



Summer 2015

JULY EDUCATION PANEL

The July Education Panel was a very busy time.....

.....5 Personal Support Grants and
3 Vocational Grants were awarded, along with
16 Scholarship Grants for university studies.

In total £87,000 was awarded.

Note that the Scholarship Grants for university have a commitment for the duration of the course, so a real support for the students.

Some of the grants awarded:

- * An 11 year old with complex educational needs was awarded a grant for trampolining classes and uniform for competitions
- * Several grants were awarded for IT kit and specialist software for pupils at both primary and secondary level with learning needs to facilitate their learning at home
- * Course fees were agreed for a Personal Trainer course (no longer run at college) to enable a young person qualify for a career as a Personal Trainer
- * A grant was awarded to an apprentice on the minimum apprenticeship wage of £2.73/hour towards their travel costs for attending off-the-job training

Students going to university this autumn were awarded grants on average of £1,800 for each year of their university course.

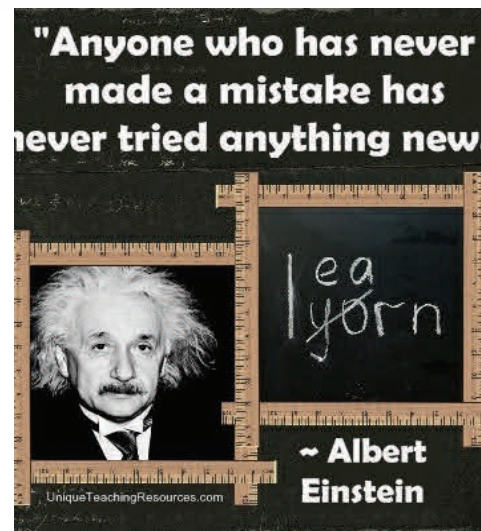
Their first year's grant often included an amount for laptops, and art/design students got amounts towards materials and equipment

Universities include all the usual South West unis (Bath, Bristol and the south coast), as well as Cambridge and Liverpool

A range of subjects is planned including traditional Humanities and Sciences, along with Law, Business, Psychology and Nursing as well as Art, Design and Music related courses.

Grant applicants were from schools and colleges across Wiltshire & Swindon - all were from families in financial hardship

I would like to visit schools, colleges and etc to update staff and learners on our grant availability. Please contact me to arrange



UPDATES ON PAST GRANT RECIPIENTS

Our crop of 2015 graduates took subjects such as Engineering (Automotive, Chemical), Nursing & Midwifery, Physics, Psychology and Rural Land Management among others.

We know that a number achieved good honours degrees and the nurses/midwives have all got jobs.

Another graduate has secured a job with the Valuation Office Agency with training to become a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

If you want more detail according to your school/college, please ask and I will see what information I can provide

An 8 year old with ADHD received a grant in April for extra curricular activities including football training and Forest School, as well as an iPad for homework. His mother reports "he is like a changed child—he is finding it easier to interact with adults and other children. He loves being made to feel just like one of the other children at Football and Forest school"

These are some of the many success stories we hear when we follow up the grants we have made.

ABOUT US

Since the One Degree More grants programme was started in 2007 to help young people with their education aims, we have awarded a total of £850,000 to 297 young people aged up to 25:

- ✓ 128 have benefitted from Personal Support Grants averaging £590 each
- ✓ 23 have benefitted from Vocational Grants averaging £1,000 each
- ✓ 146 have benefitted from Scholarship Grants averaging £5,000 for the duration of their degree

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ONE DEGREE MORE GRANTS

All our grants have 2 main eligibility criteria;

- along with addressing an **educational need**, grants are based on a **residency requirement**: the last 2 years being resident within Wiltshire County or Swindon Borough) and **evidence of a financial need**: a means-tested benefit being claimed by the applicant or their parents if living at home, for example working tax credits

Scholarship Grants are open to young people who are under 25 and are on or about to start an undergraduate course at a UK university. Grants are to assist with living expenses and course related costs.

Vocational Grants are open to individuals aged between 16 and 25 and can be awarded for course related costs and equipment at 6th form, college or training through an apprenticeship up to a maximum of £1,000.

Personal Support Grants are open to individuals up to the age of 25 who have a disability or additional learning need. Awards have been made for IT equipment to facilitate study at home, for specialist courses, school trips and vocational items up to £1,000.

For more information please go to www.odm.wiltshirecf.org.uk

If you want to be removed from or added to the mailing list, please let me know — jonathan.ww@wiltshirecf.org.uk

IMPORTANT DATES

October Education Panel

- * October 9th 2015
- * Closing date for Expressions of Interest - 11th September
- * Completed application forms to be received by 25th September

This is for Personal Support and Vocational Grants

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Scholarship Applications

for Autumn 2016 entry to university will 'go live' in January 2016 —keep an eye on our website

For applications for a Scholarship Grant for University entry in 2016, please complete the Expression of Interest at

odm.wiltshirecf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant

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