

# Clydesdale Bank calls on community groups to share some funding

Community groups in Edinburgh are invited to enter an awards programme which could allow them to share a funding boost of £75,000 to make a real difference in their local area.

In the 2013 awards The Water of Leith Conservation Trust received an award of £10,000 to develop its community volunteering programme. Read the newsletter below for more information.

Clydesdale Bank's Spirit of the Community Awards – now in its third year – is open for applications. Clydesdale Bank will make donations to registered charities and not-for-profit organisations to recognise them going the extra mile. Groups are invited to enter the awards scheme under one of three categories: financial education; employability, and environment.

The awards are open to a range of organisations across the third sector who can demonstrate their support for the local community. This could include groups promoting access to financial education, helping to upskill people for the workplace or aiming to improve and protect the environment.

<http://www.theedinburghreporter.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/CB-Web-SoC-2013-Award-180914.pdf>

Each of the three categories will have an overall winner which secures £10,000 of funding, along with three highly commended that will each be awarded £5,000.

Debbie Crosbie, Clydesdale and Yorkshire Bank Executive Director and newly appointed Chair of Yorkshire and Clydesdale Bank Foundation, said: "Clydesdale Bank's Spirit of the Community Awards aim to recognise and support the invaluable

contribution that voluntary and charitable organisations make to their local communities.

“It’s been inspiring to see the great work being carried out over the past two years and the difference our support can make to third sector groups which provide such vital services to their communities.”

Clydesdale Bank’s sister organisation, Yorkshire Bank will also award £75,000 to local organisations as part of the programme. This brings the total funds available for community groups up and down the country to £150,000.

For further information about Yorkshire and Clydesdale Bank Foundation’s Spirit of the Community Awards or to enter, people can visit <http://www.cbonline.co.uk/foundation> or go into their local Clydesdale Bank branch to receive an application form.

The closing date for applications is Friday 6th March 2015 and the winners will be announced in summer 2015.

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