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FUNDING BOOST FOR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

The Isle of Wight Association for Mental Health has received almost £5,000 in funding, securing the future of its art therapy groups.

The grant from the Isle of Wight Community Fund will support three groups for people recovering from mental health problems. The sessions are run in Newport, Shanklin and Sandown and an exhibition of their work is planned for Ventnor Library.

In total 6 groups received a share of £16,748 at the latest Grassroots Grant panel, a government backed grant programme managed on the Island by the Isle of Wight Community Fund. Patrick Noctor from the IW Association says "Experience has shown that giving people responsibility for their recovery results in better outcomes and the role of the art therapist would be to facilitate recovery so that clients can, eventually, take responsibility for the groups."

Other groups who received funding include the Saturday Club for Deaf Children who were awarded a grant £3,000. They money will be used to run a wide variety of activities including trips to New Forest, carnival workshops, cookery and woodwork activities as well as cover the ongoing costs of running the clubs minibus. While Sanshangong, a Chinese martial arts group based in Ryde, received £1,000 to run junior classes at several new locations.



Take a look at the Isle of Wight Community Fund for more information on the Grassroots Grant programme www.hantscf.org.uk/iwcf or email IWCF at info@grassroots@hantscf.org.uk.

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IWCF Info

The Isle of Wight Community Fund has been established by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation and the Isle of Wight Charitable Trust. IWCF raise funds and distribute grants across the Island for the benefit of local communities and works to encourage local giving for local needs.

HIWCF Info

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF) is an independent charitable trust that manages charitable giving on behalf of individuals, businesses and other trusts; distributes small grants to voluntary and community groups and organisations across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and promotes the benefits of “Investing in our local Community”.

HIWCF is the Local Funder for the Grassroots Grants programme which is funded by the office of the Third Sector and delivered by the Community Development Foundation. The maximum grant available to enable small, local community groups to continue or expand their work for local people is £5,000.