Have you got an idea for a community project in Tipton?

RSA Academy Tipton £5000 Community Fund launched

This month the research charity Royal Society of Arts (RSA) and the RSA Academy in Tipton have launched a special community fund that will offer small amounts of funding for people with local project ideas that will help to **bring people together**, promote happiness and **wellbeing**, help individuals to feel part of their **community**, and help people to feel that they can **make a difference**.

What kind of projects can apply?

We are looking to fund small project ideas that link to our research findings. Projects might:

- **Connect older people** who are isolated to other people in the local area
- Target **men** who have no local connections and/or are at risk of low wellbeing
- **Link different groups** of people who don't always mix
- Help women feel that they **can change things**: we found that women tend to have far more connections, but tend to be far less likely to feel like they can change things locally
- Help raise local confidence: make people **feel that good things happen** locally and that they can change things if they want to
- Connect people through teaching them **practical skills**
- Promote and develop **DIY skills** for local people
- Be aimed at the **unemployed**, especially if related to practical skills or to linking them to other people
- Promote **local information** via local press, radio and online
- Target key **local places to connect people**/bring them in contact with each other
- Use **arts** to bring people together

Who can apply? Anyone!

- Local Residents
- Parents and guardians of students at the RSA Academy in Tipton
- RSA Fellows

There will also be guided opportunities for RSA Academy students to apply for the funding, with appropriate Academy-led support.

How much?

You can apply for between £250 and £1000. Grants of £1000 will only be made in a maximum of one or two exceptional circumstances.

When can I apply?

The community chest will open on the 1st November with the closing date for entry the **1st of December**. Successful applicants will be informed on the 2nd December and should be ready to start their projects ASAP. Please contact Matthew Parsfield on matthew.parsfield@rsa.org.uk – 0207 451 6818 – to discuss your idea.

The application form is overleaf and also online at http://www.thersa.org/action-research-centre/tiptonapplication

RSA Academy Tipton Community Fund Application Form

Email completed forms to matthew.parsfield@rsa.org.uk or post them to Lesley James, RSA Academy, Bilston Road, Tipton, DY4 0BZ ***by December 1st at the latest****.*

1. **Your name:**
2. **Your phone number and/or email address:**
3. **Your home address:**

4. **What is the name of your project or idea?**

5. **When would you be able to start your project?**

6. **Which of the following goals does your project have? (Please tick at least one):**
   - Connect older people who are isolated to other people in the local area □
   - Target men who have no local connections and/or are at risk of low wellbeing □
   - Link different groups of people who don't always mix □
   - Help women feel that they can change things □
   - Help raise local confidence □
   - Connect people through teaching them practical skills □
   - Promote and develop DIY skills for local people □
   - Help the unemployed □
   - Promote information via local press, radio and online □
   - Target key local places to connect people/bring them in contact with each other □
   - Use arts to bring people together □

7. **Please explain your idea, and how it will help people connect to others or improve people's wellbeing (no more than 250 words please. Attach another piece of paper to this form if you don't have enough room here):**

8. **How much money do you need and what will you spend this on? You can bid for between £250 and £1000. £1000 grants will only be given in exceptional circumstances.**