

# ZCT's



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Community Trust

# Partnership Newsletter

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# Intro



**We're excited to share with you the very first edition of our ZCT Partnership Newsletter!**

Each issue will feature all our current partnership opportunities, plus give you a flavour of what's to come. We know how busy you all are, so by combining all our latest offers in one communication, we hope this helps highlight those amazing partnership offers that you would find really valuable to your organisation.

Pour over the following partnership pages and see if we can tempt you with some training, encourage you to sign up to conferences or courses, or join us for a natter on our networks – it's all there for YOU!

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## What's new?

### **Our NEW ZCT Partnership Resource Hub is now available!**

We're passionate about supporting you beyond our agreed grant awards. To compliment the great work you do already, we've created a suite of accessible online resources that will further support your organisation achieve its future goals.

**You can now access all your “More than Money” opportunities in one place – via our online ZCT Partnership and Resource Hub.**



*To make it even easier, save as a favourite under your search bar!*



**Visit your new hub!**



# Current Opportunities

GET INVOLVED ● SIGN UP NOW ● BOOK YOUR PLACE

The logo for NCVO, consisting of the letters 'NCVO' in a bold, purple, sans-serif font. The 'V' is stylized with a diagonal slash.

**FIND OUT  
MORE!**

## Take advantage of **FREE NCVO** courses available!

We're really excited to be working with NCVO to bring you a more flexible option regarding accessing training. Following our recent six month pilot, our charity partners can now book an additional five days of **free training** per organisation on courses of your choice!



# Future opportunities

LOOK OUT FOR ● WATCH THIS SPACE ● COMING SOON

## Apprenticeship Awareness session targeting CEOs & People Managers

**June – exact date tbc**

This will cover the benefits of using Zurich's Apprenticeships Levy and possible development opportunities for your teams.

## DSC Conference – The Ultimate Guide to Marketing your Charity

**Wednesday 26 June**

ZCT will be promoting free places for this full day online conference very soon.

## Kate Horwood Webinar – Tackling Imposter Syndrome

**Wednesday 17 July**

This session will define imposter syndrome and its relevance, explore contributing factors such as perfectionism and comparison, and provide practical strategies for overcoming it.

## A coffee and a chat session “Let's talk about Fundraising”

**July – exact date tbc**

A relaxed online session, with no fixed agenda, to create an opportunity to share current challenges and ideas with fellow ZCT charity partners. The focus for July's meeting is fundraising.



# Sustainability Fund



● IS YOUR CHARITY ELIGIBLE ● APPLY NOW ●

## The ZCT Sustainability Fund 2024 is open to all our charity partners, regardless of size.

Since 2023, we've pledged **£100,000 per annum**, on a first come, first served basis, to support our charity partners on their own sustainability journey.

The fund is linked to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals "SDG's" so whilst there is a primary focus on climate change, we've also supported our partners with other pressing needs, such as SDG 3 – Good Health & Wellbeing and SDG 5 – Gender Equality.

Spanning two funding years, our newest fund has been open for less than a year (officially opening

on 31 May 2023). However, we're delighted that, so far, 17 of our charities have applied for funding, and all 17 have been successful in their applications!

To date, we've spent a grand total of **£161,960** leaving **£38,040** left in the 2024 funding pot.

You can find out more about the projects we've already funded via our new [ZCT Partnership Hub >](#)

The 2024 fund is only open to our partners that have **not** previously applied (whether in 2023 or 2024).

**So, if you believe your organisation is eligible and you haven't already applied, [follow this link](#) to find out more.**

## Get in touch

If you have a funding idea that you would like to discuss with us before completing the application form, please reach out to [Carla Mandis](#) or [Jane Boulton](#) and they'll be happy to help.



# DEIB & Sustainability Network



## ● BECOME A MEMBER ● JOIN OUR NETWORK ●

### Did you know we host network meetings on all things DEIB & Sustainability?

Our network is open to each and every one of our charity partners.

Once a quarter, our network members come together to talk about sustainability and diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging (DEIB).

As well as providing networking opportunities, we invite guest speakers, distribute useful content and provide the opportunity to

take part in a free audit review whilst providing your charity with extra funding for Learning and Development – all of which is designed to help our partners on their own DEIB & Sustainability journeys.

If you've not yet joined our DEIB & Sustainability network, and you would like to find out more, please contact:

[Carla Mandis](#)

ZCT Sustainability, DEIB & Governance Manager

## Join our next meeting! Tuesday 6 August 10 - 11.30am

In this session we'll be looking at "[Supporting organisations to become financially sustainable \(zurich.co.uk\)](#)" and we are currently arranging for some external speakers to present to the network – details to be revealed very soon!



## 2023 Impact Report

Helping to build stronger, more resilient and sustainable communities



## Our Impact Report

We're also delighted to share our 2023 Impact Report with you. The report reflects the positive impact we made, together with our employee supporters, and you, our charity partners, during our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

Read our ZCT 2023 Impact Report



## ZCT Leadership

In March 2023 we said a very fond farewell to the Head of the Trust, Steven Grimmett.

After more than 24 years working for ZCT, we were very sorry to see Steve leave us, however, thanks to Steve's leadership, he's left us in a great position to continue doing what we do best – supporting you, our fabulous charity partners.

Whilst it is farewell to Steve, we're pleased to be able to give a warm welcome to our [new Head of ZCT, Laurie Deans!](#)



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