



Small Sparks 2022

Age Friendly Neighbourhood Grants

Guide for applicants

Age-friendly neighbourhoods are places where people of all ages can live healthy and active lives. These places make it possible for people to continue to stay in their homes, participate in the activities that they value, and contribute to their communities, for as long as possible.

Our Small Sparks programme aims to support small-scale community projects that benefit people aged 50 and over in the neighbourhood and reach out to those who are not involved in community groups or projects.

Criteria and application process.

Your idea needs to:

Bring people together within one of the 3 areas we are focused on (Byker, Walker and West Fenham)

Involve new people and include older people

Contribute to age-friendliness of the community (see definition above)

Ensure that local older people have an opportunity to contribute and take a lead

How Projects are Selected

You just need to

1. Discuss some ideas with older people you know in your area
2. come up with a project idea
3. write your idea on the attached form
4. submit your idea

5. if you're successful you will need to sign the grant agreement below
6. on completion of your project, you will be invited to present it at a community event and to send us a short, written report.

Closing date Friday 29th April 2022*

Proposals are reviewed by a panel made up of local people and organisations and selected on Friday 6th May 2022* by representatives from each of the ward areas.

*2 weeks later for Walker due to later event

Sharing your learning and building the community

When an application is received and approved and the project has been carried out the project organiser will have a chance to "tell their story" at a celebration and link up with other organisers and other people involved from the area. It's a good idea to bear this in mind during the project and take photographs or video clips to help to tell your story.

The celebration event will be during October 2022, older people's month!



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Grant Agreement Form

Confirmation of Funding

I acknowledge that I have received a cheque for the amount agreed of
£_____

On behalf of

_____ project.

I/we agree to:

keep a record of what I've spent the money on.

attend an autumn get together/celebration where we can share
information and experiences with others.

I will show you how my idea has been a success by (please tick 1 or more):

Taking photos (with consent) from the beginning, through to the end and
writing about what we did.

Making a film all about my idea that includes people talking about how
they've benefitted

Talking to people who have been involved and writing about what they've
said.

Taking a register of people who've been involved.

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____