**Questions about Pitch for Funding Barnsley**

**Why are you only doing this in Barnsley?**

This is the first time we’ve done this in Barnsley and we want to try this approach in one area first. We wanted somewhere that would have enough eligible groups that weren’t currently in receipt of Awards for all funding – this is the “pot” of money the funding is coming from. We spoke to partners in Barnsley including the CVS and SYFAB who offered to support groups wanting to take part.

**Will you be doing more of these?**

We’d certainly like to do more but will see how this event goes first of all.

**Does that mean if my group isn’t in Barnsley I can’t apply?**

This is aimed primarily at Barnsley area groups. If you’re outside the area you can apply to our mainstream Awards for All programme at any time.

**We’re not based in Barnsley, but we want funding to do something in Barnsley – can we apply?**

Yes so long as your activity is taking place in Barnsley and working with people from the area; however, one of our key priorities when deciding on where our funding goes is looking at how the local community and people who will benefit from a project have been involved in the idea and (if possible) delivery of the project activities. If you are based outside Barnsley but want to deliver a project there, make sure you cover this in your Expression of interest😊

**Can Barnsley groups apply to mainstream Awards for All too?**

Yes - groups can apply at any time to AfA for up to £10k in any one year

**What are the benefits of applying to the Barnsley event then?**

It’s a quicker process, you’ll get the chance to be part of the event on 17 March and raise the profile of your organisation in the local area. There will also be other local groups at the event as well as people living and working in your local community, so you’ll meet like-minded people who offer their time and are committed to getting the best out of their community.

**Do I have to present if our group is shortlisted?**

No, there is no presentation to do. If you are shortlisted, you will be asked to set up a stall at the event to showcase what you do. Each group invited to the event will have their own stall.

**Who decides which groups get funding?**

The National Lottery Community Fund and Barnsley CVS and SYFAB will do an initial sifting of applications and shortlist a maximum of 15 or so groups to present at the event. At the event itself it will be people from the local community attending and a panel (including people who work locally for the CVS and SYFAB) that will vote for which projects they think should be funded.

**If I don’t get funding, can I still apply to other lottery programmes**

Yes, you can apply for other funding at any stage and The Fund can provide support with this.

**Great-when's the deadline??**

We need all Expressions of interest to be sent into the Fund via email by **no later than 27.02.2020**. Please send these directly to [lucy.drury@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:lucy.drury@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)