

Dora Beeforth Memorial Fund Grants to support young people from low income families to participate in sport, outdoor education and foreign travel

Funded

The Fund was established in memory of Dora Beeforth, the wife of the Foundation's Director. Dora was born in Cumbria and attended the Lakes School in Windermere. She enjoyed the outdoors, was a volunteer warden with the Lake District National Park and a volunteer with Cumbria Youth Theatre. She was also a keen runner and orienteer. The Fund was created in her memory to enable children and young people to experience activities and opportunities which they otherwise would not be able to afford.

The Fund received a £10,000 boost in 2012 as a result of the tragic death of Michael 'Mic' Machell. Mic died at the age of 23 in a climbing accident in the USA. Members of his family and friends donated money to the Langdale and Ambleside Mountain Rescue Team to provide a lasting memorial to Mic. Mic was an active member of the team for three years, being involved in 170 rescues. The Mountain Rescue team decided they wanted the money to be used to support young people developing a career or gaining experience in the outdoors, something which is possible through the Dora Beeforth Memorial Fund at the Community Foundation. Dora and Mic shared a love of the hills and although they never met, they had the same personal motto 'Carpe Diem'.

Who can apply?

Young people between 11 and 21 and organisations working with young people. Applications from individuals should set out how and why a trip will benefit them.

This is a means tested grants programme. Applicants' total household income must be less than £539 per week (**excluding** all benefits).

If you are interested in applying to this Fund, please read the following details carefully:

The Fund **will not normally** pay for

- family holidays
- trips in the UK under three days' duration
- computers
- activities which involve the promotion of religious doctrine
- vehicle purchase costs

How much can you apply for?

- maximum grant will normally be £500 over one year
- individuals will normally only qualify for one award from the Fund
- if you wish to apply for a larger amount please talk to Foundation staff before applying

We also administer a number of small funds using similar criteria which cover specific areas or ages. We will automatically consider appropriate applications.

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