

10 April 2018

Friends and family of Dan Hickey make second grants in his memory

In February this year the Dan Hickey Fund awarded eight grants to voluntary and community organisations to help young people in Bristol enjoy sport and drama activities. The Fund has been set up in memory of a local young man who died tragically in a hit and run incident in August 2015. Dan was 25 years old when he died.

Thanks to the efforts of the Dan Hickey Fund's supporters, £19,000 of grant funding has gone to charities and voluntary groups stretching from Easton to Sea Mills, Filton to Hartcliffe, and many points in between.

The wide range of beneficiaries include young women in Knowle West who will be getting active at weekly multi-sport sessions and children with special educational needs who will be enjoying water sports.

The Fund's decision-making panel, made up of Dan's friends and family and supported by us here at Quartet, met in February to review the second round of funding applications from 16 groups. Grants were available for youth organisations involved in drama or sport initiatives, helping young people aged 25 years or under living in Bristol.

The groups receiving the second round of grants from the Dan Hickey Fund are:

- **All-Aboard Water Sports £2,500** Towards the cost of providing 18 watersports sessions for three groups of beneficiaries: primary school children, children with special educational needs and young asylum seekers so they get the opportunity to enjoy water-based activities.
- **Creative Youth Network £2,500** To involve 45 young people in the creation of a large-scale theatre project. The organisation targets young people aged 11-25 years from disadvantaged backgrounds, giving them a rare opportunity to gain real experience in the arts sector.
- **Empire Fighting Chance £2,402** Towards a women-only box fit class on a Saturday morning for girls and young women based in the disadvantaged Easton and Lawrence Hill area. This activity will be aimed at, but not exclusively for, the Muslim community as all steps will be taken to allow them to participate fully with none of the barriers they may face in many other sports settings.
- **Tobacco Factory Arts Trust £2,500** Towards a fund to be held within the Tobacco Factory to improve access to Tobacco Factory activities and services for disadvantaged young people aged up to 25 years old. Examples include free/subsidised tickets and bursary places for drama workshops.
- **Unique Voice £2,195** Towards the cost of running a four-day drama focused holiday activity programme to benefit 25 children aged 8-14 years of age in east Bristol.
- **Young Bristol £2,480** Towards the cost of sports equipment to be used at eight of the group's youth clubs (Hartcliffe, Stockwood, Bedminster Down, Ashton Vale, Sea Mills, Lawrence Weston, Filton and Easton) as part of the group's new sports programme.
- **Youth Moves £2,300** Towards the cost of running a set of girls' multi-sport taster sessions held at local schools, leading to weekly girls' multi-sports sessions at the Park Centre, Knowle West.
- **Travelling Light Theatre Company £2,437** For the Travelling Light Summer School 2018, a week-long summer holiday programme to connect young people in Barton Hill with the arts, culture and heritage. Up to twenty people will take part in a range of drama, craft and play sessions, during which they will devise their own stories on the theme 'where I live'.

Dan's mother, Cecilia Browne, explained the purpose of the memorial fund. "The Dan Hickey Fund has now allocated its second round of grant funding. One of the major benefits from setting up the fund in our beloved son's memory is that it enables his family and friends to continue to say Dan's name as we meet to organise fundraising events. Each activity brings some light to an otherwise dark situation. The organisations frequently invite the committee of the Dan Hickey Fund to see for themselves how the grant money has been used and this is always inspiring and moving to feel the lives of young people in Bristol are being improved in memory of Dan."

"It's great that the Dan Hickey Fund is supporting this project", said Jamie Sanigar, Co-Founder of Empire Fighting Chance. "The trainer, Shiren Goush, has done a great job engaging the Muslim community who are really taking up the opportunity to come to a female-only non-contact boxing class, it's a combination of self-defence and fitness. The mothers and daughters class is also going really well. The female-only exercise class has proved so popular that we're already talking about how we can make it sustainable and keep it

going when the funding ends.”

The Dan Hickey Fund has raised almost £68,000 so far, through a series of fundraising events arranged by Dan’s friends and family – including the Dazzle for Dan Ball last June at the Mercure Bristol Grand Hotel, the 2nd Bristol Saracens rugby match against Leicester University Alumni and other fundraising events.

Dates for your diary

● **London Marathon April 22** - Cecilia Browne, Joe Hickey, Sandy Masters and Penny Blackmore are running the London Marathon. You can donate to the Dash for Dan here: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/DashforDan>

● **7 July ‘Donate for Dan’ rugby day, the 3rd Bristol Saracens game against Leicester University Alumni**

● **13 October a ceilidh/barn dance at St Bonaventures Parish Hall in Bishopston.**

To get your tickets or to find out more please email danhickeyfund@gmail.com or visit the ‘The Dan Hickey Fund’ page on Facebook.

Useful links

If you’d like to donate to the Dan Hickey Fund you can do so

here: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SomeoneSpecial/TheDanHickeyFund>

About Quartet Community Foundation

Quartet Community Foundation is an independent charity, working across the West of England (Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) to support local philanthropists in their charitable giving. Their grant-making supports disadvantaged people, to enrich local lives, connect people, and build stronger communities.

With growing social needs coupled with shrinking statutory funding, Quartet Community Foundation and the philanthropists they work with have adopted a key role in supporting the complex network of organisations providing services and projects for young people across the region.

Quartet Community Foundation was founded in 1986 and over the past 30 years has distributed £44 million to local projects.

Quartet Community Foundation is part of a much larger network of community foundations covering the United Kingdom and is accredited by UKCF.



Royal Oak House, Royal Oak Avenue, Bristol BS1 4GB

Tel: 0117 9897700

www.quartetcf.org.uk

A company limited by guarantee | Registered in England & Wales Company Number: 3981052 | Registered Charity Number: 1080418