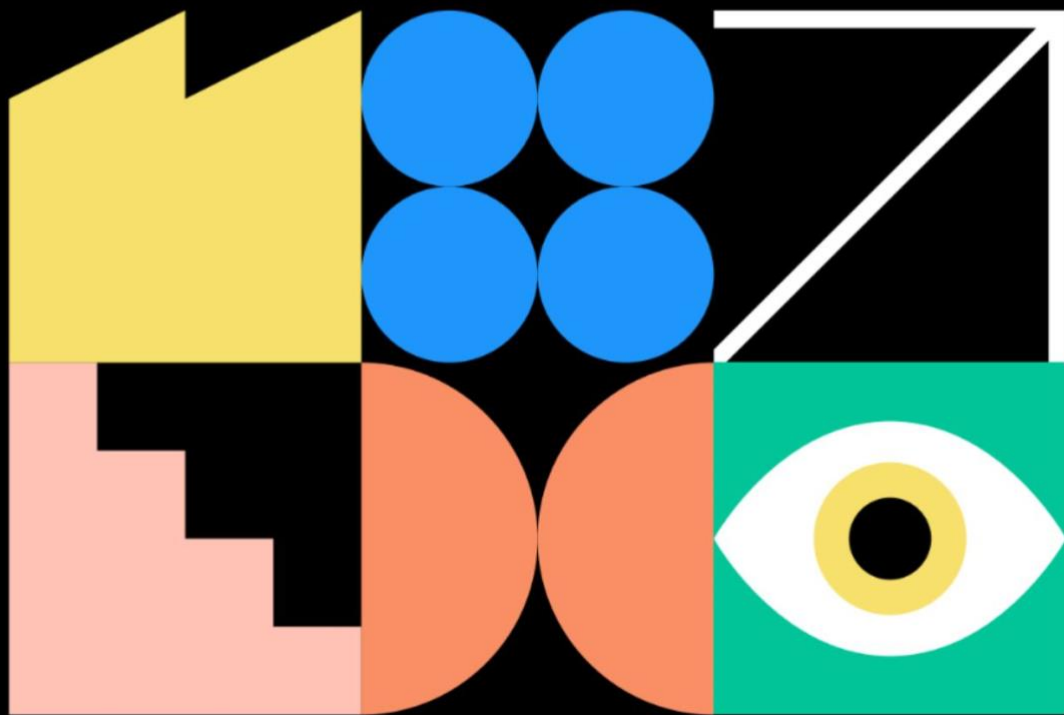




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CHANCE TO SEE FUND

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In the face of the cost-of-living crisis, creativity stands as a powerful source of hope—capable of dispelling stress, worry, and social isolation by nurturing opportunities for talents to grow, skills to be honed, and dreams to be kindled.

The Chance To See Fund is currently accepting applications for grants between £500-£2,000. We support local organisations committed to making a positive difference in the lives of Wigan borough's young people, by broadening their access to diverse experiences and improving their quality of life.

Your organisation can apply for funding to develop existing activities, test something new, or give the children and young people you work with opportunities to experience extraordinary cultural venues or events. We prioritise activities that open doors for young individuals constrained by economic or social barriers, with a commitment to enabling every child to have access to aspirational cultural experiences.

All proposed activities should be in line with the Chance To See Fund's core priority:

- ★ Enhance joy, positivity and hope in the lives of Wigan Borough's children and young people through creativity.

Additionally, applicants should align with at least one more priority:

- ★ Ensure more children and young people in Wigan Borough can access creative opportunities, no matter their background or financial situation.
- ★ Expand the variety of creative opportunities readily available to Wigan Borough's children and young people.

Key Details:

- ★ Location: Wigan Borough
- ★ Suitable For: Registered charities, constituted groups or clubs, not-for-profit companies or Community Interest Companies.
- ★ Funding Size: £500-£2,000.
- ★ Timeline: Activities must complete before July 2025.
- ★ Application Deadline: Ongoing, with applications open until the funding pot has been fully allocated. Please note the decision-making dates when making your application.

LET THE CHILDREN HAVE THE CHANCE TO SEE HOW BEAUTIFUL LIFE CAN BE.



Eligibility:

You can apply if your organisation:

- ★ Is based in Wigan borough.
- ★ Is a registered charity, constituted group or club, not-for-profit company or Community Interest Company.
- ★ Is proposing activity will complete before July 2025.
- ★ Has least two board or committee members who are not related by marriage, civil partnership, long-term relationship, through a partner, living at the same address, or by blood.
- ★ Has an up-to-date safeguarding policy in place.

And commits to:

- ★ Actively participate in the Chance To See Community, a small group of grant recipients, by sharing stories, successes, and challenges with peers and the Chance To See Fund in one online meet up each quarter.
- ★ Regularly document funded activities through photos or videos. This will help us showcase your work, the fund's impact and aid future Chance To See fundraising efforts.
- ★ Obtaining all necessary consents for photographs and video content involving participants, especially minors, and adhere to privacy laws and guidelines.

How To Apply

To apply, simply complete the application form available via the provided link.

If it is difficult or impossible for you to complete an online application form, we're happy to talk about other ways for you to tell us about your proposed activities. Please contact us.

Deadlines and Decision Making

Deadlines for the Chance To See Fund are ongoing, with applications open until the funding pot for organisations has been fully allocated.

Please note the following decision-making schedule when making your application. While applications can be submitted at any time, aligning submissions with the decision-making schedule can help with planning your activities. All applications are discussed by Curious Minds Young Associates, and then ratified by Curious Minds Board of Trustees.

Here's a clear timeline for submitting your applications to the Chance To See Fund, including when they will be reviewed and when you can expect a decision:

1. For the April 2024 Meeting:

- ★ Submit by: Thursday, 18 April 2024, 12pm
- ★ For your application to be reviewed on or before: Wednesday, 24 April 2024
- ★ You'll hear a decision on your application: Wednesday, 1 May 2024

2. For the July 2024 Meeting:

- ★ Submit by: Wednesday, 10 July 2024, 12pm
- ★ For your application to be reviewed on or before: Wednesday, 24 July 2024
- ★ You'll hear a decision on your application: Wednesday, 31 July 2024

3. For the October 2024 Meeting:

- ★ Submit by: Wednesday, 16 October 2024, 12pm
- ★ For your application to be reviewed on or before: Wednesday, 30 October 2024
- ★ You'll hear a decision on your application: Wednesday, 6 November 2024

4. For the January 2025 Meeting:

- ★ Submit by: Wednesday 8 January 2025, 12pm
- ★ For your application to be reviewed on or before: Wednesday, 22 January 2025
- ★ You'll hear a decision on your application: Wednesday, 29 January 2025

Please ensure your application is submitted by the specified date to be considered in the corresponding meeting. Decisions will be communicated by the dates outlined above.

Ready to Apply? [Apply Now](#)

FAQs

How much can my organisation apply for?

Organisations who meet the eligibility criteria can apply for grants between a minimum of £500 and a maximum of £2,000.

How much is available across the whole scheme?

As of March 2024, the total pot currently available for organisations is £10,000. Please note that we will update the Chance To See application guidance to reflect the amount for organisations after each decision-making date. To ensure you have access to the most current information, we recommend checking our [website](#) before applying.

The Chance To See Fund is dedicated to continually growing this funding pool through various fundraising initiatives, aiming to maximise the support we can offer to Wigan borough's children and young people. We invite individuals and organisations interested in contributing to these efforts, whether through hosting your own fundraising events or other means, to reach out. Your support can make a significant difference.

May I be offered an amount that is lower than applied for?

Given the limited funds available and the expected high demand, we might offer grants smaller than the amount requested. This is so we can support as many fantastic projects as possible. If you receive a smaller grant, it's meant to help fund your project, understanding that you may need to scale down your plans accordingly. We trust you to adapt your project to fit the grant amount provided.

Will we receive feedback?

We are able to provide short feedback for applicants who are not successful. The ongoing nature of the application process means there is an opportunity to refine and resubmit their applications for consideration at a future decision-making meeting.

What is the Chance To See Community?

The Chance To See Fund seeks to support local organisations committed to making a positive difference in the lives of Wigan borough's young people, broadening their access to diverse experiences and improving their quality of life.

By applying for funding from the Chance To See fund, you agree to actively participate in the *Chance To See Community*, a small group of grant recipients, by sharing stories, successes, and challenges with your peers and the Chance To See Fund in one online meet up each quarter. Joining the Chance To See Community allows you to connect with like-minded organisations, discover new opportunities, and gain peer support. It's also a chance to contribute to and benefit from a collective understanding of the fund's impact, inspiring further advocacy and funding efforts to continue the support for vital work with children and young people in Wigan borough.

We encourage applicants to include estimated costs for participating in the *Chance To See Community's* quarterly online meet-ups when listing the costs associated with their proposed activities.

What evaluation is expected?

At the Chance To See Fund, we're all about capturing the spirit of your activities without bogging you down in paperwork. Here's how you can keep us in the loop, especially during our friendly quarterly *Chance To See Community* online meet-ups:

- ★ Documenting on the Go: Capture your activity's moments with photos and videos. Focus on clarity and quality, but don't worry about professional standards - the authenticity of the moment is more valuable.
- ★ Capturing the authentic voices of children and young people: Take the time to listen to the children and young people you're working with. Share their thoughts and feelings through written quotes or short video clips. Their authentic voices bring the story of your project to life.
- ★ Keeping It Light: When your project wraps up, we'll ask for a straightforward reflection via a simple form, with a breakdown of how you spent the funding. This isn't about exhaustive details but more about your perspective on the project's impact and your experiences.

Documenting, sharing, and learning from your proposed activities is important to the Chance To See Fund. In the application form, there is an opportunity to share where you might need support, ensuring your project not only succeeds but also enriches the Chance To See Fund community with valuable lessons and experiences.

Why are applications to the Chance To See Fund reviewed by Curious Minds' Young Associates?

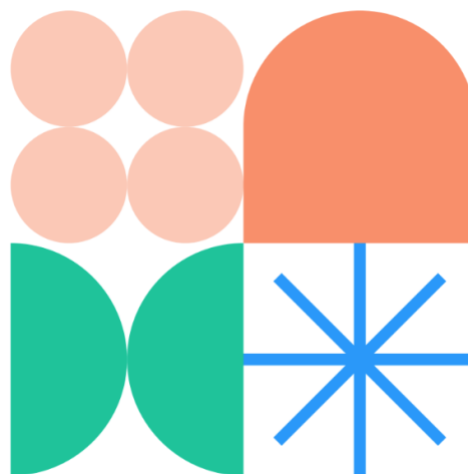
The Chance To See Fund is deeply invested in nurturing the aspirations of our younger generation, and as such, we prioritise their involvement in the heart of our decision-making processes. Curious Minds' Young Associates are a dynamic group of early career professionals aged 18-25 who are supported to build skills and attributes to become the next generation of leaders and changemakers in cultural education. They play a critical role in reviewing applications and making recommendations for funding, which are subsequently ratified by Curious Minds' Board of Trustees.

As we look towards the future, we remain open to evolving our decision-making processes to ensure they embody the perfect blend of integrity, oversight, and the inclusion of local voices.

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Creativity as a Lifeline: The Story Behind the Chance To See Fund

Creativity serves as a critical lifeline for the development and wellbeing of young people. In Wigan borough, the Chance To See Fund, born from a collaboration between The Lathums and the education charity Curious Minds, embodies this principle. Inspired by a heartfelt lyric from The Lathums' 2021 single "*How Beautiful Life Can Be*", this fund emerged in response to the escalating cost of living crisis that has disproportionately affected families, limiting their access to enriching creative and cultural experiences.



“Some people can’t get their hands on a guitar or encounter any other form of creativity and the idea of never having that opportunity breaks our hearts. When attention is rightly on heating and eating right now, by starting this fund with Curious Minds we’d also like to take care of some of the other things that make life worth living.” Alex Moore, The Lathums

The Lathums, with their roots deeply embedded in Wigan’s community, felt a strong calling to give back to the place that shaped their own creative journey. Their generosity, coupled with the expertise of Curious Minds, has paved the way for a brighter, more creative future for the children and young people of Wigan.

Every Contribution Counts: Join the Chance To See Fund in inspiring Wigan’s youth

Whether you're an individual moved by the power of art, an organisation looking to make a meaningful impact, or a business eager to give back to the community, your support can help The Chance To See Fund continue its vital work. By donating, fundraising, or simply spreading the word, you become part of a compassionate community dedicated to fostering creativity and hope. Together, we can ensure that the vibrant potential of Wigan's youth is not just recognised but nurtured and celebrated. Join us in making creativity a lifeline for all.

[Donate Today](#)