

FOR CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG
PEOPLE AGED 12-25 LIVING IN
DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY

INDIVIDUAL GRANTS

**FUNDING FOR EVENTS,
EXPERIENCES, LEARNING &
OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL IMPROVE
YOUR WELL-BEING**

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS 3RD MARCH 2021



WHO CAN APPLY?

You need to be aged 12 - 25 and have experienced care for at least 3 months in any type of care setting inc. Kinship, Residential, Foster or Looked After at Home. This fund is also open to young people who have left care (Care Leavers) and now live independently.

This fund can be applied for by:

Young People currently living in Dumfries & Galloway

Young People being supported by Dumfries & Galloway Council's Social Work department who live out-with the region

WHERE DO I SEND MY APPLICATION:

You should e-mail your completed application to:
championsboard@dumgal.gov.uk

Applications must be completed in full and submitted by March 3rd 2020.

WHAT HAPPENS ONCE YOU'VE APPLIED?

You'll get an e-mail to confirm we have received your application and on March 10th we'll be in touch to let you know if your application has been awarded. If you are awarded, your grant may be issued in part (we pay for some items and not others), in full (we pay for everything applied for).

We will not be able to fund everyone who applies and there are limits to what we are able to issue grants for - more information is on the next page about the criteria for the fund. Please make sure you complete your application in full for us to consider.

Please note that if you are awarded money, this will not be paid in cash or directly into your account. Our Support Worker will be responsible for the purchase of items and due to current restrictions purchases can only be made online. We'll get in touch with you after you've received your grant to evaluate the difference it made to you.

These grants are funded by Life Changes Trust and administered by Dumfries and Galloway Council through the Champions Board Project.

WHAT CAN YOU APPLY FOR?

There's not a set list of what we can and can't fund, instead we are asking young people to consider applying for opportunities, experiences and items that will have a positive impact on their well-being. **This application must be led by young people and we will not accept applications that are being applied for on behalf of young people without their knowledge.**

Applications for essentials (such as accommodation costs) or for emergencies (such as washing machine replacements or unexpected bills) will **NOT** be awarded from this fund. If you would like to find more about agencies or funds available, check out the back of this booklet or get in touch.

The minimum application amount is £20 and the maximum that can be applied for is £180. Please note we will not be funding driving lessons.

To give you an idea of the types of things this fund could be applied for, there are examples below of things we have previously funded. This list is just to give you an idea.

- **Theory Test & Provisional License**
- **Passport**
- **Clothing/Kit for Interviews & Sports**
- **Homeware & Keepsakes**
- **Experience Days & Activities**
- **Maternity Packages & Parenting Activities**
- **Skilled Courses, Competitions & Trips**
- **Technology (for study or to stay connected)**

We have previously also made a contribution towards the overall cost of an experience, learning opportunity or higher cost item. Whatever you apply for should have a positive impact on your wellbeing (physically, mentally, emotionally, educationally). If you are unsure, just ask using the contact info in the 'Who We Are' Section'.

INDIVIDUAL GRANT APPLICATION

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Town/Village: _____

Postcode: _____

Contact Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Use this section below to tell us what you are applying for and how much it costs per item. If it can be purchased online, please also include a link.

TOTAL APPLIED FOR: £_____ (MAX £180)

INDIVIDUAL GRANT APPLICATION

Use the space below to tell us why you are applying and what difference the grant would make to you.

Applicant Signature: _____

Referee Name: _____

Referee Contact: _____

*Your application must be co-signed by a worker (this can be a teacher, lecturer, youth worker, social worker, leaving care worker, advocacy worker etc.) who can confirm you are care experienced.

INDIVIDUAL GRANT APPLICATION MONITORING INFORMATION

We use this information to monitoring and reporting purposes only.

Type of Care Placement (Tick all that apply):

- Kinship
- Looked After at Home
- Foster
- Residential
- Care Leaver

Length of Time in Care: _____

Are/were you 'Looked After' by Dumfries & Galloway Council or another Local Authority?

- Dumfries & Galloway
- Another Local Authority Where: _____

Gender : _____

Education/Employment Status (Tick the option that best describe your education and employment status at the time of completing this application):

- Secondary School Student
- College Student
- University Student
- Volunteer
- Working Part-Time
- Working Full-Time
- Unemployed & Looking For Work
- Unemployed & Not Looking For Work

Other: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH 2021
APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO CHAMPIONSBOARD@DUMGAL.GOV.UK

USEFUL CONTACTS



Dumfries & Galloway's Youth Work Service provides informal support and education with young people aged 12-25 across the region.

Youth Work are delivering a range of online and in person groups for young people which are free to attend. Youth Work is about working with young people to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence and they deliver skills based opportunities (gaming and cooking groups) as well as issue-based projects which aim to improve confidence and well-being.

01387 260243

<https://youthwork.dumgal.gov.uk/>

@YOUTHWORKDG

Barnardo's Hear 4U provides advocacy for children and young people who are, or who have been, looked after by Dumfries and Galloway Council. An advocate is someone who speaks up for you at meetings.



01387 264733

Hear4U@barnardos.org.uk

www.barnardos.org.uk/hear4u.htm

The Scottish WELFARE FUND

The Scottish Welfare Fund provides 2 types of grants:

Crisis Grants - can help if you have an emergency or disaster and need to pay for short-term living costs.

Community Care Grants - can help people to live independently, or continue to live independently, preventing the need for institutional care.

030 33 33 3007

www.dumgal.gov.uk

The Holywood Trust can fund individuals 15 -25 with a grant if you require financial support to move your life forward in some way. Individual Application form available from the Trust website.



01387 269176

funds@hollywood-trust.org.uk

www.hollywood-trust.org.uk

WHO WE ARE

Dumfries & Galloway Champions Board is a project working with young people aged 12 - 25 who have experienced care. We are funded by Dumfries & Galloway Council and the Life Changes Trust.

We deliver:

1. One-to-Ones: For those needing a bit of extra support before joining groups, it's not intensive support - it's an opportunity to find out more about what groups are about before taking part.
2. Youth Groups: For those just wanting to get involved in something in their local community. You can drop in and out of these groups depending on what's right for you. We currently have projects across most communities in Dumfries & Galloway (online during national lockdown)
3. Listen2Us: This is our project for young people who want to take on more of a young leader or volunteer role. This group meets discuss issues experienced by young people who are in or who have left care and think up ways to improve the lives of those who are care experienced
4. Champions Board: This is the group that brings together young people from Listen2Us and Corporate Parents (Senior Management from different departments/organisations across D&G inc. DG Council, Education, Social Work, Police Scotland, Youth Services, NHS etc.). The group works together to make sure there's better understanding about what it's like to be a care experienced young person and to make change for young people.
5. This Individual Grants Scheme!

If you want to know about what we do, or have a question about the fund you can contact us by:

**Phoning 01387 260243 or texting 07827 954 588
E-mailing us at championsboard@dumgal.gov.uk**

