# OUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



As well as being part of an ambitious and vibrant network, as a member of UK Community Foundations you can access a comprehensive benefits package designed with your needs in mind, helping you and your Community Foundation deliver high quality, innovative and effective services to the communities you serve.

The value of our network is its collective strength. UK Community Foundations plays a vital role in helping to build a strong and cohesive movement and brings together the knowledge and expertise of members to plan, design and deliver our activities so that all Community Foundations continue to flourish and grow.

# RAISING THE PROFILE OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

We work to raise the profile of the network, increase our influence and amplify the role and value of Community Foundations in the places that matter.

- Feeding your views and knowledge into key initiatives, working in partnership with private, public and the voluntary sector.
- Lobbying Government about the issues which are important to you.
- Promoting your achievements and news though press and social media channels.
- Offering advice and guidance on media relations, marketing and formulating key messages.
- Gathering and collating network data to present a national picture and assist you in benchmarking.
- Developing and maintaining relationships with fund managers to promote philanthropy via Community Foundations.

## SUPPORTING SUSTAINABILITY AND GROWTH

We support you to strengthen and build your Community Foundation's capacity and improve its effectiveness to help deliver its objectives.

- Seeking opportunities and giving guidance on access to funds, e.g. Trust Transfers, Dormant Assets.
- Negotiating and securing major grant and endowment programmes on your behalf, helping to raise your profile and deliver more grants to local communities.
- Helping to demonstrate high quality governance and working practice through UKCF Quality Accreditation.
- Support to grow and protect your investments by building partnerships with financial intermediaries.
- A bespoke Salesforce grant and donor management system (Digits2).

# LEARNING, DEVELOPMENT AND GOOD PRACTICE

Our face to face and online events bring together members to discuss relevant issues, share good practice and learn from experts and each other.

- A Leadership Programme for Community Foundation CEOs, senior staff and trustees.
- A Biennial Conference for Community Foundation staff and trustees.
- A Biennial Symposium for CEOs and Trustees of Community Foundations.

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- Regular thematic meetings for Community Foundation staff, e.g. Grants, Development, Finance, Communications.
- Annual CEO Residential meetings (North and South of England).
- An annual networking event for CEOS and Chairs.
- Regular introductory meetings for newly appointed CEOs, Chairs and Trustees.
- Monthly webinars on specific themes for all Community Foundation staff.

# INFORMING AND CONNECTING YOU

We find ways to keep you well connected with each other, and informed about wider sector issues which are relevant to you and your Community Foundation.

- Personal access to Chatter, our active online network offering a place for advice and mutual support for all Community Foundation staff.
- Access to Members' Zone, a one stop online platform for good practice resources, templates, campaign materials and other key documents.
- A monthly e-newsletter, weekly updates and targeted mailings updating you on UKCF, network and sector news.

## SAVING YOU TIME AND MONEY

We negotiate deals and offers on your behalf, providing savings on a range of goods and services.

- Preferential rates on Salesforce, Conga and Dotmailer licences.
- A 20% discount for a one year licence to OCSI Local insights, a plafform with open data about the communities you work in (£4k instead of usual cost of £5k).
- A discounted licence for Grant Thornton Place Analytics.
- Complimentary membership to Philanthropy Impact, giving free access to their Premium membership benefits.
- A 40% discount on full membership of Association for Charitable Foundations.

In addition to the benefits listed above, we are always on hand to offer one-to-one support and advice to you on a range of issues as they arise.

### TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT:

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