



The OCT Purpose: Creating thriving communities

We focus on...



Arts

With the aim of...



Environment

Working towards key outcomes...

Supporting cultural vibrancy and the arts to enrich all communities and people.

Supporting nature based solutions to the climate crisis and enabling all communities to engage with the natural world.



Health

Supporting medical research and patient care initiatives with selected organisations.



Social Inequalities

Supporting initiatives which tackle systemic inequalities and their impact on people's lives and communities.

Through our role as a grantmaker, we...

Support people and organisations that we believe in and who are deeply connected to their purpose.
Make grants within clusters of particular interest; and in geographical areas where we have a connection.
Provide tailored funding for each organisation.
Offer multi-year grants to promote stability and enable planning.
Identify and tackle the root causes as well as the consequences of inequalities.
Are comfortable funding activity that typically struggles to secure support.
Are able to make decisions quickly and to be flexible where necessary.
Aim to create meaningful relationships with grantees; building trust and creating space for learning.
Have long standing relationships with a few organisations where there is a deep personal connection.
Generate discussion and challenge perspectives on issues pertinent to our sector, such as wellbeing, fair pay, climate action and community cohesion.

Through our role as an ally, we...

Offer non-financial support and share resources in response to grantees' needs (through Funding Plus).
Connect charities to each other and key stakeholders.
Work collaboratively with Bruntwood, convening mutually beneficial relationships for business and charity.
Act as a critical friend.
Engage directly with charities to enable us to learn, challenge ourselves, and reduce bias.
Support grantees to engage with issues beyond their core purpose, particularly the climate crisis, diversity and good employment.
Hold ourselves accountable and welcome critical feedback and insights from grantees.
Pay attention to impact and learning, but recognise the challenges of evaluation.