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# Future Makers Fund

## £250. Idea turned into action.

We believe good ideas can come from anyone. We're giving young people the opportunity — and **£250** — to make their idea happen.

The programme gives under-18s the chance to apply for **£250 towards a project that creates positive change** under one or more of House of Coffee's three core principles.

| GRANT | APPLICATION DEADLINE | AWARD DATE |
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| **£250** | **15 January 2027** | **31 January 2027** |

## Our three principles

### EQUITY

Making things fairer and creating opportunities for people who might otherwise be left out.

### SUSTAINABILITY

Treading lightly on our planet. Protecting our environment, reducing waste, supporting biodiversity and creating a more sustainable lifestyle.

### DIVERSITY

Celebrating differences, encouraging inclusion and helping people feel involved, valued and respected.

## Who can apply?

- You are **under 18** — you can apply as an individual or as a group.
- You live in **Leighton Buzzard** or nearby.
- Your idea fits **at least one** of the three principles.
- You can explain **what the £250 will be used for**.
- You have **permission from a parent or guardian** to apply — or you apply through your school.

## If your idea is chosen

- We'll invite you to a short presentation at our shop in Leighton Buzzard.
- We'd love to feature your project on our social media — we will always ask your permission first.
- We'll check in around three months later to hear how your project has gone.

# Need some inspiration?

Here are some topics we would consider — but you may well find others!

## EQUITY

- Equipment that helps more young people take part in an activity
- Community food initiatives
- Projects helping people access sport
- Educational resources
- Projects tackling barriers to participation
- Support for disadvantaged young people
- Human rights issues
- Fairness under the law

## SUSTAINABILITY

- Wildlife / pollinator gardens
- Tree planting
- Recycling projects
- Upcycling projects
- Food waste initiatives
- Biodiversity projects
- Park / canal clean-ups
- Repair / reuse projects
- Environmental education
- School sustainability campaigns

## DIVERSITY

- Cultural celebration projects
- Inclusive sports / activity projects
- Art exhibitions celebrating different cultures
- Inclusion campaigns
- Intergenerational projects
- Resources that make activities more accessible
- A debating society promoting diversity of thought

# Before you apply — quick check

Tick each box. If you can tick them all, you're ready to fill in the application form.

- ☐ I am under 18 (or every member of my group is)
- ☐ I live in or near Leighton Buzzard
- ☐ My idea supports Equity, Sustainability and/or Diversity
- ☐ I know what I would spend the £250 on
- ☐ I have permission from a parent/guardian, or I am applying through my school

# How to apply

**1 Download**
the application form from thehouseofcoffee.co.uk/esd

**2 Fill it in**
on screen or print it — about 10 words per answer is plenty

**3 Email it**
to Debbie Hull (address below) by 15 January 2027

**4 We'll confirm**
receipt — awards are announced on 31 January 2027

**Interested?** For more information, contact our scheme co-ordinator, **Debbie Hull**, at **debbie@buzzingturtle.com**. We would love to hear from you!

*All at House of Coffee, your local coffee roaster.*