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A new way to get support

Many of you know the Norfolk Community Foundation as not just an organisation to approach for funding, but as being much, much more: a place to come for specialist advice; a supportive listening ear; a partner in innovation.

We're always on the hunt for ways to make things better and now, we're going even further to connect people who care with local charities and community groups working on the ground by launching a new way for individuals to give and groups to get support: **Opportunities4Communities**.



Finding offers of support just got easier



We know people often have things of real value which they want to give. It could be someone looking to get involved as a trustee of a charity or a company that would like to provide some professional advice pro-bono. Or we might have been offered some fantastic office furniture or a team is keen to offer some practical support with painting or gardening. From sacks of carrots or potatoes to use of a minibus or van: from an unused vacuum cleaner to home-cooked meals: we know that there will usually be a Norfolk charity or community group grateful for any help offered.

At Norfolk Community Foundation, nobody likes solving a problem more than we do. Until now, it has not always been straightforward to coordinate these wonderful offers of help. So, we've put our heads together and have decided to harness the power of Facebook to bring together those who would like to give, and those who could use that support.



How does it work?

The **Opportunities4Communities group** is now open and we would like to invite you as a representative of a charity, community group or voluntary organisation, to join the Opportunities4Communities and see all the offers of help.

Simply click on the button below, select 'Join the group' and complete a brief membership information form to apply to join. Once you've joined the group, please also make sure read the membership rules.

Join the Opportunities4Communities group

If there is an offer of help that your organisation can benefit from, you can contact the person or company who has offered the help direct: it's as simple as that.

If you have replied to an offer of help, please comment under the post saying: "I've responded". If you are successful in securing the offer of help, please comment again letting us know you've secured the offer.

We'd love to hear afterwards about the support you've been given and the difference it has made - just send us an email at opportunities4communities@norfolkfoundation.com.

Want to get notified when offers get advertised? Once you've joined the group, click '...', 'manage notifications' and then 'all posts' and you'll be able to hear straightaway when there's a new opportunity!

We hope that the Opportunities4Communities Group will eventually become a place where our brilliant Norfolk charities can turn for help and advice: sharing ideas and best practice, finding information and supporting each other.

If you have something which you would like to offer to another charity, be it with your time, services, resources, skills or equipment, then we would also love to hear from you.

If you'd like any further information, then please do call us on 01603 623958 or send us an email at opportunities4communities@norfolkfoundation.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to the group and sharing with you some fantastic opportunities.

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