

Support with raising money

The Resource Centre has a lot of fundraising information and our experienced staff can help your group to raise money.

We can offer this support to volunteer-run groups based in Brighton & Hove which are:

- ◆ Tenants' or Residents' Associations for Brighton & Hove City Council tenants and leaseholders, and/or
- ◆ Groups run by and for people living in an area of social housing, and/or
- ◆ Groups run by and for black and minority ethnic people, and/or
- ◆ Groups run by and for disabled people.

If you think you may be eligible, contact us to find out whether we can help.

Help with thinking it through

It is possible to raise money for a wide range of community projects, but it can take some time and hard work. Good planning can be the difference between success and failure. The Resource Centre can give you advice on what you need to think through before you start.

Help with finding sources of funding

We have a lot of information on where to apply for money. We can listen to your group's ideas and give you advice about which funders might be most suitable for you to apply to.

You can also look at our lists of useful local funders:

- ◆ Favourite funders for existing activities and running costs
- ◆ Favourite funders for specific projects and new activities
- ◆ Favourite funders for capital and equipment costs

These 'favourite funder' lists are all available on our website. You can follow us on Twitter or Facebook to keep up to date with the latest local funding news.

Help with writing applications

We can help you to plan and write funding applications.

We will listen to your ideas about the activities your group wants to do, and help you explain them to funders in a way which fits in with the funders' aims and values, to

help improve your chances of getting a grant. We can also help with typing up funding applications, or give you advice and feedback on applications you've written.

Help with budgeting

Funders will want you to show clearly how much money you need and what you will spend it on. We can help you to work out a budget for your project and present it in a suitable format.

Help with keeping track of money

Funders will also want to know that your group looks after its money responsibly. The Resource Centre can provide training and support to your treasurer and committee.

Independent examination of accounts

You can get an independent examination of your group's accounts done at the Resource Centre for free. This will give you a signed statement and summary of your accounts, which is very useful for fundraising purposes.

Help with evaluations and reports

If you are successful in raising money, your funders will want to know how their money was spent, and what difference it made to people in your area. We can help you evaluate your project and write reports to funders.

Equipment hire for fundraising events

The Resource Centre has a really good range of equipment for hire to help you organise your own fundraising event.

We can also give you ideas for fundraising activities, and tips on how to make them successful.

Help with printing flyers and publicity material

You can get your flyers and publicity material printed very cheaply at the Resource Centre. We can also help you to design your artwork.

More information

The Resource Centre provide printed and online information about raising money which is available for free to any group.

This includes information sheets on:

- ♦ Fundraising ideas
- ♦ Planning a funding application
- ♦ Writing a funding application
- ♦ Budgets for community groups

We also have information about funders that are useful for community groups in Brighton & Hove.