

## DEVON EDUCATION FUND

# Do you have a project that needs additional funding?

The Devon Education Fund (DEF) is financed through benefits received from the Joint Venture between Devon County Council and Babcock LDP.

It aims to provide £50k on an annual basis to fund ambitious and innovative ideas that will benefit learners in Devon from 0-25 years of age.

It opens up opportunities for schools, organisations and educational projects to generate new ideas and approaches to improve the lives of children and young people.

The DEF is particularly interested in projects which focus on learning and achievement where children and young people are given opportunities to succeed and be heard, and where the workforce is skilled and well-motivated.

### Does your project demonstrate?

- Educational innovation and excellence
- Raising standards, improving quality, extending educational opportunities
- Leadership development
- Student-led initiatives
- Promoting community based intergenerational projects
- Large-scale collaborative events

### 2017 Mental Health and Wellbeing Zone

A student-led project to create a permanent long-lasting resource that emphasises the priority that is for everyone in school. This project will result in areas being dedicated 'wellbeing zones'. These zones will be places for students to spend time in comfortable well designed surroundings. The zones will feature professionally designed resources and permanent displays to inspire students to lead healthy lives and to encourage them to share wellbeing concerns.

### 2015 Creativity on the Coast

To learn from other generations and to improve community cohesion, ten Creativity on the Coast workshops, integrating art and the history of fishing communities in the coastal towns of Devon, were run with local schools and community groups to provide opportunities to discuss and learn about inshore fishing and coastal communities.

Previous successful projects include...

## 2015 Chelsea's Choice

This project raised awareness around the issues of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) through a theatre production and follow up workshops.

## 2018 Learn To Live Federation

'The Hub' A model for Sensory Learning: Rooting, Growing and Blooming

Over the next year we aim to ensure we optimise the use of a dedicated space in the school (The Hub) as well as staff expertise to ensure teaching & learning for students with the most complex needs is effective. Appropriate equipment and environments will be in place to ensure sensory, complex learners receive meaningful and impactful learning opportunities & experiences. Staff will fully understand the 'why' of sensory learning and therefore facilitate targeted learning against specific individualised targets. They will have high aspirations and expectations for all, with everyone being the best they can be.

## 2015 The Battle for Ultimate Truth

Students from Queen Elizabeth Academy, Crediton developed a Science Cabaret show and workshop programme around the life and work of Lise Meitner (1878–1968) who discovered 'nuclear fission' (the dramatic splitting of the atom) and in doing so, changed the world. The Science Cabaret show introduces audiences to Lise's life story and demonstrates the associated mathematical and physical concepts in a lively and engaging way.

## 2017 Skills for Life!

Working with 6 Primary Schools in the local area (in partnership with the South Dartmoor Academy). The project's aim is to bring practical skills into school and to clearly link them with the curriculum. It aims to bridge the gap between the knowledge and use of tangible materials and the curriculum and also to address the development of fine motor skills.

## 2016 Science Festival - Raising Awareness of STEM Careers for School Students

The aim of this project was to build capacity to support the understanding about STEM careers within secondary schools in conjunction with primary partner schools. The target audience in the secondary school was Year 9 prior to GCSE choices being made and Year 6 in primary. Careers workshops were delivered to over 1000 students.

## 2014 Let's Write Poetry Festival

A week-long festival of poetry, which encompassed National Poetry Day for Tavistock College, eleven feeder primary schools and the community. The project encouraged creative writing and an enthusiasm for poetry. It broadened and enriched the curriculum and enabled collaboration between the eleven participating schools, the students, teachers and the wider community.

# Who can apply?

The Devon Education Fund wants to hear from schools, organisations and educational projects that exploit innovation and show a real ambition to enable children and young people in Devon to thrive and flourish. Grants of up to £20,000 may be awarded.

If you require any further information please email [Anne.Woodley@babcockinternational.com](mailto:Anne.Woodley@babcockinternational.com)

## How to apply – visit [www.babcockldp.co.uk/devon-education-fund](http://www.babcockldp.co.uk/devon-education-fund)

1. Read the guidance and eligibility criteria carefully
2. Complete the application form. The next deadline for bids is Midnight - Friday 6th September 2019
3. Include all relevant information and make sure that we have all the information we need to assess your application
4. Submit your application to [education.customer@babcockinternational.com](mailto:education.customer@babcockinternational.com)

Your bid will be considered by the Awards Panel at its meeting w/b 16th September 2019.

Applicants will be contacted shortly after this date to receive confirmation of the panel's decision.