Alderman Newton's Educational Foundation

A Year in Review 2025/26

Grants to individuals

Alderman Newton's Educational Foundations offers grants to young people (under the age of 25) living in Leicester or Leicestershire with a low household income to support with their education, training or career goals.

A message to you from the Trustees

As the Alderman Newton did in the 1700's, we now as the Trustees of his legacy continue to pursue his intentions to enable disadvantaged young people to be educated and therefore improving their life chances.

The ANEF Trustees endeavor each year to extend the reach to young people across Leicester city and Leicestershire. This last year, we concentrated on 4 areas (Coalville, New Parks, Highfields and Eyres Monsell), as we have received fewer applications from young people in these areas. We also followed up with organisations who are working creatively and passionately with some of the most marginalised young people in our community. We thank those organisations for working with us.

Going forward we continue this work, especially the Foundation would like to contribute to supporting those young people who are referred to as NEET – young people for whom real life setbacks exist. Like Alderman Newton back in the 1700's, we are concerned to see young people's life limited by their situations.

Do you know a young person who you think the ANEF could support through our 'grants for individuals'?

For details on our grants, visit our website (anef.org.uk) or contact us with any questions over an individual young person's situation. We will help if our criteria allows.

Carmen's story

"I was lucky enough to gain a place in the National Youth Music Theatre's production of The Hunchback of Notre Dame. I immediately began working to save up but I was still struggling to pay NYMT's full course fees.

The grant I received from Alderman Newton's Educational Foundation gave me the once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of NYMT's company. Without this grant I would undoubtedly never have been able to take part in the life-changing experience. I will take forward all the things I have learnt.

Alderman Newton's Educational Foundation gives me so much hope for the future. Ensuring that young people from all backgrounds and circumstances have access to equal opportunities is an amazing thing, and will make the future so much more inclusive and exciting."

Success stories

We are appreciative when young people we have supported let us know how they get on. Email us to share your story (trustadmin@charity-link.org).

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Our impact

Last year *(1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026)*, we awarded grants to 43 young people, with an average grant of £1,634.59.

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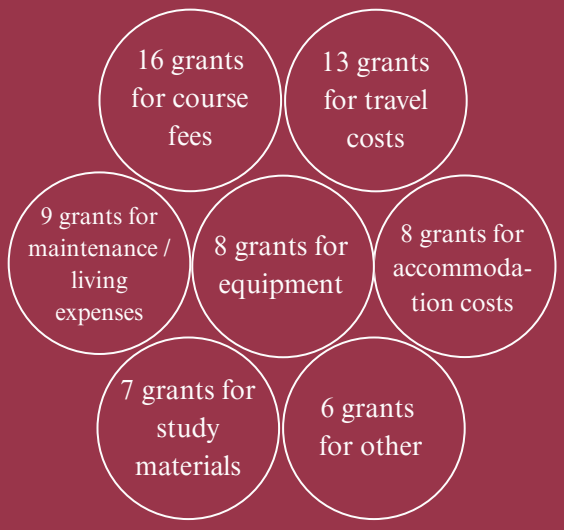

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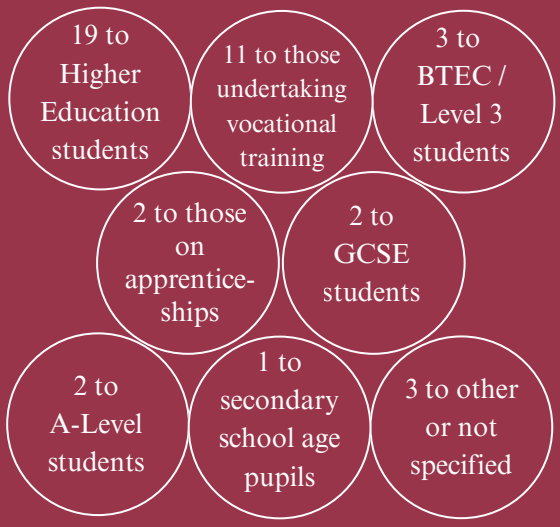

Behind the scenes with the Trustees

We have been working hard to get the online application form up and running - we are nearly there now!

Earlier in the year, we launched our Instagram page to increase awareness of our grants as well as connecting with young people and relevant organisations (instagram.com/alderman_newtons_ef/).

We are working to involve young people in a focus group session to improve our connections with young people.

Our Education Committee continue their steady work of monthly online meetings to consider applications and make awards. Our Investment Committee continue to be watchful of our financial returns to maintain our grants budget. Our Promotional Working Group continue to plan ways forward to extend our reach in the city and county. The full board of Trustees meet quarterly to hear reports on all activities of the Foundation.

Charity Link continue to provide us with administrative support and professional guidance to make it all work.

New grants for charitable organisations

We are pleased to offer a new small grants programme for charitable organisations working directly with children and young people under the age of 25 who live in Leicester or Leicestershire and who run enriching activities that encourage improved outcomes in education, training or employment goals.

If your organisation might benefit from a small grant, please find out more by contacting our Clerk, Sophie, at trustadmin@charity-link.org.

Thank you for working with us. Without your connections, our grants wouldn't reach the diversity of young people we wish to ensure we hear from. Please continue to refer young people to our grants and do contact us with any questions or queries - we would like to hear from you.

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