AREA (%)



## DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS BY CAPITAL PROJECT (%)



## DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS (BY GEOGRAPHY)



# OPEN GRANTS PROGRAMME ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE

## THE NELSON TRUST

Running since 1985, The Nelson Trust provides residential rehabilitation and community support to men and women affected by addiction – helping them to achieve long-term recovery and lasting change. The Trust has four residential treatment houses that offer mixed and women-only accommodation.

Since 2010, the organisation has

also delivered community services for women, and now supports 3,500 women every year at its Women's Centres across West England and South Wales. Services at the Women's Centres are designed to respond to women who have experienced abuse as well as addiction. In addition to access to one-to-one and group work, the Women's Centres also support women at home, in hospital, and in court.

## WHAT WE FUNDED

The Nelson Trust have been renting a property for its Swindon Women's Centre since 2013. In 2022, we supported the purchase of the property with a grant of £125,000. This will allow The Trust to reallocate money currently spent on rent to services for women, and to feel confident that it will be able to offer this crucial service from a permanent home.

### FUNDING OVERVIEW FOR OUR ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE PROGRAMME AREA



8 GRANTS  
awarded in 2022



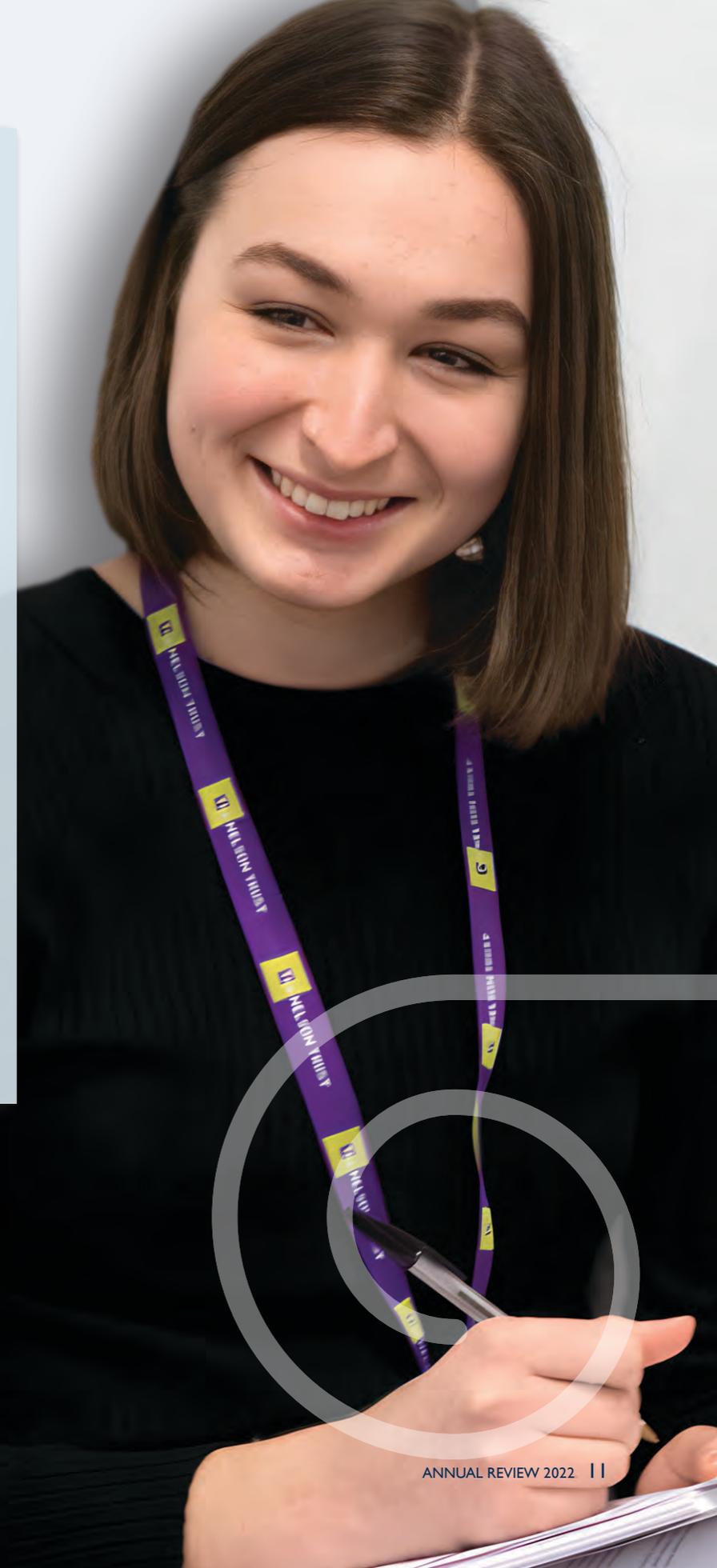
£203,600  
awarded in 2022



I have been coming to The Nelson Trust since 2018 ... If it wasn't for [the Trust], I'd probably be dead ... I have made a lot of powerful friendships and gained insight into being able to use different tools to live by ... and learnt my worth and that I matter. I have learnt to be a better mother even though my children don't live with me ...

I want to succeed and The Nelson Trust have given me hope that I can, even though I have a criminal record. I have been put forward to be a peer mentor and they can see my potential ... The Women's Centre is a safety blanket where I can come and be myself.

~ Client, The Nelson Trust





## DISADVANTAGED MINORITY COMMUNITIES

### FUNDING OVERVIEW FOR OUR DISADVANTAGED MINORITY COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME AREA



**43 GRANTS**

awarded in 2022



**£1,289,600**

awarded in 2022

### ALPHA GROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Alpha Grove Community Centre is located on the Isle of Dogs (London).

Since 1980, it has served as a community hub for the neighbourhood, providing space for a number of local voluntary organisations and producing its own activities and services. These are developed in consultation with the local community and include creative and sporting activities for children and young people, various training programmes, a Jobs Club and a food bank. The centre reports that 50% of beneficiaries are South Asian, and 30% are from Black communities. The organisation has recruited a board of trustees with diverse backgrounds and lived experience, with more than 50% of trustees identifying with Black or other minoritised groups.

### WHAT WE FUNDED

Alpha Grove Centre, which the charity owns, was in a state of major disrepair. Its poor condition meant

that it could not be fully utilised by the community and was far from energy efficient. We have contributed £125,000 towards a major refurbishment, including repairs to the roof and the refurbishment of the toilets, showers and kitchen facilities. Recognising the fundraising challenge the organisation continued to face, we also contributed £25,000 to the costs of increasing fundraising capacity. Half of this was spent on a proportion of the centre manager's salary, with the remaining half spent on working with fundraising consultants.

This work has regenerated an important piece of social infrastructure for the local community. Since funding was awarded, the centre has increased from 30% occupancy to 90% occupancy, with more anchor tenants in place. In addition to this, the stability provided by securing funding for the improvements to the building and covering staff costs has allowed the organisation to significantly improve the level of reserves it holds, building security and confidence for the future.



The Alpha Grove Youth Programme (aimed at 11-19 year olds in Tower Hamlets) is one of many programmes the refurbished building has facilitated – others include a community employability programme, job coaching, advice and advocacy, and a community food bank.

# DISADVANTAGED YOUNG PEOPLE

## TRELYA

'Trelya' is the Cornish word for change – and Trelya works to make positive change in Cornwall's most under-resourced, and often isolated, communities. It works with young people and their families to overcome the challenges associated with living in areas of deprivation and reduce involvement in the criminal justice system through the development and delivery of high impact, replicable and evidence-based interventions.

Referrals from social care, schools, youth justice and family services bring young people onto programmes. Activities build confidence and self-esteem, and address issues such as healthy relationships, emotional wellbeing and substance misuse. Trelya adopts a relationship-based approach to build trust and engagement with children and

### FUNDING OVERVIEW FOR OUR DISADVANTAGED YOUNG PEOPLE PROGRAMME AREA



98 GRANTS  
awarded in 2022



£1,820,260  
awarded in 2022

families – the organisation also gives young people opportunities they might not otherwise experience.

Specific services grow out of research and from user needs – these include an early years' service that provides intensive support to pregnant women and new parents, a programme designed to support the transition from pre-school to primary, and an employment programme for young people (including young parents).

## WHAT WE FUNDED

The Clothworkers' Foundation

provided £10,000 towards the costs of converting and refurbishing rooms at Trelya's centre in Penzance. In particular, our funding supported the provision of a Community Café and Training Kitchen. The café provides a much-needed meeting place for the local community and clubs, while the professional-standard training kitchen will be a place for unemployed young people to train and develop skills and qualifications to support long-term employment.

## TESTIMONIAL

Gul is Trelya's six-month holistic programme supporting those furthest from the job market into employment, training or education. One client experienced anxiety and alcohol dependency for eight years. This is her story.

"I actually did well at school. I came out with GCSE's and went on to get a qualification and a job. But in my mid-20s, everything started to fall apart. I grew up

in an unsafe, abusive home; it felt like my past was always with me, overshadowing everything I did. My anxiety got worse and worse until it had such a hold on me that every day became so hard. I started drinking alcohol and just couldn't stop. I felt so defeated. My partner left, and – worst of all – social services removed my children. I was so broken.

"I joined [Gul] in 2022. It was so different from anything I'd experienced before. There are so

many things about Gul that helped me make changes, but mostly it was the workers. They were so understanding and non-judgemental. It helped me to be clear about my values and priorities, and the mental health support enabled me to become a lot more self-aware. Everyone on the Gul programme is given an individual programme of support (alongside the group work and workshops). We were cared for and listened to. Even practical things like meals to take home and a shower so that I could

wash my hair properly. I was able to open up in a way that I never had before. I went to everything Gul offered – even the extra well-being group on Fridays. I was set up with counselling to work through my grief, anxiety and traumatic memories. I got a catering qualification and began working in Trelya's café ... For the first time in years, I began to see the possibility of a future that I could look forward to. Being able to stop drinking, process trauma and abuse, and learn how to manage my anxiety was life changing. But

my greatest achievement of all, and what I will always be grateful to Trelya for, is getting my children back. Trelya is my most reliable support, and it has connected me with other support services and shown me that I have the ability to change things for myself ... I go in at least twice a week ... my kids are at Trelya three days a week.

"It's like being held in a really safe place by a team of people that care, understand and really mean it when they say they believe in you."



Left: WomenCentre's CEO, Angela Everson, won a Lifetime Achievement Award for her years of dedication to the voluntary sector in Calderdale.

Today, she is using the centre's refurbished four-story block to help women make positive, long-term changes to improve their lives.

## DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ABUSE

### WOMENCENTRE

WomenCentre exists to support women in the most difficult situations make positive, long-term changes to their lives. Working operationally in Calderdale, Kirklees and Bradford and strategically across West Yorkshire, the organisation helps more than 3,000 women a year. In particular, it provides practical, legal, emotional and therapeutic support to women experiencing, escaping, or recovering from domestic abuse. Beyond this, WomenCentre provides emergency support for women facing housing and economic crises, many of whom will have experienced past abuse, and/or addiction. WomenCentre runs a specific service for girls and young women aged 11-25, supports women and girls in the

criminal justice system, and helps women at risk of, or experiencing, sexual exploitation.

### WHAT WE FUNDED

Many of WomenCentre's services are delivered from a four-storey block in Calderdale. Over recent years, the building had deteriorated with leaking ceilings, peeling paint, ill-fitting windows, and very limited insulation.

In 2022, we made a grant of £50,000 to support the refurbishment of the building – including urgent repairs, environmental and structural upgrades, and external works. This project will mean WomenCentre can offer women a welcoming,

clean and safe environment. New spaces will also allow the delivery of additional services, including movement and creative groups. Finally, the project will make WomenCentre's building more energy efficient, reducing its carbon footprint and saving money.

### FUNDING OVERVIEW FOR OUR DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL WELLBEING PROGRAMME AREA



20 GRANTS  
awarded in 2022



£391,100  
awarded in 2022



I have never been told how strong I am, and it helped me to carry on. I was clear what the next steps should be and I felt ready to go ahead with doing it and felt reassured I could ask for help and advice if it was needed.

~ Client, WomenCentre

Wonderful help. I needed the explanation and help to liaise with the solicitor. I would not know how to begin if J had not helped me. To have help in your first language is invaluable.

~ Client, WomenCentre





## OLDER PEOPLE

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT

The mission of the Neighbourhood Project is to improve the social, economic, and environmental wellbeing of communities through self-help and social enterprise. In practice, this means working with local communities to develop new skills and put them into action – this has included food-growing projects, a car-sharing scheme, local history projects, and neighbourhood forums. The organisation was founded in Bradford, but has expanded to other sites in Yorkshire and beyond.

Neighbourhood Project also delivers digital skills support to older people, providing training and encouragement

in the use of computers and the internet. The charity recognises that this digital literacy is now an essential skillset for day-to-day living, as much as literacy and numeracy.

### WHAT WE FUNDED

We provided £5,000 to purchase 50 refurbished tablet computers, which Neighbourhood Project can lend to people through its free digital support service.

People aged 65 and above are far less likely to own a modern device, and are especially unlikely to own a touchscreen smart device. Borrowing these devices allows them to practice skills, while developing familiarity and confidence so they can use such devices in the future – helping them to engage with statutory services or utility companies, and to keep in touch with family and friends.

### FUNDING OVERVIEW FOR OUR OLDER PEOPLE PROGRAMME AREA



**25 GRANTS**  
awarded in 2022



**£473,700**  
awarded in 2022

# HOMELESSNESS

## WALTHAM FOREST CHURCHES NIGHT SHELTER

Through its Branches Hostel, Waltham Forest Churches Night Shelter (WFCNS) has provided accommodation for people who have been homeless or rough sleeping for many years. The organisation has evolved in the 25 years since it was founded, originally offering temporary night shelter places; it now provides holistic, long-term accommodation and support for 30 residents, 30 former residents, and more than 100 other local homeless people. This kind of support is rare, and much needed.

Residents at Branches stay for 12 to 18 months, and are able to address their mental, physical and emotional health and wellbeing while building the skills, confidence and resilience they need to be able to move into

their own accommodation and live independently. Support from Branches staff is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

### WHAT WE FUNDED

The project we funded marks another important development in WFCNS's evolution – a move-on accommodation (called 'Stepping Stones') that will allow Branches residents to live independently through 6 to 12 months of advice, advocacy and mental health support. The project grew out of the organisation's awareness that many Branches residents were ready for move-on accommodation, but there were no suitable options. Stepping Stones is designed to provide a sustainable solution to this problem. The Clothworkers' Foundation has provided £150,000 in support of this development.

### FUNDING OVERVIEW FOR OUR HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMME AREA



15 GRANTS  
awarded in 2022



£372,300  
awarded in 2022



“  
Branches has saved my life. I don't think I would've lasted another year on the street!

~ Danny, Branches' Resident  
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## PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

### ELECTRIC UMBRELLA

Founded in 2013, Electric Umbrella creates amazing live, interactive music experiences with learning disabled people. The stage is always set, the lights are bright, and the show is always on. Everyone in the Electric Umbrella community has the opportunity to work with professional musicians, to co-produce extraordinary performances. In so doing, Electric Umbrella is on a mission to challenge people to think differently about learning disabled people. After all, there's no such thing as 'normal'.

Members take part in meaningful

work-based activities alongside a team of musical experts. This could be delivering diversity and inclusion workshops in primary schools, or repairing, restoring and retailing musical instruments in the Electric Umbrella Emporium. Through a whole programme of music sessions and choirs, Electric Umbrella members take part in amazing musical experiences on and off the stage – most recently, through the release of the band's third album.

Last year, the organisation worked with 360 members, 6,000 children at SEN primary schools, and 40,000 at mainstream primary schools, as well as performing to more than 30,000 audience members at gigs and concerts. Electric Umbrella's members report huge increases in confidence and sense of purpose, and decreases in loneliness.

### WHAT WE FUNDED

We provided £39,000 to Electric Umbrella for the purchase of a 17-seat minibus with ramps and floor rails to safely accommodate wheelchair users.

The organisation's first minibus allowed the team to introduce a Member Development Programme, which deepens the engagement of and increases the development of long-standing members. These members go beyond performing to also working alongside Electric Umbrella up to five days per week, developing new skills and improving wellbeing. A second minibus will allow the team to extend these activities further and support an additional 40 learning disabled adults in this intensive way. Electric Umbrella will also be able to deliver more performances and workshops.

### FUNDING OVERVIEW FOR OUR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAMME AREA



75 GRANTS  
awarded in 2022



£1,469,020  
awarded in 2022



Electric Umbrella CEO Mel Bola said, "[Our yellow buses are] bold and proud – we never want to be hidden away, and I think our members will be so delighted to be connected to it." That was confirmed by the organisation's member Jamie, who said, "I love the big yellow bus, it makes me feel like a rockstar!"

# PRISONERS AND EX-OFFENDERS

## EXPIA

Expia works in partnership with the Prison Service and The Ministry of Justice to support prisoners with learning new skills that can help them avoid re-offending after release. Expia does this by providing training in prisons as well as providing a real work environment where skills can be put into practice, and preparing prisoners for long-term work.

Expia works with several prisons and Youth Offer Institutions including HMP Portland. Men work in Expia's Jailhouse Cafes, Farm Shops and community gardens. These are used by local residents and income generated from the enterprises is reinvested to further develop and extend the offer to prisoners.

## WHAT WE FUNDED

We provided £40,000 to support the conversion of a disused building at HMP Portland into the Expia office base and community hub. This plan was developed following consultation with the local community and prisoners' families. The new space will provide a café, activity room, and a room for visiting families.

The space will generate much needed employment opportunities for local people, and voluntary work experience for risk-assessed prisoners. As well as developing Expia's ability to support prisoners and reduce re-offending, the new facilities will improve the environment for visiting families.

## FUNDING OVERVIEW FOR OUR PRISONERS AND EX-OFFENDERS PROGRAMME AREA



**3 GRANTS**  
awarded in 2022



**£59,000**  
awarded in 2022

Since receiving our grant, Expia has opened a new American-themed diner, thanks to additional support by HMP Portland and Young Offenders Institute, the Ministry of Justice, the National Lottery's Community Fund, and The Dorset Growth and Resilience Fund, along with volunteers from the Portland community, Steven Jones Plan Design and Nantes Solicitors.





## VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

### **BURY SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND**

Established in 1922, the Bury Society for the Blind exists to enhance the quality of life for blind and visually impaired people living locally. The charity partners with statutory services to provide early support for those experiencing sight loss as well as rehabilitation and in-hospital support. In the community, it provides social opportunities and activities at the centre to combat the isolation that can accompany visual impairment, as well as condition-specific support groups for people with Macular Degeneration, Glaucoma and Retinitis

Pigmentosa. It also provides a wealth of information and advice through its website and in person for those coming to terms, and living, with sight loss.

### **WHAT WE FUNDED**

We funded the Bury Society for the Blind with £2,400 to purchase new tables and chair for its centre. These replaced older equipment, such as chairs that were not stackable or easily cleanable. New furniture allows for a more flexible use of the space, as well as a more comfortable and hygienic environment for staff and service users.

### FUNDING OVERVIEW FOR OUR VISION IMPAIRMENT PROGRAMME AREA



**3 GRANTS**  
awarded in 2022



**£22,400**  
awarded in 2022

# PROACTIVE GRANTS PROGRAMME

## CARE LEAVERS HIGHLIGHT

Our most recent proactive grantmaking has been focused in the areas of Care Leavers, Better Futures for Young People, and the Dramatic Arts. We made a small number of grants under the Care Leavers programme in 2022.

The *Care Leavers* initiative began in 2018, and we partnered with organisations working towards ensuring positive outcomes for young care leavers, awarding multi-year grants to Drive Forward Foundation, Catch22, and Lighthouse (incubated by Catch22); another award was made to Become in 2019.

The aim of these projects has been to have a meaningful impact on the lives of young care leavers. Some projects deliver this through improving the support and opportunities provided

to young people who are leaving or have recently left care. Others provide earlier intervention for young people still within the care system, with the aim of contributing to better outcomes in the future.

Whilst the activities of all four projects aim to have tangible impacts for young people who use or benefit from the services in the short term, many also have wider strategic aims – such as developing pilot models that will prove the value of new ways to better support young people in or leaving care that may influence policy and practice.

Alongside our grantmaking, we also commissioned nfpResearch to evaluate the projects, and the team's final report was delivered at the end of 2022, for our review in 2023.

GRANT RECIPIENT	AWARD	TERM
BRIGHT LIGHTS (CATCH22/CHILDREN'S SOCIETY)	£400,000	2019-2022
DRIVE FORWARD FOUNDATION	£151,000	2019-2022
LIGHTHOUSE PEDAGOGY TRUST	£96,000 £250,000	2019-2022 2022-2023
BECOME	£530,000	2020-2025



“This funding has unreservedly succeeded in supporting these charities (both with their capacity-building and making immeasurable impressions on the sector), while enabling them to learn valuable lessons along the way. It is to The Clothworkers’ credit that it funded this work and this sector, when many other funders haven’t.”



~ nfpResearch Report, 2022  
Use the QR code to access the full report from our website.

A woman with long brown hair and glasses is performing on stage. She is wearing a black t-shirt with a yellow umbrella graphic and the word "electric" written below it. She is holding a microphone and has her mouth open as if singing or speaking. In the background, there are other people, including one wearing a green sequined jacket. The stage is lit with red and blue lights. The background features large, stylized blue letters, possibly "W".

Cover image and inside cover image provided by grant recipient Electric Umbrella, registered charity 1165164.

Electric Umbrella creates live, interactive music experiences with learning disabled people. The organisation is on a mission to challenge people to think differently about learning disabled people. After all, there's no such thing as normal.