

In this issue, we highlight the upcoming RSMP ESOL Conference, along with updates from our successful 2<sup>nd</sup> funding workshop, and if you missed it, don't worry, a 3<sup>rd</sup> one is on the way. We're also featuring the upcoming Cooking Workshops by Migrant Support, and Hongkongers in Britain (HKB) invite you to take part in their B1–B2 English: Daily Use & Upskilling Survey. In addition, we highlight the Faith and Security Training and the latest funding opportunities locally, regionally and nationally 😊

### Hands-On Cooking Workshops:



Migrant Support's Settle Well Through Education Project is running two hands-on cooking workshops this March. These sessions are a great chance to learn new recipes, cook together and enjoy a shared meal in a friendly, welcoming space.

#### Dates:

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** 10:30am – 1:30pm

**Venue:** Methodist Central Building, Oldham Street, M1 1JQ  
Ingredients, equipment and lunch are all provided. Everyone is welcome.

### Faith and Security Training:

Funded by the Home Office and delivered by CDS Support (a specialist defence and security consultancy), this training provides practical guidance to keep places of worship safe and resilient – [Faith Security Training](#)

The event is targeted at faith leaders, trustees, volunteers and anyone responsible for, or interested, in security at places of worship.

### Upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Funding Workshop



Following the great feedback and success of our first two funding workshops, delivered by Sector 3 Stockport and commissioned by RSMP, we're pleased to share that a 3<sup>rd</sup> online Funding Workshop is planned for late April 2026 (**exact date to be confirmed soon**).

We'll be in touch as soon as the Expression of Interest (EOI) forms go live.

This FREE, interactive session is designed to support VCFSE organisations working with refugees, asylum seekers and forced migrant communities across the North West to strengthen their chances of securing funding.

### RSMP ESOL Conference – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026

In response to expected changes to English Language requirements under the earned settlement consultation, the North West RSMP would like to invite you to a regional conference to explore how this may affect our region and what we can do to prepare and adjust.

This will be an all-day networking event in Manchester city centre with Breakfast and Lunch provided.

We will have guest speakers from a SELT test provider | an organisation providing SELT preparation training | lived experience | alternative ESOL Provision

Please register using the link below: [North West RSMP ESOL Event 17/03/2026 – Fill in form](#) [**places are limited!**]

### Hongkongers' B1-B2 English Survey

Hongkongers in Britain (HKB) invites you to take part in our UK Hongkongers' B1-B2 English: Daily Use & Upskilling Survey. We want to understand your real, day-to-day experiences using English in the UK. By sparing just 3 minutes ⌚, your invaluable feedback will help us design practical, down-to-earth, and enjoyable new learning experiences tailored specifically for our community. ✅ This questionnaire is completely anonymous. 📅 Closes: **23:59 on Sunday, 8 March 2026**. 🔗 Link to the questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/JYPcEfWoTWakbA3R7>

## Funding Opportunities in the North West and Nationally

In the following section, we will share new **external** funding opportunities available across different regions in the Northwest and nationally that may be useful and worth considering. Please note that some of the funding opportunities from the newsletter I sent previously are still open. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

**Please Note – the funding below is external to the RSMP and is shared with you after researching funding across the region and nationally. The RSMP has no role in the drafting, commissioning or awarding of funding. Please ensure you read all eligibility criteria associated with each funding opportunity.**

<b>Empower Her Football Activity Fund (Greater Manchester)</b>	
<b>Focus/Aims of Fund</b>	Support projects that increase participation of women and girls from underrepresented communities in football through new playing opportunities, volunteer development, community role models and increased awareness of local activities
<b>Specific Eligibility Criteria</b>	Open to voluntary and community sector groups, charities, sports clubs and other not-for-profit or public sector organisations across Greater Manchester. Small, informal and volunteer-led groups are encouraged
<b>Grant amount</b>	Between £250 and £2,500 per project
<b>Location</b>	Greater Manchester
<b>Deadline</b>	5pm on Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:alice.hughes@manchesterfa">alice.hughes@manchesterfa</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">Empower Her Football Activity Fund (Greater Manchester)</a>

<b>Eric Wright Charitable Trust Small Grants (South Cumbria)</b>	
<b>Focus/Aims of Fund</b>	Support small charities and community groups in South Cumbria delivering local projects that benefit their communities
<b>Specific Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a charity or community group delivering work that meets the Trust's charitable criteria</li> <li>• must be based in South Cumbria</li> <li>• must have a constitution/ governing document</li> <li>• must have annual income below £30,000</li> </ul>
<b>Grant amount</b>	£1,000
<b>Location</b>	South Cumbria
<b>Deadline</b>	Ongoing
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:info@cumbriacvs.org.uk">info@cumbriacvs.org.uk</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">Funding   Cumbria CVS</a>

<b>Alice's Wonderdance Foundation (Liverpool City Region)</b>	
<b>Focus/Aims of Fund</b>	Honour the legacy of Alice Aguiar by enabling children and young people to access dance through inclusive, empowering, joyful opportunities. The fund removes barriers to participation and supports dance-related needs in the Liverpool City Region
<b>Specific Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available only in the Liverpool City Region (Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens, Wirral)</li> <li>• community organisations may apply for grants up to £2,000</li> <li>• must have at least three unrelated trustees/directors/committee members</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must submit required documents: constitution, accounts, bank statement, safeguarding policy and governance list.</li> <li>• staff costs encouraged at Real Living Wage (£13.45/hr)</li> <li>• CICs limited by shares are not eligible.</li> </ul>
<b>Grant amount</b>	£2,000
<b>Location</b>	Liverpool City Region
<b>Deadline</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:applications@cflm.org.uk">applications@cflm.org.uk</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">Alice's WonderDance Foundation - CFM</a>

<b>Evelyn Partners Merseyside Charitable Fund (Merseyside &amp; Halton)</b>	
<b>Focus/Aims of Fund</b>	Improve the lives of young people aged 10–25 in Merseyside and Halton through projects focused on skills, education, financial literacy, enterprise and employability
<b>Specific Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary or community groups based in Merseyside or Halton</li> <li>• annual income must be under £500,000</li> <li>• minimum of three unrelated trustees/directors/committee members</li> <li>• must provide governance documents, accounts, bank statement and safeguarding policy</li> <li>• applications must demonstrate clear impact on young people's life chances (skills, qualifications, work experience, etc)</li> </ul>
<b>Grant amount</b>	Up to £5,000
<b>Location</b>	Merseyside
<b>Deadline</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:applications@cflm.org.uk">applications@cflm.org.uk</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">Evelyn Partners Merseyside Charitable Fund - CFM</a>

<b>SWEF Enterprise Fund (Merseyside)</b>	
<b>Focus/Aims of Fund</b>	Support young people in Merseyside (particularly those not in education, employment or training) to start, grow, or strengthen an early-stage business by covering essential business costs they cannot otherwise afford. Includes access to a peer network for early-stage entrepreneurs
<b>Specific Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must live in Merseyside</li> <li>• aged 18–30</li> <li>• running or launching a business trading for under two years</li> <li>• must have or be setting up a business bank account (grants only paid into business accounts)</li> <li>• eligible legal structures: sole traders, limited companies, CICs limited by shares</li> <li>• must show evidence of business progress (not just an idea): research, cost/sales projections, early activity, etc</li> <li>• must provide a referee, recent bank statement and complete the online form fully</li> </ul>
<b>Grant amount</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Start-Up Grant:</b> up to £500 (pre-revenue or early-stage).</li> <li>• <b>Business Grant:</b> up to £2,000 (trading less than 2.5 years and earning £500+ per month)</li> </ul>
<b>Location</b>	Merseyside
<b>Deadline</b>	Ongoing

<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:applications@cflm.org.uk">applications@cflm.org.uk</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">SWEF Enterprise Fund - CFM</a>

<b>SWEF Enterprise Fund (Lancashire)</b>	
<b>Focus/Aims of Fund</b>	Support young people in Lancashire (particularly those not in education, employment or training) to start, grow, or strengthen an early-stage business by covering essential business costs they cannot otherwise afford. Includes access to a peer network for early-stage entrepreneurs
<b>Specific Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must live in Lancashire</li> <li>• aged 18–30</li> <li>• running or launching a business trading for under two years</li> <li>• must have or be setting up a business bank account (grants only paid into business accounts)</li> <li>• eligible legal structures: sole traders, limited companies, CICs limited by shares</li> <li>• must show evidence of business progress (not just an idea): research, cost/sales projections, early activity, etc</li> <li>• must provide a referee, recent bank statement and complete the online form fully</li> </ul>
<b>Grant amount</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Start-Up Grant:</b> up to £500 (pre-revenue or early-stage).</li> <li>• <b>Business Grant:</b> up to £2,000 (trading less than 2.5 years and earning £500+ per month)</li> </ul>
<b>Location</b>	Lancashire
<b>Deadline</b>	Ongoing
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:applications@cflm.org.uk">applications@cflm.org.uk</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">SWEF Enterprise Fund - CFL</a>

<b>Cheshire Community Foundation (Cheshire and Warrington)</b>	
<b>Focus/Aims of Fund</b>	Fund projects that address issues most important to local communities and support community-focused work across Cheshire and Warrington
<b>Specific Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to organisations that meet the foundation’s grantmaking principles and minimum requirements, working with people in eligible areas across Cheshire and Warrington</li> <li>• micro-Grants prioritise small organisations that have not received Cheshire Community Foundation funding before</li> <li>• organisations with turnover over £50,000 are unlikely to receive Micro-Grants.</li> <li>• Eligible costs include staffing/salaries, volunteer expenses, venue hire, transport, small equipment/materials</li> </ul>
<b>Grant amount</b>	Three tiers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Micro Grants: up to £1,000</li> <li>• Small Grants: up to £2,500</li> <li>• Main Grants: up to £15,000 (if supporting a salary) or up to £10,000 (non-salary)</li> </ul>
<b>Location</b>	Cheshire and Warrington
<b>Deadline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply by 11 March → decision by 22 May</li> <li>• Apply by 20 May → decision by 31 July</li> <li>• Apply by 29 July → decision by 23 October</li> <li>• Apply by 14 October → decision by 8 January 2027</li> </ul>

<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:office@cheshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk">office@cheshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">Open Grants Programmes - Cheshire Community Foundation</a>

<b>Migration Fund (Paul Hamlyn Foundation) (the UK)</b>	
<b>Focus/Aims of Fund</b>	Supports organisations working towards migrant justice, tackling harmful immigration policies, building collective power in migrant/diaspora communities, strengthening movement infrastructure and creating long-term systemic change rooted in anti-racism, care and solidarity
<b>Specific Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK not-for-profits, including new/unincorporated groups</li> <li>• work must align with the fund's values (anti-racist practice, shifting power to migrants, care-centred culture, collaboration)</li> <li>• priority to migrant-led organisations; groups in underfunded regions; small organisations (turnover under £500k); groups with less access to funding</li> <li>• organisations with turnover up to £120k may receive grants covering up to 50% of annual income</li> <li>• funding covers core costs, salaries, organisational development, safeguarding, programme work and partnerships related to systemic change for migrant justice</li> <li>• enquiry call required before applying</li> </ul>
<b>Grant amount</b>	Up to £60,000 per year (3–4 years) or £50,000 per year (5 years)
<b>Location</b>	The UK
<b>Deadline</b>	Rolling (no fixed closing date)
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:information@phf.org.uk">information@phf.org.uk</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">Migration Fund   Paul Hamlyn Foundation</a>

<b>A B Charitable Trust – Migrants and Refugees Priority (the UK)</b>	
<b>Focus/Aims of Fund</b>	Create a fair immigration system where migrants, refugees and asylum seekers are welcomed, treated with dignity and supported to maximise their potential. Funding supports work that addresses systemic challenges and promotes rights, dignity and agency
<b>Specific Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK registered charity delivering work in the UK</li> <li>• mission aligned with one of A B Trust's four priority areas (must be main focus)</li> <li>• annual income between £150k and £1.5m</li> <li>• operated for at least one year with audited/independently examined accounts</li> <li>• must provide governing document, safeguarding policy, and financial information</li> </ul>
<b>Grant amount</b>	£10,000 – £30,000 (most grants fall within this range)
<b>Location</b>	The UK
<b>Deadline</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
<b>Contact</b>	Email: <a href="mailto:mail@abcharitabletrust.org.uk">mail@abcharitabletrust.org.uk</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">The A B Charitable Trust, an independent grant-making organisation</a>

<b>WCIT Charity (the UK)</b>	
<b>Focus/Aims of Fund</b>	Support innovative IT projects and activities that improve education, inclusion, technology use within charities and the public's understanding of technology. Eligible projects may involve new services, solutions, training, apps, analytics, AI, robotics or accessibility tools/hardware.
<b>Specific Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational establishments and constituted not-for-profit organisations across the UK.</li> <li>• projects must demonstrate innovative use of IT, scalability, and sustainability</li> <li>• preference for projects where WCIT is a material/sole funder or where it funds the IT component of a wider project</li> <li>• organisations that could benefit from pro bono IT support are also encouraged</li> </ul>
<b>Grant amount</b>	Up to £15,000
<b>Location</b>	The UK
<b>Deadline</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:charity@wcit.org.uk">charity@wcit.org.uk</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">Apply for a grant - WCIT Charity</a>

<b>The Sasha Foundation (the UK)</b>	
<b>Focus/Aims of Fund</b>	Support charitable organisations working with young people across the UK, particularly those experiencing depression, mental health challenges or drug-related issues
<b>Specific Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charitable organisations working with young people in the UK</li> <li>• preference for grassroots and small-to-medium voluntary organisations</li> <li>• funding must cover no more than 50% of the total project cost</li> <li>• must be for new, ongoing, or one-off initiatives.</li> </ul>
<b>Grant amount</b>	Up to £10,000
<b>Location</b>	The UK
<b>Deadline</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:info@thesashafoundation.co.uk">info@thesashafoundation.co.uk</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">The Sasha Foundation – Welcome to The Sasha Foundation website</a>