

A Decade of using GRANTfinder

A view from Supporting Communities in NI



Key Service Benefits

- » Helps maximise and secure external funding opportunities
- » Provides up-to-the minute information
- » Convenient one-stop shop of funding and policy information keeps staff up to date with the changing grants and policy landscape
- » Saves resources through efficiency
- » Ensures you are aware of all current funding streams

It is the grants solution for organisations in the UK.

Formed in 1979, SCNI exists to support existing and start-up community groups, enhancing their skills, knowledge and expertise to enable them to fully participate in matters impacting on their communities. Embedded within this role is the ethos of partnership work and the need for sustainability. At present, SCNI works to support over 550 community groups across NI.

The organisation acts on behalf of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) and has – for the past 10 years – used the GRANTfinder service as part of NIHE’s licence. Here, Funding Officer Roisin Hamilton explains how access to GRANTfinder via NIHE has supported SCNI and its beneficiaries.

Which objectives and goals does GRANTfinder help your organisation to achieve?

GRANTfinder enables our organisation to provide an effective funding support service to communities, staff and stakeholders.

In my capacity as Funding Officer I am responsible for supporting hundreds of community groups across Northern Ireland in their search for external funding streams. GRANTfinder allows me to provide a tailored service which includes fund identification, comprehensive funding enquiry responses, bespoke

funding bulletins and the latest funding content that I can use in our fortnightly e-biz circulation.

What are the key benefits of GRANTfinder?

GRANTfinder is a professional funding system that has provided funding information to us via the Northern Ireland Housing Executive licence for 10 years.

The service offers everything we need in one place, saving staff time and resources and ensuring we can effectively complement and maximise the services we offer.



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We have complete trust in the system – it is an all-encompassing solution for our funding needs.

What do you think are the key features/functionality of GRANTfinder?

The content is updated in real time so we know that the information being provided to those we support is accurate and timely.

The ability to conduct step-by-step project searches combined with a number of advanced search capabilities makes the system easy to navigate in order to produce applicable funding results.

Added functionality such as automatic email alerts, newsflashes, bulletins, bespoke reports alongside commentary and tweets from sector experts and researchers also add real value to the service.

Has the service demonstrated tangible funding results?

Yes, lots! In the last financial year alone, GRANTfinder has helped to secure over £2 million, supporting a wide range of projects across the community spectrum.

From environmental and social projects to educational and community-focused activities, the service has contributed towards the successful operation of numerous projects across Northern Ireland over the past decade, which would never have happened without the appropriate funding.

GRANTfinder has proved to be an invaluable tool to our funding services.

For more information on how your organisation and its beneficiaries can gain from a new approach to funding information, contact us at:

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