

New fund available in West Cumbria - BNFL 'Live the Dream' Fund

2008 marked the end of BNFL's management and operation of the Sellafield site in West Cumbria. To celebrate their role over the years and to leave a continuing legacy, the company set up the 'Live the Dream' Fund to provide opportunities for young people in West Cumbria now and in the future.

The fund prioritises educational or training activity which raises aspirations of young people and which enhances their employability. Just over £500,000 has been invested as a permanent fund at the Foundation. The income from the Fund will be distributed annually in grant awards. Funds are now available for distribution from the Fund and young people are encouraged to apply.

The Fund will support academic study and the development of vocational skills for young people who would otherwise find it difficult to participate in learning activities, as well as young people striving for excellence in sport and the arts. The fund is keen to prioritise people who can demonstrate excellence in their chosen field of study. Grants may be a single award or a series of awards paid over up to three years and dependent on progress.

Mike Parker, former Chief Executive of BNFL said "We encourage young people to consider what assistance they might need to help them fulfil their ambitions, whether it is support for books or computers to support their studies, or help towards other life enhancing activities."

The Fund is administered by Cumbria Community Foundation. The Foundation's Director, Andy Beeforth said "We are enormously proud to be able to host and manage this fund, which will support the learning and development of young people in West Cumbria for years to come."