

NCDT Training and Education Fund

Guidance Notes & Eligibility Criteria



New Cumnock Development Trust is the administrator of the NCDT Training and Education Fund. This initial fund is provided by South Kyle Wind Farm via Foundation Scotland until August 2027 . This is an annual fund of £15,000 which will be a rolling fund issued on a first come first served basis. NCDT will also access this fund to provide training courses locally where a need is identified.

This fund aims to improve the opportunities and livelihoods of people living in the funding area.

Eligibility Criteria

- We invite applications from individuals living within New Cumnock parish.
- Proposals from groups or businesses for wider community training will also be accepted
- The education or training opportunity may be long-term (one year or more) or shorter (one day or even less, or taught over weeks or months), full or part-time.
- Repeat applications are accepted if the applicant can provide a strong reason for further funding. Awards for repeat applications may be at a lower level than requested.
- The level of grant will depend on the course the applicant wants to do and other funding available to them, with a maximum of £1,000.
- Individuals must be aged 16 or over.
- Training courses must be delivered by a reputable provider.
- Applicants should be aware that we may seek further information and clarity to support your application.

What we can't fund:

- Costs that are already covered by school, college, the local authority, or other body or that are the responsibility of the statutory authorities.
- Advancement of religion or party politics
- Activities contrary to the interests of the fund donors or New Cumnock Development Trust
- Activities likely to bring the global fund administrator Foundation Scotland, fund donors or New Cumnock Development Trust into disrepute.
- Anti-renewable energy/windfarm activities
- Costs incurred before a decision on an application can be made
- NCDT will not fund training or equipment that your employer should be providing that is deemed necessary for you to carry out your job.



Types of costs we can fund:

- Travel & Subsistence
- Childcare
- Study aids (eg laptop, software, stationary) capped at £700
- Technical aids (eg specialist clothing related to the course, tools)
- Course fees not already being paid for from elsewhere (the level of grant will depend on any bursary available from Scottish Government (via skills Development Scotland, SAAS), local college fee waiver or bursary)

This list is not exhaustive and most costs that help local people access training and education opportunities (other than those excluded above) can be considered.

Feedback required from successful applicants

New Cumnock Development Trust will require successful applicants to provide feedback so that fund's impact can be evaluated. You will be asked to submit a short report or case study which can be in writing, video or other media, that shows what difference the grant has made to you. There will also be some specific questions to answer. This could include information such as:

- Confirmation of what the grant was spent on (receipts may be required depending on what the grant was for)
- What qualification was gained
- How you have used the skills gained
- Attendance records may be required from the educational institution

Repeat applications cannot be considered if there is an outstanding completion report.

Other details:

- The fund is not means tested
- Match funding is encouraged but not required
- If more applications are received than the fund can support, trustees may ask for details of other grants, bursaries etc that you may have applied for or secured.
- Online courses as well as face to face can be supported
- Education/training supplier should represent best value that balances cost, availability and quality as well as the specific learning provided.

