

Community Integration funding in 2018

The High Sheriff's Community Integration Awards aim to build an integrated and inclusive community in Oxfordshire by bringing together groups across different cultures, age groups, faiths, class, abilities, life experiences, education or any other diverse groups.

Oxfordshire Community Foundation will be offering another round of Community Integration funding in 2018. Grants between £500 and £5,000 will be available for small projects that bring diverse groups together for the first time.

Crucially, in 2018 **grants will be made only where two or more groups that do not usually work together have found a new way to collaborate.** This could be to address a particular issue, or simply to build common ground and understanding, breaking down preconceptions. There will be a lead group who applies for the grant, but there should be evidence in the application of equality in the partnership.

Dates for this grants round will be published in the next few weeks on our website www.oxfordshire.org, and in our email newsletter The Dandelion.

The High Sheriff's Community Integration Awards are administered by Oxfordshire Community Foundation (OCF).

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High Sheriff's Community Integration Awards celebration

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Tap Social Movement

Organisations funded in 2017

£51,479 given away

Museum of Oxford Development Trust	This project is builds on the <i>Journeys to Oxford</i> exhibition, which showcases the cultures of ethnic minority communities in the city. It will now tour five community centres, reaching an estimated 750 visitors, and giving participants a platform to tell their stories and celebrate their cultures with neighbours.	£3,175
Cotteslowe Allotment Association	This project will implement raised planting beds for wheelchair users and those with mobility issues who are not easily able to share in outdoor activities. It will bring together able-bodied volunteers, including young people, to support people with mobility issues and enable equal access to the garden project.	£4,667
Cowley Road Works	This project makes links between Muslim women and Western young women to share ideas about cultural and social issues. An acclaimed social artist will help the group explore these issues through creative projects, and design a touring textile and bikes exhibition of the resulting work.	£5,000
Oxford Against Cutting	This project coaches football to boys from FGM-affected communities. As well as playing football, boys will participate in workshops and discussions about healthy relationships, and the roles of girls and boys. FGM information will be included in order to educate and create the basis for change in communities.	£5,000
Refugee Resource	The funding will enable the delivery of four pop-up café community events. The project builds on a recipe book that was produced by Refugee Resource Women's Project, by giving women the opportunity to cook and share food with others in their communities.	£4,880
Oxford Contemporary Music	In some communities, young people feel as though they cannot confidently enter places of arts and culture in the city because they feel it's not a space for them. OCM will work with schools to create new mixed communities of young music-makers, taking performances and workshops into cultural spaces.	£3,795

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust (SOFO)	An intergenerational group of volunteers from the Sikh, Hindu and Muslim Communities will design a new exhibition focusing on the Great War, aiming to highlight the important role played by Indian soldiers and to enhance the understanding of a shared British-Asian history.	£4,700
Folk Arts Oxford	This project aims to build understanding and common ground between children with special needs and children in mainstream schools. Children from a mix of mainstream and special needs schools will be coached in Makaton singing (using signing) and sing together.	£5,000
African Families in the UK	This project helps first-generation migrant parents to explore how cultural practice impacts on the safeguarding of children in the UK. The grant will fund parenting seminars, inter-cultural training for professionals and community and family days.	£3,000
Oxford Hindu Temple and Community Centre Project	The temple's annual Oxford Mela event brings together different communities and gives them an opportunity to connect, have fun, build relationships and support each other through music, dance and cuisine. This grant will help extend its reach for the 9th Mela in 2018.	£3,000
EMBS Community College	This project will bring together small groups of women from different ethnic groups, cultures or religions with an interest in making or altering their own clothes. It will encourage mutual understanding, as well as teaching practical skills and saving money.	£4,998
Full Circle	Full Circle brings children and older people in Oxfordshire together to share fun and friendship. Groups meet in schools to share lunch and creative activities. This grant will enable the recruitment of new volunteers and the set-up of two new groups with primary school children.	£4,264