

Care Home Friends and Neighbours: Intergenerational Linking Project; Grant application frequently asked questions (FAQs)

- **What is Intergenerational Linking?**
Intergenerational linking simply means bringing together in a meaningful way older people who live in care homes with young people aged 5- 14 years in schools or youth groups. A definition of Intergenerational Linking will be developed with grantees as a part of this project.
- **What is the ‘Care Home Friends and Neighbours’ part of this project title all about?**
Care Home Friends and Neighbours is a programme run by My Home Life England. Often referred to as Care Home FaNs, the programme helps care homes connect with their local communities and vice versa. Care Home FaNs encourages Friendships and Neighbourliness between communities and care homes. For too long, care homes for older people have been seen as ‘islands of the old’. Collectively, we wish to change this by creating opportunities for older people living in care homes to once again feel connected to the local people, places and passions that make up community life.
Care Home FaNs: Intergenerational Linking project is a strand of work which sits under the programme of Care Home FaNs.
- **What are the essential criteria for the Care Home FaNs: Intergenerational Linking grant?**
See ‘Essential Grant Criteria’ document listed on the webinar invitation page and on the Dunhill Medical Trust’s grants page.
- **Who is funding this programme?** The programme is jointly funded by The National Lottery Community Fund (as part of their #iwill fund) and the Dunhill Medical Trust.
- **Why are the grants only for England based charities, local authorities and not for profit organisations?** The National Lottery Community Fund’s remit (as part of their #iwill fund) only covers England.
- **My organisation isn’t based in, or working in England, can I apply for the grant?**
Unfortunately not, because the funding from the #iwill fund is only for projects in England. However, the project is looking to note organisations interested in intergenerational work. We’re a learning project, where you can access the outcomes of the project by signing up to our email updates. We also know intergenerational organisations within the UK and could refer you to them for more information.
- **What sorts of organisations will you fund?**
We will fund charities and not-for-profit organisations (which includes local authorities).
- **What is the Grant funding limit for this project?** The maximum amount that will be awarded is £31,000.

- **How long is the grant for?** The funding is for 18 months (with a start date of 1st April 2021). This will incorporate a period of approximately 6 months of planning and 12 months engagement in activity.
- **How will the grant be paid?** The grant will be paid in two instalments. The first instalment at the beginning of the project, to cover the 6-month planning period of the project. The second instalment will be paid upon you submitting a satisfactory plan for your 12 months of engagement in activity.
- **What documentation do I need to provide with my application?**
You will need to provide your latest set of accounts.
We will also require copies of your safeguarding policies for younger and older people – the safeguarding policy for younger people must comply with The National Lottery safeguarding policy, which can be [viewed here](#).
- **Can we use the grant to fund a project we already have running or that that has now finished and we wish to bring it back?**
Care Home FaNs Intergenerational Linking Project is a learning project and we wish to bring people with us on an educational journey in what works well in Intergenerational Linking. We have developed a structure of engagement that your project should be based on and we will work with you to co-produce a project with the young and older people you are working with. You might draw on experiences and learning from previous work, but this grant is not to re-establish or continue an existing project.
- **Does this mean if we've done intergenerational work before, we're not eligible?** No, not at all! We are looking for organisations who are passionate and if possible have worked with one or more of these groups; schools, youth organisations, children, in communities, with older people, with care homes for older people, or who have worked with intergenerational projects.
- **Will I have to work with the full breadth of the 5-14 age range or can we just focus on a narrower age range?** No, we would not expect a single project to work with the full breadth of the 5-14 age range, although projects may choose to work across the age spectrum if they wish.
- **Who are the delivery organisations?** The project is being delivered by [My Home Life England](#), and [The Linking Network](#).
- **What is the #iwill Fund trying to achieve with children and young people?**
 - To creating **high quality opportunities** that connect young people authentically to causes they can address
 - Engaging **the younger age group** to build a habit with a focus on primary age
 - A continued focus on **reaching young people from less socio-economically affluent communities**

- Prioritize **sustainable solutions that can be scaled cost effectively** by embedding social action opportunities where young people already are and connecting young people to solving key challenges across society.
- **What are the six #iwill principles?**
 - be challenging,
 - be youth led,
 - be socially impactful,
 - be progressive,
 - be embedded,
 - be reflective
 - **Find out more at [#iwill website](#)**
- **What support will my project receive from the Care Home FaNs: Intergenerational linking national project team?**

The national project team will be able to offer support and guidance during all stages of your project. We will host regular Sharing Network Meetings with other projects and their leads, where we will offer specific support for each stage of your work as well as creating the space to share expertise within the network.
- **What do you mean by ‘area’ and ‘neighbourhood’?**

We expect the projects to be run within two distinct neighbourhoods within an area. Your area can be defined as your county, your local authority area, or a city/town. Your two neighbourhoods might be two difference districts or communities within your city/town.
- **How many schools, youth organisations and care homes will my project have to link with?**

The minimum target is for 5 care homes and 5 schools or youth organisations to be engaged in Intergenerational Linking in each of the two linked neighbourhoods in your local area. Therefore, the total minimum target is 10 care homes and 10 schools or youth organisations per organisation that is applying for a grant, but you may wish to reach more.
- **Can I apply for less money and target less care homes and schools or youth organisations?**

We recognise that in some areas targeting 10 care homes and 10 schools/youth organisations not be possible and our focus is on high-quality Intergenerational Linking opportunities for old and younger people. We will therefore consider applications from organisations seeking to link fewer care homes and schools/youth organisations, but you will need to make a case for this in your application and discuss this with us before applying.
- **Do the care homes and schools recruited have to have reached a certain inspection rating from their regulator?** It’s important that care homes, schools and youth groups are in a state of readiness to take part in the project and inspection reports can be an indicator for this although local knowledge is also really important here. Please see below for guidance:
 - **REQUIRED STANDARDS OF CARE HOMES TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT**

All people who live, visit and work in a care home must feel safe, able and ready to participate in your work. A good indication of readiness is looking at the regulator’s

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection reports (www.cqc.org.uk). Projects should aim to recruit care homes who are rated as: **OUTSTANDING** or **GOOD**. If you have a care home you wish to recruit, but doesn't meet the required standard, please speak to either Amy Lock or Jennifer Lindfield (Project Leads) before extending an invitation to participate

○ **REQUIRED STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT**

Schools should be able to commit some curriculum time to this work. As a guide to whether schools are in a state of readiness, projects should aim to recruit schools who are rated as outstanding or good in their most recent Ofsted inspection (<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>).

Should grantees wish to work with a school which has been graded as requires improvement, please speak to either Jennifer Lindfield or Amy Lock (Project Leads) before extending an invitation to participate.

○ **REQUIRED STANDARDS FOR YOUTH GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT**

Youth groups are regulated by your local authority Children's Safeguarding Teams/Board. For further information, you will need to contact your local authority children and young people's department to determine their readiness to participate.

● **Do I need to have a detailed project plan before I apply?**

No, because a key element of this project is co-production. During the application, we will be looking for suitable organisations to deliver an Intergenerational Linking project. We aren't expecting a detailed project plan to be submitted in your expression of interest form at this stage as you won't know what the participants (young and older people) want to do. We will wish to read in your expression of interest for all about you, your work, your community connections and about your principles and values as an organisation. If you are successful and receive a grant, you will in the first instance be awarded 6 months' worth of funding. After 6 months, you will be asked to submit a project plan detailing the activity of your project, as agreed by your young and older participants, to enable the second tranche of funding to be released.

● **Can we work with older people living in sheltered accommodation or attending day centres rather than care homes?**

Whilst there is lots of valuable intergenerational work that can be done in these settings, for this grant you must only engage with older people living in care homes.

● **How are you defining an area as 'deprived'?**

Care Home FaNs: Intergenerational Linking project is focusing its work on reaching young people who are located in less socio economically advantaged areas. To locate these deprived areas, we are using the National Deprivation Index [<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>] and the percentage of children eligible for free school meals as measures of deprivation. Your local authority should be able to help you find the relevant figures for your local area.

- **What involvement in collection of any impact data and evaluation will I have?** You will be required to collect data on the participating children and young people in your project. This will be captured by grantees in The National Lottery Community Fund Information Management System (IMS). The core team will also train grantees to understand the principles and approach to appreciative inquiry data collection, as well as exploring social contact theory and social action research. All grantees will become co-inquirers on this project, contributing at both a local and national level of evaluation.
- **What does it mean to become a co-inquirer?**
A co-inquirer is someone actively questions and explores all elements of their project, sharing their learning outcomes with others. Actively participating in answering questions about their project and others, they explore questions such as what worked well? How do I imagine what things could look like at their best? What challenges me? Who do we need to call on to help us with this? What can we do to make this happen more of the time? All these questions and discussions will contribute to an overall reflective project and to the project evaluation.