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| **Learning Disabilities Innovation Fund** | |
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|  | **Guide to applying.** |
|  | **Easy Read** |

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|  | **The Charter**  Your project must meet 1 or more parts of the **Learning disability charter**. |
|  | The charter was written by people with a learning disability from Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion.  You can find out more here:  [www.pembrokeshirepeople1st.org.uk](http://www.pembrokeshirepeople1st.org.uk/?page_id=766) |
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| **West Wales Learning**  **Disabilities Charter**  **People with learning disabilities want the same things as everyone else does.**   * **My Life, My Rights**   More chances in life; more choice; to be listened to; to be treated as adults; to be given dignity and respect & for you to keep our information private.   * **My Community. My Relationships**   To be able to travel independently; help to understand money so we have more control; to train other people in what our lives are like – we’re the experts; to get involved with our community; to have paid jobs; the right to enjoy friendships and sex, just like everyone else and the right to have a family.   * **My social life**   To go places everyone else goes and be welcome; to do stuff in the evenings and at weekends; to enjoy friendships, relationships and sex as we choose; for people to welcome us and understand what we need when we are out and to have more info about what’s going on.   * **My Support**   Help to follow our dreams; to train staff who work with us; to get to know people who support us; to trust people to do what they say and to have access to advocacy.   * **My Health**   To have the healthcare we need from GPs and hospitals; have a health check every year; staff to have training by us; to have appointments that are easy to get , and on time and control over our health – they are our bodies !   * **My Independence**   To give us space – not too much at once; to feel safe – to help us find out about bullying and hate crime, and what to do about it; time to think for ourselves; support to live on our own if we want; support when we are parents and to stand up for our rights !   * **My Communication**   To make things easy to read; letters & leaflets we can understand – keep it simple! to find out what works for us – we are all different; to speak for ourselves and have time to think and answer – don’t rush! |

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|  | **About the fund** |
|  | The fund is for new ideas from people with a learning disability.  It is for ideas for new activities and services and to test if they work. |
|  | The fund is for third sector and **statutory bodies** who want to  co-produce projects with people with a learning disability. |
|  | Statutory bodies are organisations like Councils, Health Boards or National Parks. |

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|  | **The funding** |
|  | This is a new grant.  The money comes from the Integrated Care Fund (ICF). |
|  | Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services (PAVS) are in charge of the fund. They are working with:   * Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary services (CAVS) * Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organsiations (CAVO) |
|  | The Regional Improving Lives Partnership (RILP) will run the fund. They are chaired by the Dream Team and supported by Pembrokeshire People First. |
|  | **Who** **can apply?** |
|  | To apply you must be:   * Voluntary or community group * Social enterprise   You must be properly set up with rules and a strong structure.  You must have a bank account that needs 2 or more signatures. |
|  | You must support people with a  learning disability. |
|  | If you are a statutory body, you can apply if:   * your project is co-produced by people with a learning disability * you show strong links to the charter. |
|  | The fund is for projects in West Wales:   * Pembrokeshire * Carmarthenshire * Ceredigion |
|  | **Your project idea must be:** |
|  | * A new idea that will change the way people with learning disabilities are supported |
|  | * Co- produced and co- delivered by people with a learning disability |
|  | * Clearly benefit people with a learning disability |
|  | * Be able to share what you learn |
|  | * Be good value for money |
|  | You will need to explain how you project will follow Covid guidelines  and rules. |

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|  | **What can the grant be spent on?** |
| **£10,000** | The fund will pay for £10,000 for each project. This can be the full cost of the project. You won’t need to add any money of your own. |
|  | The grant is for ongoing costs |
|  | Ongoing costs are things like wages and room hire. |
|  | You can ask for 20% of your grant for capital costs. |
|  | Capital costs are things you buy once. This could be things like laptops or cameras. |

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|  | **What you cannot spend the grant on** | |
|  | * Activities or services that already exist. * Costs for your project that happened before you applied for the grant * A small part of a big project, unless it is for a part that can stand on its own. | |
|  | **How long is the grant for?** | |
|  | You must finish the project and spend the money by 31 march 2022. | |
|  | **Monitoring your project.** | |
|  | You will need to write a short report at the end of your project.  You will need to do this no more than 2 weeks after you finish. | |
|  | **Publicity**  You need to tell people about the grant and the funders when you talk about your project. This means on:   * Posters * Leaflets * Website * Social media | |
|  | **More information and support**  You can ask your local volunteer council for support and more information. | |
|  | * **Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services** (PAVS)   E-mail: development@pavs.org.uk | |
|  | * **Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services** (CAVS)   E-mail: Jackie.Dorrian@cavs.org.uk | |
|  | * **Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations** (CAVO)   E-mail: gen@cavo.org.uk | |
|  | **Applying for the grant**  You will need to complete a form |
|  | You will need to make a short film telling us about your project. |
|  | When you write your form you must: |
|  | * Show how your project is   co- produced by people with a learning disability |
|  | * Make sure your costs are as accurate as possible. |
|  | * Include 2 quotes for anything that costs more than £500 |
|  | * Show it is good value for money |
|  | **Grant deadline**  You must send your grant application by 10 September 2021. |
|  | **You must send:**   * your form * a link to your film * your governing documents. |
|  | Governing documents can be called:   * Constitution * Memorandum & Articles of Association * Trust Deed   They are the legal papers that form your organisation. |

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|  | There will be 2 stages to decide who gets the grant. |
|  | **Stage 1 Shortlisting**  The Dream Team will look at the film and the form. |
|  | **Stage 2 presentation**  If you are shortlisted, you will need to present to the panel and answer questions. This will be by Zoom.  The presentations will be on  29 September 2021. |
|  | **\*\* You should complete the form in easy read. The next page gives some ideas about making the form easy to read for everyone.** |
|  | You will be told by phone or email no more than 3 weeks after the deadline. |
|  | **Things to think about when you write the form:** |
|  | * Use easy words |
|  | * Try to avoid jargon or initials for things. If you have to use them explain what they mean. |
|  | * Use short sentences and short paragraphs. |
| Hello | * Use a simple font like arial |
| hello | * Use 16 point font sizes |
|  | * Ask your co- production team members to check the form is easy read. |