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Dear Supporters

With lots of new fundraising initiatives scheduled for the next few months it's been a particularly busy time for the foundation.

The High Sheriff Two Saints Way walk is well under way, and our team have been digging out their winter boots to take part. Don't forget that there is still time to make a donation to the High Sheriff fund, and details of how to take part and donate can be found below including a recent blog from the High Sheriff herself in 'walking the walk'.

The European Social Fund is now open for applications, and we advise you to apply early as funds are limited. We will also be delivering some exciting workshops for ESF in north Shropshire. Please see our events section for more details.

Steve Adams

New Fund For Youth

The *Youth Endeavour Fund* is a new fund that was established in late 2013, following a result of a private generous donation through Staffordshire Community Foundation.

The aim of the fund is to help provide assistance to those aged between 14 and 25, who are trying to overcome difficult times that may stop young people achieving their full potential. There is no prescriptive list for how this might occur and so the fund advisor's are happy to receive applications that detail the barriers you may face and how you can overcome them with their help.

Grants are usually made up to the value of £500, although no financial award will be made. Instead, the award will be purchased for you and you will receive that directly. Purchasing equipment, work wear to enable you to carry out your employment and skills courses are just a few

Dates for Your Diary

Training

13th May 2014
[Pulse](#) VCSE information
AND skills workshops

Grant Deadlines

8th May 2014
[Santander](#)

21st May 2014
[European Social Fund](#)

22nd May 2014
Edward Malam
Convalescent Fund
[Apply Organisation](#)

examples of how this fund can help.

For more information about the fund, including the criteria, and the reason for its establishment, will be available on our [website](#).

Apply Individual

19th June 2014
High Sheriff Fund

26th June 2014
Coventry Building Society

Events

13th May 2014
Pulse Regeneration Workshop

19th May 2014
European Social Fund Workshops

7th & 9th June 2014
Fishing Festival c/o We Love Lichfield

25th August 2014
11th October 2014
Two Saints Way Walk

Final Call

Santander Award

8th May 2014



The Santander award is a national community investment programme, to help support growing social enterprises and enterprising charities working for the direct benefit of their community.

This is open to Registered Charities and Constituted Community Groups who can demonstrate an enterprising element to their work and income.

The last date for application is Thursday 8th May 2014.

For further information, please go to our [website](#).

European Social Fund

July 2014



The European Social Fund (ESF) Grants are financed through the European Union and are designed to help people increase their chances of finding work.

Grants are available of up to £15,000 and aim to help people who are financially inactive or unemployed to fund new skills and confidence to get back into employment.

European Union
European Social Fund
Investing in jobs and skills

Community and voluntary groups can apply for funding to provide services to people to assist with their skills.

We will be accepting applications until July 2014 and applications will be on a first come, first served basis.

To apply for a grant from the European Social Fund please download the application pack, containing the application form, the criteria for the scheme and the standard Staffordshire Community Foundation terms and conditions of application, these can be obtained from our website, details for more information [here](#). Or to speak to our grants officer Sally Grieve to discuss your grant on 01785 353590.

What's On?

'Walk The Walk'

Two Saints Way Walk

'The Two Saints Way' is an 88 mile pilgrimage route - which stretches from Chester to Lichfield Cathedral.

The footpath is called the Two Saints Way after two Saxon saints who brought Christianity to the ancient kingdom of Mercia in the seventh century. The shrines of St Chad at Lichfield and St Werburgh at Chester were popular destinations for pilgrims in medieval times.



Ann Fisher, The High Sheriff of Staffordshire, is raising money for the High Sheriff Fund c/o Staffordshire Community Foundation. Here is what she had to say;

'During my year in office as High Sheriff of Staffordshire, I have chosen to raise money and support for the High Sheriff 's Fund for Staffordshire.

The High Sheriff's Fund distributes grants of up to £500 to grass roots causes and community groups across the county of Staffordshire.

I feel passionate about supporting small, local groups who strive to make a difference to the lives of others in our county. As one of my other passions is walking, I have chosen to traverse the newly re-created 88 mile pilgrimage route



'The Two Saints Way' - which stretches from Chester to Lichfield Cathedral - to raise as much funds as I can'.

Ann Fisher

If you would like to support Ann in her Pilgrimage walk and show your support to the High Sheriff fund you can do so by clicking the 'Just Giving' Link below.



For more information on The High Sheriff fund and how it can help you, please go to our website for more information.

[High Sheriff fund](#)



Monthly Focus

Tunstall Special Needs

With the help of the Edward Malam fund Tunstall Special Needs Club were able to provide a recuperation holiday for its club members and volunteers.

By providing a holiday it helped their members become more independent and help with their social skills as well as a break for parents or carers.

For further details on the Edward Malam fund and how to apply,

[for organisations please click here.](#)

[for individuals, please click here](#)



Community Funding Opportunities

The following funds have been made available to encourage business, enterprises and individuals to donate to a central fund. All money raised will be invested according to Charity Commission guidelines to enable the fund to grow in value. Grants can then be given out year on year and the fund will continue to grow to give out more each year.

Our mission is that by 2015, each Staffordshire District will have a centralised community fund, enabling the Foundation to reach out to all areas of the County and provide support to those in need.

Stafford

The Stafford Community fund covers the area currently covered by Stafford Borough Council, and includes the Stone district.

The Stafford Community Fund is still in a growth phase. and will expect to start awarding it's first

Newcastle

Coming soon....

The Newcastle Borough Fund will distribute grants out to individuals and charitable organisations within the Borough, ensuring that our communities continue to thrive.

The fund will receive it's official public launch in

South Staffordshire

The South Staffordshire Community Fund is one of the final 'area funds' to be put into place, the other being the East Staffordshire Community Fund. Meetings have already been held with various agencies based in South Staffordshire

grants in 2014.

The official launch of this fund will take place on 15th July 2014. For more information or to make a donation to the fund, please click here.

June 2014 although preparations are already under way.

For more information or to make a donation, please click here.

to secure their backing for the fund..

The South Staffordshire Community will expect to start awarding it's first grants in April 2015.

For more information or to make a donation, please click here.



Other News

Free Office furniture

Some office furniture has recently become made available. The following items are listed below;

- 2 x desks grey with built in draws.
- 1 x filing cabinet
- 2 x Office chairs
- About fixed chairs (various styles)
- Large collapsing display stand
- Display boards
- Flip chart board

If you feel you could give any of these items a home, please contact Gemma Bond on 01785 353789. Although these items are not for sale, a donation to one of our available funds would be appreciated.

Further Information

For further information on any of our grants or endowments, please do not hesitate to contact one of our team here at SCF on 01785 353789, alternatively please keep checking our website for further updates and information or visit our Facebook and twitter pages.



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