



# Ward Flexibility Funding Application Form

Thank you for your interest in Stockport Council's Ward Flexibility Fund. To give your group the best chance of success please read the guidance notes and the questions on the application form carefully.

Please ensure that all boxes on this form are completed. You must also include all additional information that is requested.

## 1. About Your Organisation

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### 1. Name of Organisation/ Group

Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC (t/a Forward CIC)

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### 2. Organisation/Individual Address

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### 3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Miss

Name: Tina Carnally

Role: Director

Address:

Postcode:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:

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### 4. Please provide your bank account details



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Account Name:

Account Number:

Sort Code:

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### 5. What is the status of your Organisation/ Group?

*Please Tick*

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| A New Group                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Voluntary Organisation                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| A Registered Charity No.       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Company Limited by Guarantee No. 12506118 CIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Applying for Charitable Status | <input type="checkbox"/> | Unregistered Association                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Friendly Society               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Please specify)                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Housing Association            | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |                                     |

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### 6. Please describe the main activities of your Organisation/ Group

Wellbeing activities and events for the LGBT+ community - discussion groups, games nights, clothes swap, network, badminton. Connecting the community and combating social isolation. Improving access to healthcare, understanding in education, working with the council to eliminate hate crime. Raising awareness of discrimination and celebrating our community's talents. We have created ever-growing community events over the past 5 years through the network to mark International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) and Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR) attended by some of the councillors here today and in partnership with network organisations such as the Proud Trust and Stockport Libraries.

Our work is vital because the LGBTQ+ community (Hidden Figures, LGBT Foundation, 2023):

- has higher rates of depression, substance abuse, isolation, domestic abuse and suicide rates compared to the general population.
- suffered an increase of 112% of hate crimes over the past 5 years.
- is more likely to experience discrimination in the workplace, educational settings and when accessing healthcare.

Some feedback from activity participants:

“Literally saved my life during lockdown”

“Really great experience meeting new people and friendly faces. It's been really nice seeing people overcome social anxiety and opening up!”

“Games night has been hugely important for combating loneliness, and for helping me build connections with other LGBT folks during a confusing time.”

“The sessions have allowed me to form friendships and safety nets in a town that I'm new to. It's an amazing and welcoming space.”

“Spill the T was fabulous during winter when I was less active.”



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**7. When was your Organisation/Group established?**

9th March 2020

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**8. Does your organisation have the following policies and procedures in place?**

*If you are awarded a grant you will be required to send copies of all relevant documents as part of the grant agreement.*

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| A governance/management committee              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A Constitution/governing document/set of rules | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| An Equal Opportunities Policy                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| A Child Protection Policy (where necessary)    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| A Health and Safety Public liability           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |



## 2. About Your Application

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### 9. Please give us a brief description of your proposed/planned project or activity

*You may wish to include details of what activities will take place, where will it happen, how often and who will take part. If you are applying for equipment you can tell us what will it be used for and why is it needed.*

One-off event - celebrating our 5th birthday in 2025 with a ball/prom. This is not just a party - for many of our community, they were denied the opportunity to attend their school prom or to attend it as their true selves. This is an opportunity for those people to experience the coming of age event 'Fabulously Me' and to know that they are accepted for who they are, as they are. The ball will be held at a central, accessible Stockport location (Edgeley Park) with food, a photographer, and live entertainment. And to really bring the experience to life - a red carpet to be rolled out to welcome them.

This event will bring together people from different walks of life, encourage engagement with our wellbeing activities and network. It will also celebrate our achievements over the past 5 years - including the volunteers who have helped to make it what it is today.

We would like to take this opportunity to show our gratitude for previous ward flexibility funding, which allowed us to buy refreshments for our attendees at our Spill The T discussion groups and badminton - these sessions are a lifeline for our members to be able to become more active, and to participate in discussions, learning and crafting activities which are so beneficial for their wellbeing. Because of this funding we have been able to provide safe and welcoming spaces for those who would otherwise be isolated.

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### 10. Who will benefit from this grant?

*e.g. local residents, young people, older people and how?*

LGBTQIA+ community and our allies will benefit by knowing that they are accepted and valued

#### 10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

100 - this is the capacity of the event space at Edgeley Park. This will be made up of our active members (68), social media followers (1054), and our partners in the VCFSE sector. According to the 2021 census there are over 20,000 LGBTQ+ residents in Stockport - Edgeley has the highest concentration in the borough.

Other beneficiaries - the businesses and music acts we will be investing in.

Untold numbers of younger LGBT+ people who are struggling with their identity and not accepted at home/school/work who can see that there are people willing to accept them unconditionally.

#### 10(b) Are there any restrictions on who will benefit from the funding?

No - we are inviting our members but also our allies from the third sector who have supported us over the past 5 years.

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### 11. Your Project's Budget

*Please provide a breakdown of cost for your project including VAT where applicable and submit any estimates for the purchase of equipment or work to be done.*



Venue - £850 (Edgeley Park, local)  
Photographer - £400 - SAZ media (local social enterprise)  
Food - £1000 - Pure/Start Point - local mental health charity/social enterprise  
Decorations - £200 - materials, will be made by volunteers and reusable for future events  
Live music - £500 - investing in local LGBT+ talent  
MC - £400 - Ailsa McPhee (local wonder-woman)  
Marketing - £150

**11(a) How much will the project/activity cost in total?**

£3,500

**11(b) Tell us about other any other sources of income you have already applied for or raised so far in relation to this project**

Applied for the Auto Trader Community Fund. Currently raised - £500 through fundraising.

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**12. How much are you applying for from the Ward Flexibility Budget?**

£1000 in total - equal split across the 7 areas.

**12(a) If the amount you are applying for covers only part of the project/activity, then please tell us how do you intend to fund any shortfall?**

Crowdfunding

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**13. What is the planned timescale for spending this grant?**

Start	January 2025
Finish	May 2025



### 3. Which Wards are you Applying to?

You may tick more than one box. Please note that no grant of more than £1,000 in totality will ordinarily be made.

Please tell us for each ward you wish to make an application to:-

- (a) how many people will benefit in that ward; and  
 (b) what proportion of funding from your overall application you are seeking from each ward.

	Number of beneficiaries	How much funding you are seeking
<b>Bramhall &amp; Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee</b>		
Bramhall North	X	£47
Bramhall South & Woodford	X	£47
Cheadle Hulme South	X	£47
<b>Central Stockport Area Committee</b>		
Brinnington & Stockport Central	X	£47
Davenport & Cale Green	X	£47
Edgeley	X	£60
Manor	X	£47
<b>Cheadle Area Committee</b>		
Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North	X	£47
Cheadle West & Gatley	X	£47
Heald Green	X	£47
<b>Heatons &amp; Reddish Area Committee</b>		
Heatons North	X	£47
Heatons South	X	£47
Reddish North	x	£47
Reddish South	X	£47
<b>Marple Area Committee</b>		
Marple North	x	£47
Marple South & High Lane	x	£47
<b>Stepping Hill Area Committee</b>		
Hazel Grove	X	£47



Norbury & Woodsmoor	X	£47
Offerton	X	£47
<b>Werneth Area Committee</b>		
Bredbury & Woodley	X	£47
Bredbury Green & Romiley	X	£47
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£1000</b>

This total should add up to the figure you provided in **Question 12**

## 4. Application Checklist and Declaration

1. I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation X



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2. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct X

X

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| 3.  | If the information changes in any way I will inform Democratic Services accordingly.   | X |
| 4.  | I give permission for Democratic Services to contact my organisation and/or myself by phone, mail or e-mail with information about its activities and funding opportunities.   | X |
| 5.  | I/ we agree (if required) to attend an Area Committee meeting to explain how the proposal will improve the environmental, economic or social wellbeing of the area and to answer any questions.                            | X |
| 6.  | Our details can be used for promotional purposes should this request be successful   | X |
| 7.  | I/We will use this grant for the proposed project/activities stated in our application.  | X |
| 8.  | I/we will not use the grant for any other purpose prior to contacting Democratic Services in order to seek authorisation.  | X |
| 9.  | I/we will provide appropriate proof of expenditure to Democratic Services, within 12 months from the Grant being made.   | X |
| 10. | I/we will highlight the support of the Area Committee in recent publicity material.  | X |
| 11. | I/we agree to providing information to assist in the future monitoring of the effectiveness of the funding including reporting back to the Area Committee on how the grant has been spent and what difference it has made. | X |
| 12. | I/we agree that the content of this completed application form and any supplementary information provided may be published on the Council's website and other publications as part of the application process.             | X |

Print your name:



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Signature: .....

or if submitted electronically tick this box to signify your agreement to the above terms

Date: 10th December 2024

