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## **FUNDING ADVICE SERVICE**

**for**

**Voluntary Organisations  
and  
Community Groups**

**in**

**Bolsover, Chesterfield,  
North East Derbyshire  
Districts.**

Supported by  
**The National Lottery**<sup>®</sup>  
through the Big Lottery Fund



## FUNDING ADVICE SERVICE

The Big Lottery Fund has awarded Links a five-year grant to provide funding advice to voluntary organisations and community groups in the districts of Bolsover, Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire. This service will be delivered through a partnership with Community and Voluntary Partners (CVP), the infrastructure (support) organisation in the Bolsover district.

Links is a Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) providing support, information, advice and training for voluntary organisations and community groups in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire.

CVP provides a similar service to organisations operating in the Bolsover District.

The Funding Advice Service employs

- a Funding Adviser - Brian Morris.
- a Social Economy Adviser - Diane Sheppard/John Chell
- an ICT Support Worker - Martin Conlan.

The team is based at Links but are willing to visit groups anywhere in the three districts.

The aim of the Funding Advice Service is to increase financial resources for local voluntary and community groups and infrastructure (support) agencies in Bolsover, Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire.

The service includes: -

- information on sources of funding including a Funding Opportunities bulletin
- improving knowledge and skills about making good funding applications
- arranging joint events with funders
- increasing influence of groups on local and regional policies on funding
- targeted support for hard to reach groups e.g. Black & Minority Ethnic groups
- encouraging groups to be imaginative about raising income
- training re charging, trading and social enterprise
- researching possible sources of funding
- completion of funding applications.

Contact us as early as possible with your ideas.

We can help you work your project through.

HELP is available to

- find the funder that is most likely to give financial assistance for your project
- include the best words to use in an application
- explain funding jargon and terms
- avoid a poor application
- generate income from fees and charges.