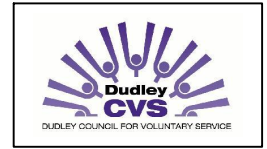


## Small Groups in Dudley - Information Sheet



### Funding for Black Minority Ethnic groups and activities

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## Key Funders

### Awards for All

The Big Lottery administers 'Awards for All' a grants programme where voluntary organisations and community groups can access grants up to £10,000. Projects must either; extend access and participation, increase skill and creativity or improve the quality of life. Application forms can be obtained from Awards for All, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Edmund House, 12-22 Newhall Street, Birmingham, B3 3NL. Telephone: 0121 200 3500. Website: [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk).

### Reaching Communities

The Big Lottery administers a grants programme 'Reaching Communities' where registered charities can access grants from £10,000 - £500,000. The aims of the fund are to:

- give people better chances in life with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- Create stronger communities, with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems
- Improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy, and;
- Healthier and more active people and communities.

For more information telephone 0845 4102030. Website: [www.biglottery.org.uk](http://www.biglottery.org.uk).

### Comic Relief

Comic Relief administers several grant programmes eligible for community groups and voluntary organisations. Groups can apply up to £5000 to deliver projects under the following categories:

- Young people with mental health problems
- Young people with alcohol problems
- Young people abused through prostitution and trafficking
- Promoting older people's advocacy and campaigning
- Small grants to tackle isolation and loneliness
- Mental health - advocacy and campaigning
- Small grants for user-led mental health groups
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers - supporting vulnerable women
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers - building community links
- Disadvantaged Communities

For more information contact the UK Grants Team, Comic Relief, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 89 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7TP. Telephone: 020 7820 5500. Website: [www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com).

### Connecting Communities Plus

The Race Equality and Cohesion Faith Unit administers 'Connecting Communities Plus' where voluntary and community organisations can apply up to £12,000 to achieve one of the following:

- Improve the experiences of people from BME backgrounds in relation to access to and outcomes from public services - education, employment, health, housing and the Criminal Justice System.

- Increasing the confidence of people from BME backgrounds that public services are delivered in a fair and equitable way.
- Tackling racism and extremism
- Bringing together communities from different races and faiths, and promoting a shared sense of belonging (community cohesion)

Applications can be obtained from the Community Development Foundation, The Michael Young Centre, Purbeck Road, Cambridge, CB2 2HN. Telephone: 01223 400343. Closing dates are 5th March 2007 and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

### **Lloyds TSB Foundation for England**

Grants available up to £10,000 to support registered charities working with people from BME communities, asylum seekers and refugees, older people and people with a learning disability to enable them to play a fuller role in their communities. Applications can be obtained from Melinda Connelly, PO Box 46156, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 4 St Dunstan's Hill, London, EC3R 8UL. Telephone: 01785 247488.

### **Geoff Hill Charitable Trust**

The Geoff Hill Charitable Trust is a local trust set up to fund general activities run by local groups situated in Dudley Borough. Groups can obtain an application form from the Geoff Hill Charitable Trust, 7 High Street, Amblecote, Stourbridge, DY8 4DE.

### **Dudley Area Committees**

Dudley Council's Area Committees each have a budget for allocation on capital schemes within their areas. Voluntary organisations and community groups are welcome to apply for funding from their relevant Area Committee for or towards the costs of capital expenditure. Groups can obtain application forms from Democratic Services, Directorate of Law and Property, Dudley MBC, the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley, DY1 1HF. Telephone: 01384 815240/1/2.

This information sheet outlines some of the main funders in the areas of activities for BME groups. Information about other possible funders can be accessed through FunderFinder and Grantfinder at Dudley CVS. If you are a small group (income up to £5000) and would like support in identifying other funders please contact Kate Green, Small Groups Development Officer on 01384 78166. Email: [smallgroups@dudleycvs.org.uk](mailto:smallgroups@dudleycvs.org.uk).