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Friends and family of Dan Hickey make third round of grants in his memory

In February the Dan Hickey Fund awarded eight grants to voluntary and community organisations to help young people in Bristol enjoy sport and drama activities. The Fund has been set up in memory of a local young man who died tragically in a hit and run incident in August 2015. Dan was 25 years old when he died.

Thanks to the efforts of the Dan Hickey Fund supporters, £20,190 of grant funding has gone to charities and voluntary groups stretching from Hartcliffe to St George, and many points in between.

The wide range of beneficiaries include young people aged 6-14 years in Hartcliffe who will benefit from two creative holiday programmes this Easter and young people in Easton who will benefit from a 12 week BMX programme to learn cycling and bike maintenance skills, helping boost self-confidence.

The Fund's decision-making panel, made up of Dan's friends and family and supported by us here at Quartet Community Foundation, met in February to review the third round of funding applications from 16 groups. Grants were available for youth organisations involved in drama or sport initiatives, helping young people aged 25 years or under living in Bristol.

The groups receiving the third round of grants from the Dan Hickey Fund are:

- Access Sport £2,500 toward the cost of the 'Making Trax' BMX Community Outreach programme in the Easton area, a 12-week programme benefiting around 64 children and young people.
- ACTA £2,500 toward the annual cost of the group's long-standing youth theatre group Phoenix Theatre, which provides 36 term-time sessions each year, catering for up to 23 young people aged 16-25.
- APE Project CIC £2,500 toward the cost of a Sports Worker, to coordinate team-based sporting activities at the St Pauls Adventure Playground, for the benefit of local children and young people.
- Friends of Hannah More Primary School £2,400 toward the cost of providing a set of 20 weekly after school drama club sessions for the benefit of pupils aged 8-11 years.
- St Pius Xth Primary School £2,000 toward the cost of purchasing musical instruments and early years play/education equipment and resources.
- The Lamplighters £2,490 toward the cost of 14 creative workshops for the benefit of children and young people, culminating in a puppet lantern parade along Church Road, that passes through Lawrence Hill and into St George.
- Tobacco Factory Arts Trust £3,500 toward an access fund to be held within the Tobacco Factory to be used for any activity that improves access to Tobacco Factory activities and services for disadvantaged young people aged up to 25 years.
- Unique Voice £2,300 toward the cost of running two creative holiday programmes over 8 days in Hartcliffe to benefit 50 children aged 6-14 years.

Cat Sparkes-Walsh from Unique Voice said: "XXX."

Lucy Fisher, Bristol BMX Development Manager, from Access Sport said: "We are delighted to hear the news that the Dan Hickey Fund is supporting our Making Trax 'Outreach' Programme in Easton. This programme will engage young people in the local area through BMX. The sessions cover a period of 12 weeks delivered either in the local school or on the newly developed bike park and encompasses basic cycling competences, BMX specific

skills, bike maintenance skills and personal development skills, including team work. The programme will help reach 1,000 young people in Easton, and the fund will help Access Sport run multiple sessions for all ages and abilities including, BMXercise 'female specific', Wingz 'disability specific' and school/club sessions. The programme will be a great addition for the community in Easton, offering something new and exciting to local residents, and helping to break down barriers to access sport and physical activity."

Dan's mother, Cecilia Browne, explained the purpose of the memorial fund. "This is the third year of grants to be awarded from the Dan Hickey Fund. When the committee meet to decide which charities will receive a grant from the fund, they are always humbled by the wide range of applications. There is always much discussion before making their decisions, but the underlying principle remains constant in their hearts. This is to remember Dan, who was a brother and beloved friend to them all, who tragically lost his life too early and yet his memory continues to make a difference to the youth of his home town Bristol. Dan would be pleased about this."

The Dan Hickey Fund has raised over £80,000 so far, through a series of fundraising events arranged by Dan's friends and family – including money raised at the London Marathon last April by Dan's mother Cecilia Browne and family friends Penny Blackmore and Sandy Masters and the Donate for Dan rugby day in July.

Dates for your diary

The Dance for Dan line dancing evening will be on Friday 14 June at the 'The City and Port of Bristol Social and Sports Club' BS11 9XW. Further information will be available on 'The Dan Hickey Fund' page on Facebook.

Useful links

If you'd like to donate to the Dan Hickey Fund you can do so here:

<http://quartetcf.org.uk/donate-now/> and select 'Dan Hickey Fund'.