

Care Leavers Programme: funded community foundations

The following community foundations are involved in the Care Leavers Programme.

Click on their links to find further information on their approach and how to be involved:

County/Area	Community foundation and linked website	Place-based approach
Existing areas of the programme that are continuing to be supported		
Berkshire	Berkshire Community Foundation	Increasing existing programme support by expanding into Slough and supporting all four areas of Berkshire for longer.
West Midlands and Warwickshire	Heart of England Community Foundation	Funding St Basils to hire and maintain a specific person to work with care-experienced young people into employment and housing.
Cambridgeshire	Cambridgeshire Community Foundation	Developing work with Cambridgeshire County Council and local organisations to shape care leaver education, employment and training opportunities.
Cornwall	Cornwall Community Foundation	Building support for local youth and community organisations to strengthen referral pathways and networks for care leavers.
West Cumbria, Barrow and wider Cumbria	Cumbria Community Foundation	Expanding the Brighter Futures programme across all of Cumbria to widen support and opportunities for care leavers.
Essex	Essex Community Foundation	Funding a new role at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) specifically to support young people who have experienced care and enhancing bursaries for care leavers to access to higher education and addition practical support.
Hampshire and the Isle of Wight	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation	Boosting the number of direct grants to individual care leavers and providing further support to existing programmes.
Herefordshire	Herefordshire Community Foundation	Working with partners to expand the Baby Steps programme to provide year-round, multi-year support for care-experienced young parents as a tested model to share with other areas.
Kent	Kent Community Foundation	Exploring a hybrid model that enables trusted organisations to provide individual grants on behalf of the community foundation.

Merseyside	Community Foundation for Merseyside	Expanding support for individual care leavers in partnership with Liverpool Council and exploring community organisation support.
London	The London Community Foundation	Extending funding for longer to deepen support for existing organisations and resources that enables more continuity for supported care leavers.
Norfolk	Norfolk Community Foundation	Strengthening existing support for funded organisations and piloting a new approach to improving skills and independence, co-designed by partners and care-experienced young people.
Somerset	Somerset Community Foundation	Expanding support to community groups supporting the health and wellbeing of care leavers, and working with Somerset Council to strengthen individual support over a longer period.
South Yorkshire	South Yorkshire's Community Foundation	Building relationships with strategic partners across South Yorkshire to enable more care leavers and care-experienced young people to access help and support.
Staffordshire	Community Foundation for Staffordshire and Shropshire	Providing support to a new care leavers partnership scheme in Stoke-on-Trent, while extending operations across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.
Surrey	Community Foundation for Surrey	Providing multi-year grants to more organisations and individuals to meet emerging needs and ensure a continuity of support for young people leaving care.
Wiltshire	Wiltshire & Swindon Community Foundation	Strengthening support for care leavers by increasing mentoring capacity, funding wellbeing roles, supporting education and training, and providing flexible grants for positive experiences with local partners and networks.
New areas being funded by the programme expansion		
Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, and North East England	Community Foundation North East	Increasing existing support for individual care leavers with grants in collaboration with local authorities and exploring new ideas with partners.
Bedfordshire and Luton	Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation	Working in close partnership with Luton Borough Council to design a holistic and practical approach to supporting care-experienced young people.
Cheshire East	Cheshire Community Foundation	Working with Pure Insight and the Cheshire East Care Leavers Team to deliver an integrated package of wraparound support for care leavers.
Hertfordshire	Hertfordshire Community Foundation	Funding care leavers directly through professional care teams, focusing on personalised 'social prescribing' support like sports and wellbeing.

Lincolnshire and its wider communities	Lincolnshire Community Foundation	Developing a joined-up support network where councils, businesses, charities and the wider community can connect around care leavers.
East London	East End Community Foundation	Providing a holistic package of both practical and emotional support to individual care leavers to be better supported in their transition from care to independent living.
Northern Ireland	Community Foundation Northern Ireland	Funding organisations to provide extra support by strengthening education, employment readiness, health and wellbeing services for care leavers.
Calderdale	Community Foundation for Calderdale	Partnering with local partners and council services to provide targeted careers information, advice and practical guidance to care-experienced young people who are living within the borough of Calderdale.
County Durham and the wider Tees Valley	Point North	Awarding infrastructure support grants for strategic organisations capable of, or currently, delivering projects that support young people leaving (or who have left) the care system, with a specific aim to keep young people safe.
Wales	Community Foundation Wales	Supporting care leavers in Cardiff and Denbighshire with enhanced financial grants for education, training or employment, and facilitating meaningful work placements to build skills and improve long-term job prospects.
Devon	Devon Community Foundation	Awarding multi-year grants to VCSE organisations to expand specialist housing support for vulnerable care leavers while convening a cross-sector group to assess impact, share learning and embed best practice in future commissioning.
Suffolk	Suffolk Community Foundation	Tailoring the Step Forward Mentoring Programme, in partnership with The Mason Trust, to expand mentoring for care-experienced young people across new areas.
Northamptonshire	Northamptonshire Community Foundation	Providing targeted bursaries, funding local projects and coordinating strategic partnerships to deliver flexible, countywide support through the new Pathways to Independence Fund.
Oxfordshire	Oxfordshire Community Foundation	Partnering with organisations that offer holistic, trauma-informed support to care leavers through digital skills training, residential leadership development and employment pathways, combining mentoring, bursaries and targeted programmes to address gaps in statutory support.