

European Community Foundations' collective action learning - Digital Transformation

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ECFI is offering €2000 to enable you to engage in this action learning initiative that you and the wider community foundation field can learn from.

We all know by now that we have had to adapt to the extraordinary circumstances that social distancing has brought about in our personal and professional lives. Teams, organisations, communities are changing the way they work and approach even mundane activities, finding creative ways to support and engage donors and partner organisations in addressing current and future needs.

At ECFI we believe in the power of learning, collaboration and sharing knowledge among peers, thus we want to support individual community foundations (CFs) and community foundation support organisations (CFSOs) in their endeavours of solving current problems they are facing through action learning.

More information on the programme.

We can only accommodate a few more places in this learning set. Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis. Please apply by clicking on this <u>link</u>. If requirements from the application process have been fulfilled you can put your idea to test immediately, and no later than March 2021. All participants in the action learning set should be willing to engage in collective learning facilitated by ECFI.

We have seen time and time again that the field of community foundations can adapt to current challenges and our latest call for joining an action learning set has been one of the many examples showing community foundations adapting how they work and increasing their digitalisation skills and approaches in engaging with their communities, their donors, their boards and within their own team.

Following an overwhelming response to our call we are pleased to introduce the following community foundations that will be part of this Action Learning Set:

Two Ridings Community Foundation - United Kingdom Nitra Community Foundation - Slovakia Northamptonshire Community Foundation - United Kingdom Banatul Montan Community Foundation - Romania Bucharest Community Foundation - Romania



Healthy City Community Foundation - Slovakia MUNUS Community Foundation of Parma - Italy Sibiu Community Foundation - Romania The Community Foundation for Ireland - Ireland

The issues that will be addressed range from ways to engage virtually the community and or the community foundations' stakeholders for a revision of strategy, vision and mission, how to keep donors informed and involved or give a sense of appreciation when no Award Galas can take place, creating platforms or portals for donor engagement, information and/ or online payments.

Community foundations will begin working on their challenges immediately and we plan to share results and learning with the field both as we go along and at the end of the cycle, around February/March 2021. Please keep an eye on our website and communication channels where will share opportunities to take part in learning sessions or to access reports.