

Event Report

Funders Forum - September 2025





Community Solutions

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Background

On September 30th 2025, the first **Funders Forum** was held after the Celebrating Community Solutions Event at the YMCA Bellshill and Mossend. The intention of the event was to start conversations between funders, about what we can do together. The initial meeting was attended by around **30 funders**. The discussion produced many interesting ideas, from which **four actions** have been prioritised.

Attendees

The following funders were in attendance:

- Alliance Scotland
- Corra Foundation
- Creative Arts Scotland
- LT Funding
- National Lottery
- North Lanarkshire Carers Together
- North Lanarkshire Council
- North Lanarkshire Disability Forum
- Royal Bank of Scotland
- SCVO
- The Robertson Trust
- Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire

Actions

The forum generated lots of ideas - the four currently being progressing are:

- The forum identified that SCVO are building a map of all available funding. All attendees **agreed to share their details with SCVO** to update their funding information on the map
- It was fed back that the Celebrating Community Solutions event was helpful for people to meet funders in person and it was agreed to have a **half day 'meet the funders' session 2-3 times a year**
- Going forward, the forum will take a **topical approach**. This approach is intended to improve consistency in approach of funders. Some suggested topics were:
 - How to give consistent feedback
 - Appropriate timelines for funding
 - Sharing funding guidance
- A **funder's Q&A session** to provide an open forum for discussion between funders and applying organisations

Please see [here](#) for the Celebrating Community Solutions Event report, and [here](#) for all posters displayed at the event