

Event and workshop partners

Local Trust



Local Trust is a place-based funder supporting communities to transform and improve their lives and the places in which they live. We believe there is a need to put more power, resources, and decision making into the hands of communities. We do this by trusting local people. Our aims are to demonstrate the value of long term, unconditional, resident-led funding, and to draw on the learning from our work delivering the Big Local programme to promote a wider transformation in the way policy makers, funders and others engage with communities and place.

This Day Foundation



This Day Foundation was established by Gary Lubner in 2023 to drive social change in the UK and South Africa. Its core mission is to improve the lives of young people and tackle deep-rooted poverty and help young people thrive. In the UK, that means supporting those facing hardship, displacement, or disadvantage. In South Africa, it's about breaking the cycle of poverty through education and employment. All their work includes a leadership development element, recognising that people and their energy are the main vector of positive change.

Business in the Community



Business in the Community (BITC) champions responsible business as essential for long term economic growth and resilience. We convene, campaign, and consult with business to tackle society's most pressing challenges—from climate change and place-based regeneration to inequality, workplace wellbeing, and inclusive growth.

BITC empowers its members to:

- Lead responsibly by embedding purpose and sustainability into strategy.
- Collaborate across sectors to drive systemic change.
- Act locally and nationally to support communities and unlock opportunity.

Founded by His Majesty King Charles III in 1982, BITC has over four decades of experience in engaging business and delivering measurable impact in both business and in communities through evidence-based interventions. As a trusted partner to business and government, BITC convenes leadership, influences policy, and accelerates action—helping shape a future-ready economy that works for everyone. Today, BITC has 600+ member companies of all sizes across the UK.

Capacity

Capacity is a community interest company based in Liverpool City Region and working with local people and organisations to bring positive change to communities across the North West. Working at the intersection of design and delivery, our work is built on a deep understanding of local communities, public services, social issues and creating real change that local people can see and feel. Striking a balance between the imaginative and the practical is never easy. But that's what Capacity does every day to improve public services and the communities we work in.



Greater Manchester Moving



GM moving is a leading Greater Manchester charity which is changing lives through movement, physical activity, and sport. It leads, supports, and connects people and partners to deliver the GM Moving in Action Strategy. Its mission is "Active Lives for All" - A movement of passionate people, communities and organisations united to improve the lives of people through movement, physical activity and sport.

Just Ideas



Just Ideas Sustainable Solutions Ltd. is an independent social consultancy established in 2007, supporting communities, charities, public sector organisations and businesses working towards positive social and environmental change. We believe in supporting people to realise their power and voice. We value connecting people so they can create positive change locally and globally. Just Ideas has worked with a wide range of organisations at national, international and local community levels, providing engaging, practical, and participative research, training, facilitation and evaluation. With a small core staff team and a cohort of regular associates, Just Ideas provides creative community development professionals, trainers, facilitators and researchers with a range of specialisms and national reach.

Place Matters



Place Matters is a UK-based charity dedicated to accelerating the impact of community-centred, place-based change through collaborative learning, partnership development, evidence-informed practice and systems-level influence. Formed in 2019 as collaborative of practitioners and leaders who believed in the value of a shared infrastructure for place-based working, Place Matters became an independent legal entity with registered charity status in 2024. The organisation works with communities, funders, public bodies and sector partners to strengthen collaborative practice, embed community voice, and improve conditions for systemic change that addresses inequality and social injustice. Place Matters convenes learning events, produces insight resources, supports partnerships and advocates for policy and funding shifts that enable long-term, equitable place-based impact. Its core mission is to unlock the knowledge, relationships and collaborative capability required to transform places in ways that are locally rooted and sustainable.

PPL



PPL is one of the UK's leading management consultancies, a B Corp and a social enterprise, based in London, Bristol and Manchester. Founded in 2007, PPL combines deep sector expertise with strong social purpose. We are committed to delivering high-quality work while contributing to a fairer, more inclusive society.

Stir to Action



Stir to Action is a national co-operative infrastructure body that focuses on strategic economic development projects, bridging the gap between policy and practice, and ensuring the future new economy is more diverse and representative. We prioritise the role of democratic ownership in creating the conditions to transform economic inequality, the climate emergency, and our political culture.

The King's Foundation



The King's Foundation exists to promote His Majesty The King's philosophy of Harmony, the principle of prioritising and protecting nature and understanding its relationship to our place on this planet. We aim to achieve this by creating sustainable communities through our placemaking projects and transforming lives through our practical education programmes across the globe. Inspired by the vision and values of His Majesty, the Foundation builds and supports communities where people, places and the planet can coexist in harmony. The charity offers education courses for over 15,000 students annually, health and wellbeing programmes for nearly 2,000 people every year, and spearheads placemaking and regeneration projects in the UK and overseas to revitalise communities and heritage buildings.

UCL



UCL (University College London) is one of the world's leading universities, consistently ranked among the global top 10 (QS World University Rankings 2010 –2026). With 11 faculties spanning a comprehensive range of fields – including health, science, engineering, law, education, and the built environment – UCL is renowned for delivering world-class research with real-world impact. Its experts collaborate with governments, industry, and global organisations to develop evidence-based solutions to complex challenges, from technological innovation to social inequality. Backed by a £3.54 billion research portfolio and strong policy connections, UCL drives forward-thinking, mission-based solutions that shape society.

UKCF



UK Community Foundations (UKCF) brings together 47 accredited and independent community foundations across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, connecting people who care with causes that matter.

Community foundations are rooted in place, drawing on local insight to shape philanthropy and strategic funding. Each year, we collectively mobilise over £180 million to grassroots charities and community groups throughout the UK.

UKCF works with national strategic partners to enable investment in communities at scale.