

# Volunteering Grants Programme

A joint initiative

 **BANK OF SCOTLAND**  
Foundation



## Working together

In 2012, the Bank of Scotland Foundation launched the Volunteering Grants Programme, an innovative, joint initiative with Lloyds Banking Group aimed at boosting community volunteering.

The Foundation made funding available to charities to support projects delivered through volunteers and the Group then ensured the successful charities were given access to a network of employee volunteers to deliver the projects.

## Addressing need

The Foundation distributed almost £100,000 through this programme to six charities in 2012 and the Group then engaged employees in volunteering with the successful projects. A range of charities were supported, addressing disadvantage and exclusion across many communities in Scotland.

## Joint partnership

Of the 483 volunteers recruited by the six charities for the projects, over 300 were from Lloyds Banking Group as part of their Day to Make a Difference programme demonstrating the appetite of the Group's colleagues to support local initiatives.

## Further funding

The six charities have seen increased access to funding as a result of receiving support from the Foundation and have subsequently received grants from other Trusts and Foundations totalling £168,000.

"We have secured Heritage Lottery Funding to develop the project - this was helped along significantly by the Volunteering Grant."

### Urban Roots Initiative



Received **£14,928** from the Foundation to fund a community woodland officer and associated volunteer costs.

Results:

- 45 additional volunteers
- Supported over 144 people
- Reduction in anti-social behaviour
- Funding received to continue project



Received **£16,390** from the Foundation to fund ambassadors to raise awareness of Strokes and the services available.

Results:

- 40 additional volunteers
- Supported over 500 people
- Funded salary costs for 1 person
- Volunteers training will provide long term support



Received **£12,530** from the Foundation to recruit new volunteers to redevelop areas of wasteland into community resources.

Results:

- 50 additional volunteers
- Increased education of healthy living and community involvement
- Project provided training opportunities for all volunteers

## Overall impact

- **483 new volunteers recruited**
- **Supported over 6,100 people across Scotland**
- **7 jobs funded**
- **Increase in skills and training for volunteers**



Received **£20,000** from the Foundation to recruit and train volunteers for 4 new Headstrong centres.

Results:

- 27 additional volunteers
- Supported over 280 people
- Funded salary costs for 3 people
- All targets exceeded and centres to remain open due to demand for services



Received **£20,000** from the Foundation to recruit volunteers for the Safer Communities Project.

Results:

- 20 additional volunteers
- Supported over 400 people
- Funded salary costs for 2 people



Cyrenians

Received **£10,575** from the Foundation to fund a Volunteer Recruitment Development Officer.

Results:

- 301 additional volunteers
- Supported over 1,800 people
- Funded salary costs for 1 person

"We have developed a strong relationship with Lloyds Banking Group, increasing our engagement with corporate volunteers."

**Edinburgh Cyrenians**