

Charities urged to apply to the Dream Fund for collaborative funding

Charities in Scotland are urged to apply for a share of £3.5 million to bring their dream project to life thanks to support from players of People's Postcode Lottery.

The Dream Fund which launched on Friday tries to forge collaboration between charities and good causes by bringing them together to apply for funding for what they might regard as their "dream project". This year's fund is the biggest ever with a top award of £1.25 million possible. The funding will be offered over three years from 2022.

Applications are encouraged from projects which will develop innovative solutions and will deliver systematic change in environment and conservation, social inequality or pandemic recovery.

More than £16 million in funding to 32 projects across Britain has already been awarded, with a list of previous winners which includes Wheels of Change, a joint project between Whizz Kids, Duchenne UK and The University of Edinburgh.

The Wheels of Change project developed a wheelchair for disabled children that is technologically impressive, modular, and affordable.

Malcolm Tyndall, Director of Strategy and Innovation at Whizz-

Kidz said: “The £1 million received from the Dream Fund gave us the unique opportunity to work closely with world leading partners and other charities, forming lasting relationships we still benefit from today. Kids in wheelchairs are usually the last to make friends, the last to have fun and the last to find jobs. Thanks to players of People’s Postcode Lottery, kids in wheelchairs are starting to come first.”

Laura Chow, Head of Charities at People’s Postcode Lottery, said: “This announcement marks the start of an exciting process which will see £3.5 million raised by our players awarded to truly inspirational projects.

“The Dream Fund has made a remarkable difference to so many projects over the last nine years, and I have no doubt that we’ll see many more bold and courageous ideas submitted this year.”

Applications to the Dream Fund can be made from Friday, 1 October until Monday, 1 November. Winners will be announced in March 2022.

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Eli trying out a wheelchair with Frank Robertson looking on.