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OSARN Community Grants

About this grant

The One Oldham Fund is a strategic single investment fund that uses pooled resources for the voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) sector in Oldham.

Action Together are working with the Oldham Safeguarding Against Radicalisation Network (OSARN) to make grants of **up to £1,000** available to VCFSE groups and organisations in Oldham to enable them to deliver events and activities, primarily during OSARN's Awareness Week to help to support the aims of OSARN.

Guidance Notes – Grants up to £1000

What is OSARN?

Oldham's Safeguarding Against Radicalisation Network (OSARN) is a multi-agency and community partnership that aims to increase awareness of current and emerging risks that could impact our communities. It brings together voluntary, community, faith, education, businesses, and public sector partners to support a shared commitment to safeguard against extremist influences, community safety, and community resilience.

OSARN recognises that individuals, particularly young people and vulnerable adults, can be exploited by those who seek to spread hatred, division, violence, or extremist ideologies. Through partnership working, awareness raising, and community engagement, OSARN seeks to ensure that people have the knowledge, confidence, and support needed to identify concerns early and access appropriate safeguarding support. The network promotes a whole-community approach, recognising that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and that strong, connected communities are best placed to prevent harm, challenge misinformation and disinformation, and build positive alternatives to those seeking to exploit vulnerabilities.

OSARN's aim is to create a safer, stronger Oldham where communities are informed, connected, resilient, and empowered to safeguard against extremism.

OSARN aims to ensure that residents, professionals, organisations, volunteers, and community leaders are equipped to recognise signs of exploitation into extremism, identify those vulnerable and understand how to respond appropriately. By increasing awareness, strengthening local partnerships, and encouraging open conversations, the network supports communities to take both a professional and moral responsibility for protecting those at risk. You can find some additional useful background information by clicking on the following links:

- Get help for radicalisation concerns - GOV.UK
- Prevent Programme Factsheet – August 2026 – Home Office in the media

What can the funding be used for?

Grants of **up to £1,0000** are available for around 3 projects that contribute to achieving any of the following priorities of OSARN that can help become the catalyst for further conversations :

- Raising awareness of Prevent and Oldham's referral pathway.
- Increasing understanding of online harms, social media, gaming, and emerging risks.
- Reaching parents, young people, adults, and wider communities.
- Promoting safeguarding, community safety, and early intervention.
- Strengthening community cohesion and resilience.
- Creating digital resources that can be shared through OSARN to maximise reach and impact across Oldham.



Applicants should aim to hold events and activities during **OSARN Awareness Week 8th to 12th March 2027**

Examples of some projects that could be supported include are set out below. This list is not exhaustive, however. If you have an innovative idea for a project and would like to discuss it further before submitting an application, please contact Nicole Lamont at Nicole.Lamont@Oldham.gov.uk :

1. Parent Awareness Project - Deliver parent workshops on online harms, gaming, social media, misinformation, safeguarding concerns, and Oldham's referral pathway. **Digital Legacy:** Short awareness video, podcast, or digital guide for parents.

2. Youth Digital Resilience Project - Engage young people in sessions exploring online influences, harmful content, misinformation, gaming risks, and how to stay safe online. **Digital Legacy:** Youth-created videos, podcasts, social media campaigns, or short films.

3. Community Safeguarding Champions - Train local volunteers and community leaders to raise awareness of Prevent, community safety, online harms, and safeguarding pathways within their communities. **Digital Legacy:** Recorded sessions, digital toolkit, and shareable resources.

4. Sports Club Awareness Project - Work with sports clubs to raise awareness among coaches, volunteers, young people, and parents about Prevent, safeguarding, online harms, and support pathways. **Digital Legacy:** Awareness video and digital resources that can be used across clubs.

5. Licensed Premises & Community Venues Project - Engage adults in pubs, social clubs, cafés, barber shops, and other community spaces to increase awareness of Prevent, harmful influences, misinformation, and available support. **Digital Legacy:** Podcasts, posters, QR-code resources, or short awareness films.

6. Faith & Community Conversations - Host community discussions that promote inclusion, challenge division and misinformation, and strengthen understanding of safeguarding responsibilities. **Digital Legacy:** Recorded discussions, podcasts, or community video content.

7. Online Harm Awareness Project - Explore the online risks affecting local communities, including social media, gaming platforms, harmful content, and misinformation. **Digital Legacy:** Community-produced awareness campaign, videos, or podcasts.

8. Community Film or Podcast Project - Produce a short film, video series, or podcast focused on Prevent, safeguarding, online harms, mis/disinformation and how to access support. **Digital Legacy:** A reusable resource that can be shared across OSARN partners, schools, community groups, and events.

Applications can include expenses for volunteer time and food and refreshments provided that they do not exceed 15% of the total amount applied for.

Key Dates

Deadline for applications: **Tuesday 12 January 2027**	We will stop accepting applications at **5pm on Tuesday 12 January 2027** We expect decisions to be made during the week commencing **18 January 2027.** An awareness raising information session will take place **late January / early February 2027** Projects must be completed by no later than **12 March** 2027**.** A showcase event will take place on **16 March 2027**



Who is the funding for?



You can apply for a grant of up to **£1,000** if you:

- are a voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) group locally rooted or actively working in the borough of Oldham; *and*
- are a member of Action Together CIO (you can register for free to become a member here); *and*
- are formally constituted; *and*
- have a bank account in your organisation's name requiring at least two unrelated signatories

- Only one application for funding will be accepted per organisation.
- To receive this funding, any outstanding monitoring information required by us, relating to other grant funding must have been completed.
- You may also go on to apply for other grants within the One Oldham Fund Programme if you are eligible. Applications will be considered for projects held in conjunction with other events and activities funded by the One Oldham Fund Hate Crime Awareness Grant or the One Oldham Find More in Common Grant (further details of these grants will be released shortly).

What can't you spend the money on?

We CANNOT fund:	Profit making or fundraising activities or expenses that have already been incurred – retrospective costs.

Completing and sending the Application Form



- Please ensure that ALL parts of the application form are completed.
- We have not included word count limits in the application form as we want you to be able to tell us about your ideas without having to worry about the amount of words you are using – as a general guide however we are only looking for a brief summary and 1 or 2 paragraphs for each answer should be enough for you to be able to tell us about your plans.
- We are happy for you to send photos or short videos to accompany your application. If you wish to send a video, please contact funding@actiontogether.org.uk and we will discuss the easiest way for you to do this.
- We have thought carefully about the questions in the application and only ask for information that we need to know. Please read the questions carefully and only provide the information that we have asked for. Don't be tempted to add lots of other information about your organisation – if we need to know anything else we will contact you.
- If you are using an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tool to help you to write your application, please be aware that whilst it can be a very useful tool, it often produces generic and inaccurate content. Using AI can be a helpful starting point, but please review content that has ben generated using AI to ensure that it reflects your organisation's unique experiences, skills and community and that it is accurate.

What happens after your application is submitted?

- Eligible applications will be considered, and recommendations made by a panel which is aiming to meet during the week commencing 18 January 2027.
- We aim to notify you of the outcome by email within 5 working-days of the date that the panel meets, however, we may contact you to offer support and to clarify aspects of your application further before submitting to the panel.



If you are successful

Successful applicants will be expected to:

- must attend an in person information session in late January / early February 2027 (date tbc). Groups can send representatives

  (it does not have to be the person managing the grant) and can also send more than one person.

- Attend a showcase event on 16 March 2027
- Become an active participant of OSARN



To help us understand the impact of this funding, successful applicants will:

- be asked to provide a short report to us about your project when it has ended and tell the story of your project by providing copies of social media posts, photos etc. We will provide a copy of sample questions at the start of your project so that you know what information the funder will be looking for.
- be offered further support from one of our community development workers throughout and beyond this project.

If you are unsuccessful



You will be offered further support from one of our community development workers and the funding team would be happy to discuss your application and give you feedback about your application. We will not publish details of unsuccessful applicants.

Contact us



If you need **help completing the application** or becoming a member please contact your Community Development Worker. If you are not sure who that is please email development@actiontogether.org.uk or call **0161 339 2345** and ask to speak to a member of the Oldham Development Team.

If you have any questions about the application process or whether you are eligible to apply please contact funding@actiontogether.org.uk or call **0161 339 2345** and ask to speak to a member of the Oldham Funding Team.

Submitting your application

Please email your completed application to: funding@actiontogether.org.uk