

Funding opportunities

Comic Relief Community Fund (England)



Grants are available to grassroots community organisations with an income of less than £250,000. Funding is available to help you develop your organisation through a Capacity Building Grant or to deliver projects through a Project Delivery Grant.

NFU Mutual Community Giving Fund

Up to £250 toward supporting community initiatives and charitable events, as well as to help boost staff fundraising initiatives.

Hearing the voice of our community

Together in Sussex would love to build a wider picture of some of the strains faced by local communities. Our combined knowledge can help focus attention on local issues and address needs in a sustainable way.

We will share what we learn together with you and with other bodies locally and nationally.

SO this month we are asking for your thoughts and insights.

Below you will find four questions. We would be really grateful if you would drop us a line with your answers at the following email address diane.watts@chichester.anglican.org

Write as much or as little as you like and feel free to answer just one of the questions if you would rather; any information you can give us would be really useful.

Your responses will remain completely anonymous, unless you indicate that you are happy for your community to be identified. The information you give us will be stored for the purposes of building a wider report and then deleted once this has been written. We will publish any findings on our website and as part of our regular newsletters so you can get a snapshot of some of the social issues in the Chichester Diocese.

Personal or group responses are very welcome. Please feel free to share these questions with friends, contacts and other charities - the more information we can get the better!

Useful links

Homelessness night shelters

Are you or is your church involved in running a night shelter this winter? If so the Clewer Initiative have produced some great resources to raise attention to the vulnerability of homeless and vulnerably housed to modern slavery. Have a look [here](#) for more detail.

[https://
www.theclewerinitiative.org/
letstalk](https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/letstalk)

Clewer have also produced a brilliant toolkit for rural areas and the issue of modern slavery, Have a look here

[https://
www.theclewerinitiative.org/rural](https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/rural)
[www.theclewerinitiative.org/
letstalk](http://www.theclewerinitiative.org/letstalk)

Mental Health and Wellbeing

There is lots of information and useful links on the Together in Sussex website. Check it out [here](#):

[https://
togetherinsussex.org.uk](https://togetherinsussex.org.uk)

Here come the questions!

1. Have you noticed any concerns around community tensions and Brexit?

2. Does your community have any concerns around people's access to services locally?

This might be through personal experience or knowledge of other people's difficulties accessing local services. If you are able to provide examples that would be great.

3. Have you and your community noticed a change in the cost of living? If so, what impact have you noticed?

4. Is your community involved with or have knowledge of the EU Settlement Scheme? If so, have any concerns been raised about this?

Thank you so much for stopping to think about some of these things. We are very much looking forward to hearing the voices in our communities.