

# **National Lottery funding announced for Edinburgh charities**

## **Several Edinburgh charities will benefit from the latest National Lottery funding announced today.**

The Green Projects programme at North Edinburgh Arts will receive £148,821 to help them keep going by providing green spaces for local people to volunteer and get outside in the garden.

Valla Moodie, Green Projects Manager, North Edinburgh Arts said: "This funding will enable us to start an exciting phase of work as we move back into our refurbished and extended building after two years in temporary venues, setting up our new Community Shed workshop and redeveloping our community garden at the back of our venue.

"This support, given to our 'Green Projects', will allow us to continue to offer opportunities for our local community that improve their health and well-being whilst contributing to the enrichment of their neighbourhood, building local resilience to big issues and sharing and supporting them with actions that combat climate change."

Deaf Action will receive £126,671 for their digital literacy programme helping deaf people in the city.

Support will be provided through a series of one-to-one sessions and group work covering specific topics such as word processing, scam awareness, healthcare apps and video calling

software.

**Lauren McAnna, Community Services Manager, Deaf Action** said: “Our Digital Inclusion Service will support deaf people living across Edinburgh to become digitally empowered, unlocking a world of information, resources and opportunities that will foster greater independence and help improve life outcomes.

“We will support deaf adults and older people who face significant barriers to communication and social inclusion and who are likely to be experiencing financial hardship and/or socioeconomic disadvantage. By supporting deaf people to overcome barriers to digital literacy they can become more connected and active citizens, have increased independence and improved wellbeing in many aspects of their lives.”

**Kate Still, Scotland Chair, The National Lottery Community Fund** said: “This latest round of National Lottery funding will be distributed to groups across Edinburgh who are providing a range of essential services and support for thousands of local people, helping to make a real difference to their lives.

“As The National Lottery prepares to mark its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday later this year, today’s investment is a timely reminder of the difference that National Lottery players continue to make to communities across the country.”

