



Inclusion North Small Sparks Funding

Small Sparks Challenge



Can you think of something positive you can do together with others in your area that is fun and also benefits your community? For example ... how about planting a community green space, organising a clean-up day for your local area or a meet the bus drivers' event? Inclusion North can now provide some money to help make your project happen!

What can Small Sparks funding pay for?



Small Sparks is funding for your area. It should be used to pay for a small community project that benefits your area. It can help you to reach out to people who you have never worked with before.

We will provide up to **£250** to any member area that wants to make things better for people with a learning disability. It is for things that help you make better links with a wider community.



Members of a self-advocacy group are complaining about the service they get from local bus drivers. They want to organise an event where they can talk to the local drivers about their problems but need some money to pay for lunch and the information packs they would give out on the day.

Small Sparks could give the money for this and the self-advocates could use their skills to produce the information in the pack and to organise the day.



David gets Direct Payments and wants to use a local allotment but can't get around the allotment in his wheelchair.

Small Sparks could give money to pay for the paving slabs and the allotment society members could lay these. David could then let other people know that the allotment is now more accessible.

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To get the money you will need to show that people in your area will give at least **10 hours of time** to other people in your area that they would not normally work with. This could be people from your Partnership Board, people that use a particular service or another organisation such as the local allotment society or bus company.



When you apply for the money, you can also apply for someone from The Skills Bank to come in and help to make the project a success.

How to apply

We have tried to make it easy to apply!



1. Once you have an idea, there is a very short application form that needs to be completed. Ian Margerison, the Skills Broker can help you to fill this in.



2. We will let you know if your application has been successful within 4 weeks of you sending it. We then expect you to start your project within a month and to complete it over the next 2 months.



3. At the end of the swap Ian will ask you to provide a very short update and photo's from your project. This will help us to prove that Small Sparks projects are working well.



If you have any more questions then please get in touch with Ian.



Ian Margerison

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Small Sparks Application Form



Small Sparks Project Idea:



Involving New People: How will you work with new people in your project? (Think creatively!)



Community Benefit: How will this benefit your area?



Jazzy Name:



Money: How much money do you think you will need to complete the project? What will you use the money for? (for example equipment, catering, booking a room)



Matching the funding: What type of skills and materials do you think you and others in your area can give? (for example organizing the event, producing a video, or free room hire)



YES! I can complete this project in eight weeks from the starting date and will talk to Ian Margerison about how we did this.



Signature:

Name:

Address:



Telephone:



Email:

Thank You!

Please send this form back to Inclusion North at:

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