

## **New grants panel to distribute funds for West Cumbria's communities**

The Cumbria Community Foundation has a new West Cumbria committee to decide on the distribution of grant funds in Allerdale and Copeland.

The West Cumbria Panel, which aims to make decisions on over £½ million pounds in grant aid per year, has representation from both Allerdale and Copeland Borough Councils and the wider community. Copeland Borough Council Leader Elaine Woodburn – a Community Foundation Trustee - and colleagues Keith Hitchen and Geoff Garrity together with Allerdale Borough Council Leader Joe Milburn and his colleagues, David Wilson and Alan Smith sit alongside community representatives Adrienne Easterbrook from Maryport, Gill Greenhalgh from Cockermouth, Peter Johnstone from Whitehaven, Lynda Merrill from Millom, Paul Rowe from Cleator Moor and the panel's Chair, Chris Coombes from Cumbria Council for Voluntary Service, based in Maryport – also a Community Foundation Trustee.

The Panel will make decisions on applications coming to the Community Foundation for Coalfields Regeneration Trust's "Bridging the Gap" Community Chest, the ever-popular Allerdale Community Fund, and two of the Community Foundation's nuclear industry related funds – the Sellafield Site Fund and the Fluor Cumbria Fund. Future funds will be added as they develop to ensure that the Community Foundation's grant-making in West Cumbria is effective and relevant to the needs of local communities.

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