Network for Social Change Charitable Trust
Charitable Grants 2023-24

Charitable Major Project grants

These are normally grants for 3-6 years, with annual sums of £100,000 – £250,000. In 2023-24 our 4 Major Projects were:

Green Alliance for Cutting Carbon UK, providing policy research for Government in support of the UK's carbon targets under the Climate Change Act.

Permaculture Association, for Landworkers' Alliance, a transformational grant to enable the scaling up of their member-led network of farmers and land-based workers.

Labour Rights, a group of projects addressing justice for workers and protecting labour rights. Violation Tracker blows the whistle on corporate malpractice; Cat's Cradle provides worker training and education; Working Families campaigns on the Employment Bill.

Windrush Justice, in partnership with other funders and Action for Racial Equality, this project seeks justice for those people whose UK citizenship is impacted by the "hostile environment". Most victims are originally from Jamaica, Nigeria, Ghana and Barbados.

Charitable Pools grants

Generally one-off funding up to £20,000. There is one round per year. Charitable Pools grants in 2023-24 were:

Action on Empty Homes Advocacy project for funding a local-authority-led scheme to buy empty homes and to control numbers of short-lets and holiday homes

APPEAL Using individual wrongful conviction cases as lever for criminal justice reform

Artis Foundation To provide weekly, holistic performing arts sessions to children within schools located in areas of high deprivation, to boost attainment, confidence, communication and wellbeing

BASIC (British American Security Information Council) Core fuding towards strengthening European security dialogue through direct engagement with Russian/Eastern European experts

Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Quaker Meeting Centre for the Study of Existential Risk's innovative podcast exploring the dysfunctions that drive the metacrisis and existential risk

British Friends of QCEA For Quaker Council for European Affairs, publication and dissemination of an accessible handbook for ensuring Human Rights in Migration

Common Wealth Theatre Limited Core funding to keep project leaders in place for Youth Theatre Laboratory and Speakers Corner projects

Disability Law Service Reintroducing a triage function to provide better client support and improve efficiency and effectiveness of legal assistance

Earthwatch Europe Developing the Miyawaki Research Network to support the study, development and success of 'Tiny Forests', primarily in urban areas

Endless Medical Advantage Supporting sustainable healthcare services to the refugee and vulnerable communities of Lebanon

Environmental Investigation Agency UK Supporting EIA's work on cutting methane emissions from the energy sector in the EU and increasing support for the Global Methane Pledge
Environmental Law Foundation Research into the legal and policy opportunities for the recognition of the Rights of Nature at a local level in the UK
Equal Education Chances NEXT STEP will explore the five ways of wellbeing: Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give back
Families Outside For COPE (Children of Prisoners Europe), boosting impact in securing the rights of children with a parent in prison and achieving deeper systemic change
Finance Innovation Lab Build and coordinate a powerful and effective coalition that can build a pensions system that works for pensioners, the economy and the environment
Firefly International Strengthening Svitac's peacebuilding work with local children and youth in Bosnia, during a crucial period of rising nationalism and inter-ethnic tensions
Foundation for Integrated Transport For Transport Action Network, changing national transport policy through radically altering the existing planning policy and approval processes
Greater Change Foundation The Greater Change Alumni Programme will gather qualitative feedback from homelessness service users and be shared across the sector
Independent Diplomat Limited To advise and support a coalition of Ukrainian civil society with a diplomatic strategy to generate wider international support
Intermission Youth Transforming the lives of disadvantage young Londoners through drama, film & community empowerment, culminating in a 4 week theatre presentation
North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre A Music Therapy Hub in Scarborough, one of the most socially deprived towns in North Yorkshire, to support children and young people in need
Open Trust - Charitable Trust for openDemocracy Delivering a financial transparency project, which grades UK Think Tanks based on the quality of the financial transparency disclosures
Participation & Practice of Rights Project Ltd Core Funding for Anaka Women's Collective in Belfast to cover staff costs for a development coordinator
Peace Direct Supporting local peacebuilding actors to address the issue of militarisation of Colombian society
People's Economy A collaboration between expert economists and grassroots communities to build a stronger movement for change
Permaculture Association (Britain) Enabling a body of community climate activists and change makers to coach communities in local resilience and effective local action
Positive Youth Foundation The Inspire project to encourage young refugees and asylum seekers in Coventry to develop their poetry, art and songwriting skills
Praxis Alleviate financial hardship by low-income households affected by No Recourse to Public Funds, and improve representation of people with lived experience of migration
Rainforest Foundation UK Tackling the threat to real climate change mitigation posed by carbon offset schemes, providing a series of case studies, a toolkit and guidance

Restorative Justice Council For Therapeutic Productions, raising awareness about the arts and mental health
Sand Dams Worldwide Limited Supporting a community in Zimbabwe to construct a sand dam, a sustainable rainwater harvesting technique
The Big House Theatre Company Core funding for an Artistic Director: A source of empowerment, inspiration & mentorship
The Egmont Trust School club in Zambia combatting the risks of early marriage and underage pregnancies, and supporting girls' empowerment and independence
The International Roundtable for Sustainable Tea (THIRST) Core funding to rebuild our website to connect and inform stakeholders committed to improving the lives of tea workers and farmers globally
The Movements Trust For Common Languages, promoting mass organising across borders by facilitating multilingual spaces
Thelma Matilda Alves Foundation For ADHD Babes, supporting Black women and Non-binary people of African & Caribbean descent with ADHD, to improve mental wellbeing
Turkey Mozaik Foundation For Sivil Toplum icin Destek Vakfi/Support Foundation for Civil Society, promoting support for civil society and grassroots communities in Turkey

Charitable Fast Track grants

Generally one-off funding of £5,000 – £8,000. In 2023-24 we awarded 39 charitable Fast Track grants through 4 funding rounds. Grants were:
Advance Myanmar Supporting non-violent resistance in Myanmar through the University Students' Unions Alumni Force (USUAF)
Ajyal Foundation for Education Supporting the mental health and recovery of children impacted by the war and military attacks on the Gaza Strip
Aviation Environment Trust Supporting aviation and airports campaigning, to constrain UK emissions through limiting aviation demand and airport capacity
Beyond Equality CIO Funding for a Youth Coordinator to coordinate with schools to encourage boys to challenge violence against women and girls
Black Equity Organisation Working in partnership to give Black communities a cohesive voice ahead of the 2024 General Election
Bristol Palestine Film Festival Funding to deliver the film festival, including film rights, venue hire, staff costs and advertising
Canolfan Maerdy Developing community food growing in four villages in South Wales
Centre for Alternative Technology Core funding towards graduate school, group visits, short courses, eco-store, visitor centre, venue and accommodation
City of Sanctuary UK Empowering people seeking sanctuary to become part of the Sanctuary Ambassador Network across the UK
Conservation Farming Trust Preparing for unstable global food supplies, building a fast-track response in Wales, leading the way for the UK
Eastville Park Lido C.I.C. Start up funding for fundraising during engagement phase of the project to build a community Lido in Bristol

Equal Education Chances Delivering 'Becoming Youth', an inclusive project promoting financial wellbeing, belonging, art, heritage, safe relationships, environmental sustainability, global citizenship and creativity
ForRefugees For A.SS.I.S.T., providing free information and legal services for women and LGBTQI+ asylum seekers in Greece
ForRefugees For Mazi Housing, providing housing and support for de-prioritised asylum seekers and refugees in Athens
Foundation for Integrated Transport For Climate Emergency Planning and Policy, undertaking strategic analysis and litigation to stop UK ministerial decisions making climate change worse
Foundation for Integrated Transport For Transport Action Network, challenging the Government's decision to approve the A66 Trans-Pennine road scheme
Global Justice Now For Oikologia, supporting challenges to Human Rights and environmental abuses in India
Help Dadaab Supporting children in Dadabb, Kenya, the world's largest refugee camp, into education by funding Community Mobilisers
Independent Diplomat Limited Supporting a network of former and current female Afghan diplomats in shaping and influencing a credible political solution to the crisis
Inquest For UNGRIPP, to take action against indeterminate sentences and give support to those affected by them
Manchester Alliance for Community Care Promoting dignity amidst the hostile environment for migrants in Manchester
Maslaha Addressing government silencing of discussion of Palestine in UK schools
PalCrafts (Uk) Limited For Sunbula, core funding to build resilience for fair trade producers in Palestine
Peace Direct Supporting a network linking young people working for change in situations of protracted violence and insecurity
Permaculture Association (Britain) Developing a process for training community-based climate coaches and partnerships with other networks to enable scaling up across the UK in 2024
Queen Mary University of London - International State Crime Initiative (ISCI) Examining whether the Jewish Chronicle and Telegraph, which spearhead many unfounded antisemitism accusations, are discriminatory
Reconnect Responding to the increasing need for guidance into higher education and teaching among refugees and asylum seekers
Saheliya Core funding to support marginalised BAME women in Scotland who have mental health problems resulting from gendered abuses
SecurityWomen Delivering conference: How should Women be involved in Security Reform to ensure Better Societal Outcomes?
St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral For English Lessons in the Chapter House, to offer lessons and supporting activities for young male asylum seekers
The 10:10 Foundation Maximising climate impact from the 2024 general election by campaigning for a televised party leaders' debate/engagement with parliamentary candidates

The BEARR Trust Providing Mental Health Support in small towns and villages in Ukraine using local volunteers
The Bradford Court Chaplaincy Service Providing support to people attending Bradford Magistrates Court & Bradford Combined Court Centre
The British Shalom Salaam Trust Supporting partners in Gaza and the West Bank in rebuilding homes and work places following Israeli attacks on civilian infrastructure
The Centre for Innovation in Voluntary Action Employing a researcher to set up list of climate/racial justice funders for the Racial Justice Working Group
The Institute of Development Studies For New Lucas Plan, production of an educational and action-oriented booklet to tackle climate change from the workplace and the community
The Karuna Trust Supporting 16 community-led organisations across ten states in India, serving 300,000 people
The Poverty and Environment Trust Coordinating community advocacy and conducting research, with the aim of creating dramatic nationwide growth in community renewable energy schemes
The Poverty and Environment Trust For Zero Hour, empowering citizens to take democratic action on the climate and nature crises by supporting the Climate & Ecology Bill
The Refugee and Migrant Centre Limited Fund offering discretionary payments to asylum seekers, refugees and dependants trapped in emergency situations needing immediate support
The Smile and Olive Foundation (UK) Installing Solar Panels for street children's school in Lebanon
Theatro Technis Company Limited For MENA Arts UK, to continue to champion voices and empower unrepresented Middle East and North African communities within the UK arts industries
Womankind Worldwide Improving the lives of women and children facing displacement due to violence and conflict in Ethiopia