



THIRD SECTOR
Dumfries and Galloway

Takeaway Fact Sheet

ROADSHOWS

Funding Focus Roadshow: A' The Airts: Community Arts Centre, Sanquhar

The session opened with a welcome from Jeanna Davies, Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway's Community Engagement Officer (Nithsdale).

Jeanna introduced and outlined how TSDG engaged with partners and organisations in the weeks before the event. Throughout this engagement, it was highlighted that a Funding Focus Roadshow in the Mid and Upper Nithsdale areas would be beneficial.

The format of the day included two presentations from Foundation Scotland and then National Lottery. Booked 1-1 appointments were also available with both funders and an Engagement Officer at TSDG. This was then followed by a one hour drop in.

Jeanna then introduced Chris Dempster from Foundation Scotland. Chris outlined both the National Funds, Place-Based Funds and Community

Benefit Funds available. The main fund available in Mid/Upper Nithsdale is the Whiteside Hill fund which Chris discussed in depth. He also provided useful hints and tips to consider when applying for the fund.



Presentation from Chris Dempster, of Foundation Scotland.

This was followed by a presentation by Kirsty Wilson, Pip Ryan and Alexandra Krause from the National Lottery Community Fund who discussed Awards for All, Community Led funding, Improving Lives, Cost of Living Support funding, and Young Start. This was followed by TSDG thanking the speakers, attendees and the venue for their wonderful hospitality.

Emerging Themes

- There is a need for funders to recognise the need for core funding.
- Funding applications appear to be more complex than ever before and organisations are requiring support to build their capability and success with a competitive funding landscape.
- Projects and organisations that support working toward Net Zero have more funding streams available to them but this can be challenging in rural areas with expensive utility costs.
- Many organisations are struggling to find suitable funding streams and are requesting support from TSDG to run a funding report to alleviate these pressures.
- Core funds are being frozen due to limits in funding, despite the rise in the cost of living.



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Participation Findings: We listen to understand

What does the funding landscape currently look like for your organisation?

Many of the organisations who attended the event are finding this very difficult at the moment and are often applying to a number of small funds to pull a larger pot of money together. Core funding is being discontinued for many which is resulting in staff/service cuts in the sector. Organisational sustainability continues to remain fragile for many third sector organisations.

What can TSDG do to support your training requirements on funding?

The majority of the participants appeared happy with TSDG's Funding training offer. This includes:

- How to write a successful funding application
- Setting outcomes and indicators
- Evaluating your impact



Booked session with Kirsty Wilson, Pip Ryan and Alexandra Krause from the National Lottery Community Fund.

TSDG also offer several different "Meet the funder" online sessions each year. Some attendees highlighted that they would prefer more face to face sessions however appreciated the flexibility that Zoom sessions offered. TSDG can also offer bespoke training sessions if there is an ask for this within a community so please do reach out to our team to discuss this if you require more dedicated support for your organisation.

Event feedback

100% of participants who completed a feedback form rated the event as excellent.

Very informative talks and helpful booking in 1-1 sessions with funders

Presentations very good and location excellent

Very good and great insight



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Useful Information

Foundation Scotland Contact Details

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Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway - Training Opportunities

<https://www.tsdg.org.uk/training23/>

Speak to our Engagement Team

Email Info@tsdg.org.uk or call 0300 303 8558

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