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### **Devon Community Foundation urges local groups in Devon and Torbay to apply for new funding**

Devon Community Foundation is encouraging local groups and organisations who have great ideas to make their communities an even better place to live, to apply for funding to turn their ideas into reality.

The charity is supporting groups to apply to a funding programme Active Communities launched by the People's Health Trust for the South West. The funding programme is aimed at local people and groups wanting to create fairer places to grow, live, work and age.

Using money raised by HealthContact through The Health Lottery, People's Health Trust is looking to invest in projects that support people living in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods of Devon and Torbay.

Active Communities is a funding programme for not-for-profit groups with an income of less than £350,000 a year, seeking investment of between £5,000 and £25,000 per year for projects lasting up to two years. The projects should take place within a small area for a small group of people, such as 20 or 30 streets or a couple of villages.

Martha Wilkinson, Chief Executive for Devon Community Foundation said: "People's Health Trust are looking to support ideas designed and run by local people which help create even stronger links and ties within communities. Whether it's a tenants and residents' mediation group or a computer skills group for older people, they're interested in hearing it."

Devon Community Foundation is supporting groups through the application process to help give projects the best possible chance of securing funding for their community. To find out about the help they can offer email [lyn@devoncf.com](mailto:lyn@devoncf.com).

The closing date for groups to contact the Foundation for support is by 1pm on 12th January 2015.

If you would like to find out more about Active Communities, contact Devon Community Foundation on 01884 235887 or visit [www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk](http://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk).

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## **Devon Community Foundation**

Devon Community Foundation is Devon's local charity for local people, supporting hundreds of voluntary and community groups on the frontline helping local people in need and build communities for everyone. As the leading route for philanthropic giving in Devon, DCF has distributed over £10,000,000 to more than 6,000 projects across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay. As one of 48 Community Foundations in the UK, Devon Community Foundation is a catalyst for change, funding projects which are making a big difference to the lives of vulnerable local people. The Foundation provides a flexible and personal way for individuals and organisations to invest in local projects, helping to ensure Devon's communities thrive. For more information visit [www.devoncf.com](http://www.devoncf.com)

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## **Active Communities**

People living in the poorest neighbourhoods in Britain die, on average, seven years younger than people living in the richest neighbourhoods. What's more, they will spend 17 years more of their shortened lives with an extra disability and have a lower quality of life. We believe that where people live should not unfairly reduce the length or the quality of their lives.

Active Communities, a funding programme for local people with great ideas about how to help create fairer places to grow, live, work and age well.

**People's Health Trust** is an independent charity investing in local communities to help create a society without health inequalities. It works closely with each Community Interest Company, distributing grants. [www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk](http://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk)

**HealthContact** is a Community Interest Company committed to prioritising and raising money for health inequalities in Devon and Torbay. <http://www.healthcontactcic.org.uk/>

**The Health Lottery** is operated for and on behalf of 51 Community Interest Companies across England, Scotland and Wales, all holding society lottery licenses granted by the Gambling Commission. [www.healthlottery.co.uk](http://www.healthlottery.co.uk)