

MCF Grants Awarded in Province From 1st January 2025 to 31st July 2025

- 1. Open Minds Counselling Services Ltd.** Small Grant: £2,000.00 Date: 6/1/2025
Website: Organisation Address: 28 Christ Church Road, Doncaster, DN1 2QL
Registered Charity No. 1155119
Organisation Activities: Open Minds Counselling Services Ltd. is a highly credible, well-reputed charity in Doncaster, working with adults and children aged 8 and upwards. Open Minds provide free and subsidised therapeutic support to improve clients' quality of life by reducing anxiety, ill health and mental dysfunction, helping to build coping skills and capacity for healthy living.
- 2. Rossington Good Neighbours –** Small Grant: £2,500.00 Date: 06/01/2025
Organisation Address:
Memorial Hall McConnel Crescent, New Rossington, Doncaster, DN11 0PL.
Registered Charity No. 248912
Organisation Activities: - They cook and provide hot meals for people aged over 50 and their carers in Rossington Memorial Hall as well as providing a delivery service to individuals homes when they are unable to attend the Memorial Hall.
- 3. Rotherham Cancer Care Centre –** Small Grant: £2,360.00 Date: 13/1/2025
Organisation Address: 93 Badsley Moor Lane, Rotherham, S65 2PS.
Registered Charity No 1150857
Organisation Activities: - The provision of one-to-one assessment and therapy to individuals affected by cancer. Rotherham Cancer care provides support to those living with cancer, as well as to their main carer. They understand just how cancer can affect someone's life so know how helpful it can be to be given the time to talk in confidence, to share feelings and thoughts without the fear of upsetting loved ones. They provide through their assessor a therapy that will best suit their needs from massage, Reflexology, Reiki, Counselling, Meditation & Hypnotherapy.
- 4. Sheffield Women's Aid -** Small Grant: £60,000.00 - Date: 22/01/2025 (Over 3 years)
Website: <https://www.sheffieldwomensaid.org.uk/>
Organisation Address: PO Box 4917, Sheffield, S8 2JQ
Registered Charity No. 1138460
Organisation Activities: SWA support all children who live in our safe and secure refuge accommodation with their mothers and adult women (some women may not have their children with them when they arrive, as they may not have full custody at that point), including single women and those who may be pregnant. All adults and children have experienced domestic abuse. They provide 50 units of self-contained refuge accommodation provided through 2 large refuge buildings and houses in the community, all fully self-contained, safe and secure. MCF funding will enable SWA to recruit an additional specialist, dedicated Children and Young Person's (CYP) Practitioner to work alongside their current full-time practitioner.

5. **Leeds GATE** – Large Grant £60,000.00 Date: 20/03/2025 (Over 3 years)
Website: www.leedsgate.co.uk
Registered Charity No: 1123374
Organisation Address: 169 Cross Green Lane, Leeds, LS9 0BD
Organisation Activities: Leeds GATE works to address the issues which affect the homes, health, education, employment and circumstances of Gypsy & Traveller people across West Yorkshire, to improve their quality of life. We work with people across the life-course, providing advocacy, community development work, youth work and specialist support around domestic violence, mental health and criminal justice to our membership. They have a community centre in Cross Green, Leeds and work via outreach and other community venues across West Yorkshire. The MCF will fund a Family Support Worker to provide holistic support to families affected by domestic abuse. They will develop a support plan with families, which includes things like safety planning, facilitating access to healthcare, and advocating on issues that decrease vulnerability.
6. **AWARE** – Small Grant - £15,000. Date: 22/04/2025 (Over 3 years)
Website: www.aware-uk.org Registered Charity No: 1172753
Organisation Address: 2 Royd House Way, Keighley, BD21 4TY
Organisation Activities: AWARE (Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource) is a parent-run group supporting over 1500 families with autistic children/young people in the Bradford area by providing information, advice, and the opportunity to share experiences with other families. They offer parent training (in English and in Urdu) and a variety of parent-peer support groups. They provide play and leisure opportunities to our amazing autistic children and young people and their siblings through weekly youth clubs, play schemes during school holidays; residential activity breaks; cookery club; monthly Trip Club (12 – 18) and Moving On club for young adults (age 18+).
7. **Getaway Girls** - Small Grant - Date: 22/04/2025 (Over 3 years)
Website: www.getawaygirls.co.uk Registered Charity No: 703003
Organisation Address: nineteen, Brooklands Avenue, Leeds, LS14 6SG
Organisation Activities: Getaway Girls is a young women centred strength-based approach, supporting young women who face barriers and inequalities, supporting girls and young women aged 8-25 who face a range of complex challenges, including witnessing domestic abuse in the home, poor mental health, poverty, early pregnancy, exploitation, care experienced, young carers, and experience with the criminal justice system. They empower girls and young women to build confidence, resilience, aspirations, new skills and take positive risks in an environment which offers co-operation and support. They offer individual support, counselling, complex needs support, training, peer support, opportunities and opportunities for voice and influence.
8. **Down Syndrome Training and Support Service Limited**
Small Grant: £15,000. Date: 22/04/2025 (Over 3 years)
Website - www.downsyndromebradford.co.uk Registered Charity No: 1130994
Organisation Address: 2 Whitley Street, Bingley, BD16 4JH
Organisation Activities: The charity aims to assist in the care of children and young people with Down syndrome by the provision of support, advice, training and relief to those who are responsible for their care - families and professionals, and to improve the health, education, development, inclusion and social opportunities of children and young people with Down syndrome. The MCF grant will benefit 1,718 children and young people and a further 1,807 people who are extended family, professionals working with the children, and the wider community.

9. **'Darts' (Doncaster)** - Large Grant: £60,000. Date: on 15/05/2025 (Over 3 years)
Website - www.wearedarts.org.uk Registered Charity No: 1056799

Organisation Address- The Point, 16 South Parade, Doncaster, DN1 2DR

Organisation Activities: Darts creates art with people in Doncaster to improve life, learning and health and programmes focus on areas where we have the most impact: Disabled children and young people, 0-5 year olds, school pupils, families and teachers in disadvantaged Doncaster communities, people with mental ill health, adults with dementia, people with long-term health conditions and inactive over 50s. MCF funding will contribute to the total costs of the project, with majority of the grant going on the sessional artist and some support staff to coordinate the project.

10. **Newhall Kidz Play Facility** - Small Grant:: £11,800.00. Date 12/05/2025 (Over 3 years)
Organisation Address: HMP & YOI New Hall, Wakefield, WF4 4XX.

Registered Charity No. 1098955

Organisation Activities: To facilitate play and engagement for young children visiting their Mum, or other significant loved one in HMP Newhall and support young children visiting their Mum and sibling/s on the Mother & Baby unit in the establishment, during their domestic visits. Providing support of the Family engagement workers, by providing our play space for "Contact" visits, these are one-to-one visits with Mum and her children under school age. This provision is supporting the women, the Officers, Families, and the wider community to have positive, calm domestic visits. They provide play sessions and support for children aged 0-17 years old visiting their mother or close family member at HMP & Young Offender Institution New Hall in Wakefield. Having a parent in custody is an Adverse Childhood Experience which impacts every aspect the child's life and puts them at greater risk of mental health issues. Statistics show that 54% of people entering prison have at least one child under 18 and a report by Crest Advisory estimates that 312,000 children are affected by parental imprisonment each year. Further research shows that prisoners with positive family ties are up to six times less likely to reoffend. This is because they find it easier to reintegrate into family life and society, and children also develop positive family relationships which is likely to lead to fewer problems later in their life such as engaging in criminal behaviour.

11. **Yorkshire Dance** - Large Grant - £57,946 on 15/05/2025 - End of Grant Date 01/09/2027
Website: <https://yorkshiredance.com/project/in-mature-company/>

Registered Charity No: 701624

Organisation Address: 3 St Peter's Buildings, St Peter's Square, Leeds, LS9 8AH

Organisation Activities: Yorkshire Dance is a regional charity which works through dance to create happiness, health, connection, and change, running over one thousand community dance classes per year for older adults and young people from socio-economically deprived areas in Leeds and Bradford. The project brings dance sessions to people living with dementia in care homes and in the community. MCF funding will support the delivery of two 15-week in-person blocks of dance sessions, using movement and music to draw on reminiscence to provide stimulation and light exercise for people with dementia. In addition, MCF funding will also support online sessions, available for ten care homes or community settings (such as Day Centres) and over 15-weeks.