

Grants awarded 2025-26

NEW LUTON MATTERS PROGRAMME - 25 grants		
Name of recipient	Purpose of grant	Amount awarded (£)
Azalea	Funding of an Anti-Sex Trafficking Officer, to provide specialist support in a mobile drop-in van (final two instalments of six) .	36,165
Bangladesh Youth League (Luton) - Centre for Youth & Community Development	Unrestricted funding to sustain CYCD's community, youth, and training programmes in Luton (first of a possible three instalments) .	36,000
Boxing Saves Lives CIC	Towards life-changing interventions for boys and girls in school, especially those experiencing trauma, poor mental health, exclusion and persistent absence (first of a possible two instalments) .	25,000
Chums Charity	Towards a Bereavement Service for Child and Young People in Luton and their families (first of a possible three instalments) .	30,000
Community Interest Luton	Towards expansion of the Luton Employment, Training and Skills Hub and introduction of free GCSE tuition in English, Maths and Science (first of a possible three instalments) .	30,000
Culture Trust Luton	A substantial intervention of new public art commissions providing artistic development of local creatives, community engagement and improving cultural learning whilst raising the cultural profile of Luton (final two instalments of five) .	37,000
Families United Network	Funding towards the costs of supporting young people with disabilities and their families living in Luton (first of a possible two instalments) ,	30,000
Headway Luton Ltd	To complete the building renovations of the charity's day centre building used by survivors of an acquired brain injury.	19,300
iCan Charity	To help children in Luton to develop essential early language skills through targeted childminder support (final instalment of two) .	20,000
Keech Hospice Care	Contribution towards the Compassionate Communities programme in Luton (first of a possible three instalments) .	20,000
Level Trust	Core funding towards enabling children living in poverty to fully participate in education (final instalment of two) .	30,000
Luton Citizens Advice Bureau	Funding towards an additional dedicated telephone adviser (first of a possible three instalments) .	25,000
Multiple Sclerosis Society	To develop the 'Tree of Life' therapeutic support group for people in Luton who are living with MS (first of a possible two instalments) .	14,551

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Music For Youth	Towards the costs of increasing accessibility, inclusiveness and reach of the Music for Youth core programme and pilot projects (second of a possible three instalments).	10,000
Norton Road Primary School	Building a sensory room and a specialist learning hub for SEND and disadvantaged children (two instalments of a possible four).	72,000
PCC of St Luke's Legrave, Luton	Towards the continued provision of St. Luke's Community Cafe at Hockwell Ring Community Centre (first of a possible three instalments).	15,000
Pioneer Learning Trust	Creation of a purpose built sensory building for children with additional needs (first of a possible three instalments).	62,500
Royal Osteoporosis Society	Funding towards a project to provide ongoing practical and emotional support for people in Luton with, or at risk of developing, osteoporosis (third & fourth instalments of a possible six).	42,040
Salto Gymnastics Charitable Foundation Ltd	The purchase of pit sponge and socks to improve the safety, cleanliness, air quality, durability and sustainability of training sessions.	17,000
The Brilliant Club	Towards support for less-advantaged students in Luton and Bedfordshire to access and succeed at competitive universities through The Scholars Programme (second of a possible three instalments).	18,200
The For Baby's Sake Trust	Towards the expansion of support services to families experiencing domestic abuse through pregnancy to baby's second birthday (first of a possible three instalments).	20,000
The NOAH Enterprise (New Opportunities And Horizons)	Unrestricted funding to help ensure marginalised people in Luton can continue to access NOAH's frontline welfare services, long-term support and training pathways (first of a possible three instalments).	27,000
The Zoological Society of London	Increasing biodiversity in the grounds of three Luton school grounds and building teachers' capacity to teach in and about nature (first two of a possible four instalments).	41,900
Tokko Ltd	Unrestricted funding towards the core running costs of the youth services the charity provides (first of a possible three instalments).	25,000
YouTurn Futures	Towards a dedicated online forum for parents of children facing various social issues, to access trusted resources and connect with others facing similar challenges.	10,000
		713,656

UK UNDER-26 PROGRAMME - 42 grants

Name of recipient	Purpose of grant	Amount awarded (£)
Ballet Rambert Limited	Towards a free-to-access professional and personal development programme aimed at young people in Lambeth, Liverpool and Mansfield.	10,000
Barking & Dagenham Youth Zone	Contribution towards the cost of the refurbishment of the sensory room.	10,000
Bigkid Foundation	Towards 'Breaking Barriers', an in-school leadership programme for vulnerable young people, often at risk of exclusion.	17,500
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	Towards inclusive, high-quality musical education and performance opportunities for young disabled musicians (11–25) at high risk of loneliness and marginalisation (first of a possible three instalments) .	15,000
Circle Community Ltd	Support with getting into employment for disadvantaged young people aged 16-25.	10,000
Deafblind Uk	Funding to help support DeafBlind's new Children & Young People's (CYP) Programme, through which individuals will be supported at every stage of their journey with deafblindness.	20,000
Dorset Mind	Contribution to Dorset Mind's Waiting Well project, providing early mental health support for children & young people awaiting statutory services.	25,000
Dreamscheme Northern Ireland	Towards skills development projects and mentoring for young people from disadvantaged communities in Belfast and Antrim.	10,000
Faithworks Wessex	Towards practical and supported work-focused skills training, leading to college and employment, for young adults who face barriers to education and work.	10,000
Guildhall School Trust	Towards a scholarship for a Bedfordshire-based student on the BA Acting Studies course (first of a possible two instalments) .	10,000
Hammersmith and Fulham Youth Zone	Contribution towards core costs (third of a possible six instalments) .	35,490
Kingston Theatre Trust	Towards the costs of running the Rose Youth Theatre.	10,000
Lewis-Manning Hospice Care	Towards the Family and Bereavement support service, supporting children, young people and families in their own homes (second of a possible three instalments) .	25,000

UK U-26 cont. Name of recipient	Purpose of grant	Amount awarded (£)
Liverpool and Merseyside Theatres Trust Limited	Contribution to the Young Everyman & Playhouse theatre-based programme developing creative skills, employability, aspirations and confidence in Liverpool's under-represented young people.	25,000
Mentoring Plus Bath and North East Somerset	Contribution towards 1-1 mentoring for marginalised young people experiencing exclusion, disengagement from education, isolation, unmet SEND needs and family crisis (first of a possible two instalments) .	15,307
Moorfields Eye Charity	Towards the creation of a forum for young patients, through which they will shape their care and build skills.	23,742
No.5 Young People	Preventing permanent school exclusion of vulnerable young people at risk of crime and violence.	25,000
Prison Fellowship	Towards gift-giving programmes at Christmas and Mothers' Day to strengthen family relationships for young people in prison.	10,000
Refugee Education UK	Funding to assist refugee families navigate the education system and access appropriate school places.	15,000
Regenerate.com	Towards educational and employability training for vulnerable and marginalised people.	15,000
Sadler's Wells Trust Limited	Towards the Sadler's Wells Associate Schools programme, a partnership with schools in north and east London.	15,000
Stempoint	Providing live research opportunities for young people in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths) organisation.	15,000
Stop The Traffik	Towards Project Prevent, Protect, Empower: Preventing exploitation of at-risk and marginalised youth across the UK.	25,000
The British Library	Towards improving literacy and life outcomes for under-26s in deprived areas of Leeds.	14,600
The British Stammering Association	A Family Day which is a key initiative that provides a safe, inclusive space where young people can connect, share experiences, and build confidence.	6,600
The Children's Trust	Funding towards core running costs of the organisation (second of a possible three instalments) .	20,000
The Clink Charity	Funding for the Clink Café, providing real-world experience in the hospitality industry for young people at risk of criminal justice involvement (first of a possible three instalments) .	25,000
The National Gallery	Towards the 'Take One Picture' creative and literacy outreach programme for primary school students.	20,000

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The National Youth Orchestra Of Great Britain	Towards the development of creative and composition skills of teenage musicians, embracing new ways and settings to make music (third of a possible five instalments).	10,506
The Outward Bound Trust	Towards bursaries for young people experiencing financial hardship in Yorkshire & the Humber, to help them exceed expectations through participation in outward bound courses.	10,000
The Purcell School	Towards bursary funding for young talented musicians, from low socio-economic backgrounds (first of a possible three instalments).	10,000
The Queen's University of Belfast	Towards the salary of an outreach coordinator for the Reading Together programme, supporting literacy for children in care.	10,500
The Railway Children	Towards the costs of running the British Transport Police project in Yorkshire, identifying vulnerable young people on the transport network who may be in need of support.	15,000
The Royal Ballet School	Towards bursaries for dancers aged 8-17 from disadvantaged backgrounds around the UK to train in classical ballet at one of the regionally-based Associate Programme centres (first of a possible three instalments).	25,000
The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society	Towards the expansion of the In Harmony Liverpool Philharmonic programme (first of a possible three instalments).	25,000
The Royal National Theatre	Towards theatre trips to school matinees of 'Dear England', enabling disadvantaged students to attend with their teachers.	17,500
The Shakespeare Globe Trust	Children as Storytellers London: Providing high quality education enrichment activities to marginalised young people in London.	10,000
Trailblazers Mentoring Ltd	Towards mentoring and practical support for young male prisoners/prison leavers in London and Wolverhampton.	10,000
Tullochan	Towards Tullochan Training Academy, engaging young people in West Dunbartonshire in a variety of programmes and work placements and enabling them to gain qualifications.	15,000
Universify Education	Towards transforming the lives of disadvantaged young people by raising academic attainment, reducing education inequality, and improving life trajectories.	16,000
University of Southampton	Funding towards the Ignite Award scholarship widening participation programme (first of a possible three instalments).	14,000
Woman's Trust	Towards educational, therapeutic counselling services for young women and girls aged 16-25 to overcome the debilitating impact of domestic abuse.	19,800
		686,545

LEGACY AWARDS (that no longer fit current funding programmes)- 2 grants

Name of recipient	Purpose of grant	Amount awarded (£)
Opera Holland Park	Core funding to support the salary and recruitment costs of a new Business Partnerships Manager (final instalment of two).	26,000
The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association - Forces Help	A contribution towards support to the Armed Forces community (past and present) in Bedfordshire (second of a possible three instalments).	16,000
		42,000

Total: £ 1,442,201