



FUNDING

Rayne Foundation

Grants are available to charities in the UK in support of work of national importance which helps society's most vulnerable or disadvantaged individuals, especially children and young people. Areas of interest include arts as a tool to achieve social change; and young people's improved mental health.

<http://www.raynefoundation.org.uk/grants/uk/apply/guidelines>

Rank Foundation

UK registered charities with an annual income of less than £500k can apply for capital costs for a particular project (building work, refurbishment, particular equipment). Or for a one-off short-term activity such as a holiday or annual respite break, although charities will need to have raised a third of total costs for this already.

<http://www.rankfoundation.com/small-appeals/>

Westminster VCS youth and family projects ...

... have been shortlisted for the Aviva Community Fund and ***need you to vote for them*** - register and vote here <http://bit.ly/2eMp3FK>

Hilden Charitable Fund

Grants for Asylum seekers and refugees, Community Based Initiatives for Young People Aged 16-25, Homelessness, Penal Affairs and Overseas Countries. The trust prefers to support underfunded organisations. Summer play scheme funding available. <http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/>

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation - England & Wales

The aim of the trustees is to help raise the quality of life in the UK, particularly for those who are young, disadvantaged or elderly. Each year grants totalling about 2.5 million are made to a wide range of charities.

<http://www.bernardsunley.org/index.html>

NEWS

London's voluntary sector - the unseen lynchpin of children's services

Partnership for Young London and Children England's latest study of voluntary and community groups supporting children and families across the capital confirms that in the face of cuts, closures and reduced capacity in the statutory sector, the voluntary sector is filling the gap, stepping up to meet increasing levels and complexity of need. Download the full report [here](#).

Beneath the Threshold: the voluntary sector perspective on safeguarding in London

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Priorities for UK Youth Parliament debate

In the Make Your Mark ballot of almost 950,000 young people across the UK, young people's top five priorities for the UK Youth Parliament to debate in the House of Commons are:

- A Curriculum to prepare us for life – schools should cover topics including finance, sex and relationships and politics in the curriculum.
- Transport – make public transport cheaper, better and accessible for all.
- Work Experience hubs for 11-18 year olds – knowing where to find work experience can be challenging. Government should create an online space to help young people with this.
- Votes at 16 – give 16 and 17 year olds the right to vote in all elections/referendums.
- Protect LGBT+ People – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender+ young people deserve to be treated the same as everyone else; discrimination needs to be challenged.

Bright Futures – Getting the best for children, young people and families

A [new plan published by the Local Government Association](#) (LGA) calls for sustainable funding and devolved powers for local authorities to ensure that all children and young people can have the bright future they deserve. The paper sets out seven clear priorities for coordinated action across the public, community and voluntary sectors, which the LGA believes will help drive the improvement necessary to consistently achieve the 'best possible outcomes'.

DATE OF NEXT CYP NETWORK MEETING:

Tuesday November 21st, 10.30am – 12.30 at One Westminster, 37 Chapel St, NW1 5DP.

AGENDA: 1. GDPR - what does it mean and how to ensure you are compliant

2. Young Carers - Brenda Whinnett will talk about finding and supporting young people with caring responsibilities.