

# Welcome to the Longleigh Foundation





# Our History

The Longleigh Foundation was established by Stonewater, one of the UK's leading social housing providers, to assist vulnerable residents against a backdrop of government Budget cuts and Welfare Reform.

The Foundation, which operates independently, officially launched in January 2017 after being established as a Registered Charity in 2016.

## Our Values

### Transformative

Our funding is well targeted, and has the potential to transform lives.

### Collaborative

We are ambitious, seeking to maximize our impact by attracting partners who share our vision and engaging stakeholders in our work. Each year we work closely with funding partners to define our grant giving programme and, where possible, seek to secure joint funding for the projects we support – making every pound we spend go further.

### Agile

We use our limited resources intelligently, striking a balance between targeted grant giving and being responsive to changing needs.

We work in different ways to achieve our aims – responding to need with individual and project grant support, as well as seeking to influence policy by commissioning bespoke strategic projects e.g. in areas of research.



# Our Beneficiaries

We are proud of our beneficiaries and what they can achieve. This belief helps inform all of our grant giving.

Our grant giving is aimed at the following groups:

- \* Young people (aged 16 – 25).
- \* Older people (aged over 60).
- \* Individuals at risk of, or subject to, domestic abuse.
- \* Individuals with a physical or mental disability.

The Longleigh Foundation encourages aspiration in young people and wants to unlock their potential – providing support, for example, in training and skills development, or circumstances that have arisen from hardship. We assist young people in carving out their own, positive futures.

We seek to break negative cycles, including low-paid poverty and situations of domestic abuse.

We strive to improve the quality of life for our beneficiaries – particularly those with disabilities.

We are passionate about health, well-being and inclusion for people at all stages of their lives. That can mean helping individuals to access the skills and training needed to gain employment, or helping to address many of the gaps in services for older people.



# Our Grants

Our grant-giving falls broadly into three streams – Individual, Project and Strategic.

## Individual

Our Hardship grants support individuals with short-term problems or during crisis points in their lives.

Our Education and Skills grants are designed to help people improve their employability, and escape the low-pay poverty trap.

## Project

Our Project funding reflects our chosen themes. Currently, these include:

- \* Health and well-being.
- \* Isolation and inclusion.
- \* Employment and training.

Applications are assessed in a single stage process for grants of less than £5000 and a two-stage process for grants over £5000.



## Strategic

As well as providing financial and practical assistance where most needed, the Longleigh Foundation aims to influence and shape future policy, to address root causes. We do this through our Strategic grant giving, aimed at supporting research and informing policy.

### Geography

Our geographic spread is broad, taking in communities across the whole of England.

However, we also think locally – aiming to find local solutions to local problems, and seek to work collaboratively with local partners, including other funders, businesses and charities in support of our aims.

Across all our grant streams, we welcome a partnership approach, so we can extend our reach to more people in need, in more communities, and grow our impact.

# How you can support us

We are already supporting some inspirational projects, helping to improve the lives and opportunities of vulnerable people.

We will continue to work hard to increase our impact and grow our work across the country in the coming years.

Please help us to achieve our Vision – for everyone to have the opportunity to live a better life.

## Make a donation

There are many ways you can support us. If you would like to make a one-off, or regular donation to the Longleigh Foundation, please visit our website [www.longleighfoundation.org](http://www.longleighfoundation.org)

## Company support

We are keen to work with a range of companies and businesses to help raise funds for our work, while also delivering mutual benefits.

We are incredibly grateful for the donations and support given to the Longleigh Foundation by the Trustees and staff of Stonewater, our founder. We hope that others will join in supporting our work.

There are many ways in which your company can get involved:

★ By making a direct donation – for general support, or towards a project of your choice – perhaps in a local area close to your headquarters or area of work. Charitable donations

can be a tax efficient way to achieve your Corporate Social Responsibility objectives.

★ By engaging the enthusiastic support of your employees as part of a ‘Charity of the Year’ relationship. This can involve donations, match giving, payroll giving, fundraising days, activities etc.

We would be delighted to discuss these, and other ways of supporting the Longleigh Foundation, with you.

## Partnerships

We aim to make our funding go further, by partnering with other Trusts and Foundations to support impactful projects.

We are seeking experts at a local level – so that we can maximise impact on a particular community, and work to tackle local issues.

We also want to work collaboratively to commission Strategic projects.

**If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch.**

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