

JIGSAW FOUNDATION

OUR STORY
2022-2023

Creating homes.
Building lives.



**Jigsaw
Foundation**

Introduction.

The Jigsaw Foundation launched in April 2019 and is part of the Group's approach to community investment. The Jigsaw Foundation has a budget of £450,000 per year and offers funds for projects which make a difference to the lives of our residents and their communities.

The fund is open to charities, resident and community groups, voluntary organisations, social enterprises and local partner agencies. We want the projects that we fund to complement our Neighbourhood Plans.

Any applications for £25,000 and over are reviewed and a decision made by our executive management team. All other applications for £24,999 and under are voted on by our residents using our Jigsaw Rewards portal.

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...through Jigsaw Foundation, we
are able to support these
amazing projects and charities
that make a difference in the
neighbourhoods we serve.

Donna Kelly

Jigsaw Group Director of Neighbourhoods

Our Strategic Goals.

Health and Wellbeing

Promoting physical wellbeing, improving physical health, taking part in activities, healthy eating initiatives, improving mental wellbeing, increasing confidence to manage own health, to live more independently, reduce isolation.

Work and Skills

Developing new skills, accessing training, gaining a qualification, getting into work, gaining work experience, volunteering, moving closer to work.

Environment and Sustainability

Engaging residents in improving spaces or places, improving green spaces, increasing usage of community spaces, improving lifestyle choices on environmental issues, improving energy efficiency. Reducing tenancy turnover, creating a sense of community cohesion, increasing a sense of belonging in the community, increasing a sense of safety.

Financial Wellbeing

Improving access to money advice and management, increasing individual confidence to manage money, reducing debts, increasing savings and improving digital usage and access.

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...Jigsaw Foundation has been invaluable, investing in our neighbourhoods over the past few years has already improved so many of our communities.

Suzanne Bullock

Jigsaw Group Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods

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...our mission is simple, to
improve the lives of our
residents and their communities.

Ivan Wright

Jigsaw Group Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods

Our Neighbourhoods.

Jigsaw Homes manages approximately 36,000 properties across the North West and Midlands. These properties form 46 neighbourhood plan areas.

In 2022/23 we funded 67 projects across the group totalling £439,625. We originally allocated £447,275 however £7650 was not released due to projects in Jigsaw Homes North that were unable to be delivered.

The funded projects achieved the following priorities:

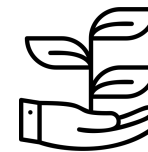


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FINANCIAL
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The Together Centre.

Awarded £9,460

The purpose of this grant was to provide Jigsaw Tameside residents with a weekly two course Home Meal Delivery Service for FREE along with a Wellbeing Activity. Residents also received a Christmas Lunch on Christmas Eve to enjoy on Christmas Day.

Meals were provided to residents who were unable to leave their homes due to vulnerabilities, isolation, low mood, health and wellbeing or those returning from a stay in hospital.

The Jigsaw Foundation team worked in collaboration with a number of other teams within Jigsaw including Neighbourhood Plans, Housing For Over 55's and Jigsaw Support to ensure this project was a success and that it reached out to some of our most vulnerable residents at a time when they needed it the most.

Over a ten month period, 79 Jigsaw tenants benefitted from the service which equated to 1610 meals in total against a target of 1365 meals. At the end of the project, a further 21 Jigsaw tenants were registered on the waiting list for deliveries and the Together Centre are to apply for further funding.



Other Funded Projects...

Sandwich Angels Food Parcels:	£15,000
The Hummingbird Project:	£9,500
Progress for All:	£1,465
Making Life Better Together:	£2,000
Forrest Road Communal Garden:	£1,000
Digital Wellbeing Project:	£27,850
Hyde Little Theatre Community Outreach:	£15,520
Audenshaw Community Walking Group:	£700
*Young Enterprise & Careers Activities:	£37,487

*(In partnership with Jigsaw North)

“ We would like to say a very BIG thank you to the Jigsaw Foundation team for helping us to deliver our ‘Meals to You’ project and for supporting us with this very much needed meaningful service.

Leanne Bold - The Together Centre Manager

Hideout Youth Zone.

Awarded £32,416

The purpose of this grant was to fund the core offer of the youth zone, high quality recreational activities for young people in East Manchester whenever school is closed.

The project has signed up 3,733 young members during the funding period against a target of 1,000, of which 362 young people were Jigsaw residents against a target of 150. This is more than double the number of Jigsaw residents the project was targeted to reach.

55 volunteers have engaged, inducted and became active at HideOut between August 2021 and March 2023 against a target of 30. There are 27 volunteers currently active at Hideout and 3 of these are Jigsaw residents. The project has recruited 17 new staff members on a permanent basis between August 2021 and March 2023, against a target of 8 and 6 of these are Jigsaw residents.

Hideout Youth Zone



Other Funded Projects...

Inspire, Chorley Youth Zone:	£73,497
Mustard Tree - Food Club:	£5,000
Sandringham Court 'Get Together' Club:	£2,000
Victoria Court - 55+ Activities:	£2,330
Gillibrand's Grow, Cook and Eat Project:	£8,131
Active Communities Network:	£37,487
Spring Brook Academy Forest Schools:	£2,750
Jigsaw Cookery Project:	£3,000
*'TLC' Counselling and Support Sessions:	£26,180

*(In partnership with Jigsaw Tameside)



Thanks again for the support from the Jigsaw Foundation.
It has been important in supporting us to engage so many
local residents over the last two years

Martin Duffy - Hideout Youth Zone Grants Manager

The Freedom Project.

Awarded £8,970

This funding has enabled this project to continue providing domestic abuse support for free to East Midlands residents. The project now runs mostly on zoom, meaning they are more accessible. Educating victims of abuse improves their self-worth and encourages them to seek healthy relationships, reducing the chances of them entering further abusive relationships.

Supporting victims to safely leave abusive relations will improve their wellbeing by way of safety, physical health, mental health, sleep and lifestyle choices. The funding received across 2 years enabled The Freedom Project to continue delivering the freedom programme to clients across the East Midlands with no cost to the service user. Across the two year period of this project 92 clients who were Jigsaw Residents received support from this service.

The project provided opportunities for 12 clients to volunteer with them, 5 of whom have stayed on for over 6 months. This has had a marked increase on their self-worth and a valuable stepping stone back into the workplace.

City Arts 'Blue to Green' Project:



Jigsaw / MIDLANDS

Other Funded Projects...

City Arts 'Blue to Green' Project:
Supported Housing Resident Involvement:

£10,000
£1,720



*our clients' ability to begin to understand their trauma
and work on their own self-care and self-worth
has dramatically increased.*

The Freedom Project - Support Co-ordinator

Hardship Fund.

Invested **£95,350**

Cost of living increases have made it extremely difficult for some of our residents and we have a Hardship Fund in place to assist those in severe hardship. In 2022/2023 applications to the Hardship fund increased significantly and as a result the budget was increased from £75,000 to £100,000.

Our residents can apply for up to a maximum of £750. Applications will be considered from individuals who are in immediate and significant hardship or are at serious risk of becoming in significant financial hardship. Applications for the Hardship Fund can be made by the individual, Jigsaw Group staff or a partner agency .

From 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 our applications more than doubled that of the previous year. We received 269 applications to the Hardship Fund. Out of these 231 were approved. A total of £95,350.20 has been spent assisting residents who have found themselves in severe financial hardship.

Jigsaw / INVESTMENT

Items Purchased for Residents...

Cooking appliances	- 75
Washing machines	- 31
Fridge/Fridge freezer	- 49
Carpets/Floor covering	- 32
Beds/mattresses/bedding	- 75
Furniture	- 23
Kitchen appliances	- 22
Food shopping vouchers	- 70
Total	377



You consider the needs of applicants and adopt a professional approach, making sure I was 100% satisfied. You treated me with courtesy and respect. The time and effort you took to make sure I was happy was appreciated.”

Anthony from Crumpsall - Resident

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