



#CANDO

TRANSFORMING WEST CUMBRIA



Youth Advisory Committee

INFORMATION PACK





WHO WE ARE:

Cumbria Community Foundation is an independent award-winning grant making charity dedicated to meeting the needs in our communities by assisting charities and voluntary organisations and supporting individuals in Cumbria.

Since the Foundation was established in 1999, more than £56 million has been given out in grants that have made a real difference to the most disadvantaged people in our county.

Our generous donors and fundholders made those grants possible: ordinary people and businesses who want to invest in and give back to their local communities.

WHAT IS THE #CANDO PROGRAMME?

#CanDo aims to support the ambition of developing a lifetime commitment to social action and increase the number of opportunities for young people to volunteer, fundraise, or campaign on issues that are important to them, with a commitment to reducing the social and financial barriers that stop some young people from taking part in social action.

Funded by Sellafield Ltd, with match funding from Thomas Graham & Sons and local donors, it is part of Transforming West Cumbria, a multi-year social investment programme developed by Cumbria Community Foundation. It provides grants to local charities and community groups to support social or environmental action projects designed by young people.

Click more information, visit: www.cumbriafoundation.org/transforming-west-cumbria/cando/



#CanDo Youth Advisory Committee 2021-22

WHAT IS THE YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL?

#CanDo projects bring young people together – to learn something new, do something different, or benefit the community where they live – and that leaves behind a social legacy of increased wellbeing, as well as happier and more connected communities.

To do this, we want to bring together a group of young adults to advise us in the decision making and help inform what the #CanDo programme does, how it operates, the partnerships it develops and how it communicates. By volunteering your time and sharing your views, you can help make a real difference!

“Being on the #CanDo Youth Advisory Committee is such an empowering position to have. It’s great to know that the decisions we make have a positive effect on young people in our local area!”

**Lauren Woodham, 17,
#CanDo Youth Advisory Committee member 2021-22**

WHAT YOU'LL BE DOING?

You'll be advising and being ambassadors for #CanDo. This could mean giving us feedback on activity across the lifecycle of a project from funding applications, shaping and advising the #CanDo programme so it reaches the right audience and the projects funded are relevant, practical and accessible to young people.

We'd like you to promote and review the fund, attend meetings and review funding applications and ultimately decide what projects you collectively want to support.

AND WHERE?

The panel is made up of young people from across West Cumbria. We meet in person where possible, usually in a central location depending on where the young people live. Meetings usually run for two hours and there is some time required beforehand to prepare for the meeting and review applications. If you cannot physically attend a meeting, you can join via a computer or laptop, or your internet-enabled phone.

"Young people must be involved in decision making about the things that matter to them. Communities benefit from the young people's energy, ideas, opinions and capacity to create positive change and challenge the status quo."

**Kate Whitmarsh, Development Officer,
WE WILL/Ewanrigg Local Trust**

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- You'll be aged between 16-25 years old and live in West Cumbria
- You'll be passionate about your local community, volunteering and the potential that local people and community groups have to change lives – all part of Cumbria Community Foundation's mission
- You'll be driven to make a difference, develop new skills and see things through to the end, until at least March 2023.
- You're a great team player encouraging others to have a voice as well as confident to speak your mind and represent others views that are affecting young people today
- You'll be able to give a couple of hours a month to us.



"The #CanDo Youth Committee was a great experience to be a part of. It was nice to be able to speak to people and share ideas. Everyone was really willing to get involved and all the ideas were very different."

Emily Dixon, 16,
#CanDo Youth Committee Member 2020-21

WHAT YOU'LL GET FROM US



- You'll be part of a team of fun, like-minded young people from across West Cumbria that make a difference to real people
- You'll have a member of staff who will support you in your role and who you can contact with any questions as well as meet and work with senior decision makers
- You'll get to put your existing skills into practice, learn new ones – including assessing applications, shape social media content, blogging and team-work
- Becoming a member will help to develop skills and experience such as decision making, influencing and team building
- We'll be happy to provide a reference
- You'll be reimbursed for any agreed expenses while carrying out the role

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If this sounds like the kind of thing you'd be interested in, we'd love to hear from you! Click [here](#) to access the application form.

Once completed, please return to annalee@cumbriafoundation.org

If you have any questions, please call 01900 820827.

NEXT STEPS

STEP	DATE
APPLICATIONS OPEN	MONDAY 20TH JUNE 2022
APPLICATION CLOSING DATE	FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2022
WE LET YOU KNOW	MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2022
INDUCTION	TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2022, 5PM
COMMITTEE MEETING	TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2022, 5PM
COMMITTEE MEETING	TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2023, 5PM
COMMITTEE MEETING	TUESDAY 6TH JUNE 2023, 5PM

LOCAL YOUTH IMPACT

The #CanDo Youth Advisory Committee decides where £50,000 each year is awarded. Here are some of the funded projects:

Always Another Way

£4,956

Young people's Colour Coded LGBTQ+ project

Centre for Leadership Performance

£4,992

Leading Change Campaign

Community Alcohol Partnerships

£3,905

Young Health Champions

Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS)

£5,000

Youth action for Sustainability

Cumbria Youth Alliance (CYA)

£5,000

Dreamscheme

Ewanrigg Local Trust

£5,000

WE WILL youth mental health campaign

Maryport and Solway Sea Cadets

£4,250

Seabin for Maryport Marina

Spiral

£4,994

Online peer support for young people affected by bullying

The Phoenix Youth Project

£5,000

Cuppa & Craic

Together We CIC

£4,442

Youth wellbeing champions

Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project

£4,940

Green Fingers Club

