

‘The NCIP programme has improved people’s health and wellbeing’

Cumbria Community Foundation helps philanthropic individuals and businesses by managing their funds to put something back into their chosen community. Each month, we’ll introduce you to a different fund and highlight how the money is helping people across the county.

Cumbria Community Foundation is proud to work in partnership with local organisations across the county, and won the 2015 Grantmaking and Funding category at the UK Charity Awards in June for this approach. This month we would like to thank the local charities, their staff and volunteers whose efforts made this possible.

The award was presented for the groundbreaking Neighbourhood Care Independence Programme (NCIP), developed by Cumbria Community Foundation in its role as managed service provider on behalf of Cumbria County Council.

Cumbria Community Foundation facilitated a partnership of 33 voluntary sector delivery organisations, with the award judges commenting that NCIP was a great example of a host of people working together.

Each of the 33 organisations whose efforts were instrumental in winning the award has been presented with a winner’s certificate.

The £860,000 per annum NCIP programme is delivered on behalf of Cumbria County Council to support Cumbria’s large and growing population of older people and vulnerable adults. NCIP partners provide a range of services, such as Home from Hospital, minor adaptations to the home, befriending and social activities. The NCIP has delivered £1 m in public sector savings and helped over 38,000 vulnerable adults and older people in Cumbria to maintain their independence. By the end of



NCIP partners from Carlisle and Eden receiving their certificates

the first year, one in eight of the county’s older residents had used NCIP services.

Mary Bradley of Age UK West Cumbria said: “The NCIP programme has made a difference in West Cumbria, enabling a diverse range of third sector organisations to support the community with information, advice and activities which have contributed to improving people’s independence, health and wellbeing. It is fitting that this innovative project should have picked up this award on behalf of everyone, including the many volunteers and community groups involved in making it a success.”

Chris Coombes, Cumbria CVS said: “NCIP is a fantastic piece of partnership work and we are really glad so many Cumbrians benefit from the services offered.”

If you would like to know how to apply for a grant or create a grant making fund, please visit the Foundation’s website www.cumbriafoundation.org or call 01900 825760.

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