



# Proudly Making a Difference

Improving the lives of people  
in our communities;  
who are socially, physically or mentally vulnerable



## ABOUT US

Openwork's unique community spirit is epitomised by the way the partners, advisers and colleagues within The Openwork Partnership come together to support good causes in their local communities, through The Openwork Foundation, a UK registered charity (number 1184592).

The Openwork Foundation grant programmes aims to improve the lives of vulnerable people in the UK and overseas, and we have donated over £22m, impacting the lives of half a million people.

The Foundation's mission will always be to make a positive difference to vulnerable people, in our communities.

For over forty years, The Openwork Foundation has been at the heart of the business culture.



## WHAT WE DO

The Foundation has grant, fundraising and volunteer programmes, designed to engage businesses and members of The Openwork Partnership, to support their local communities.

Our fundraising events are open to partners, advisers, colleagues, friends and clients and for many, taking part in one of the events has been a life-changing experience. There are also opportunities to support the Foundation by donating at key events, or through personal regular donations, which is our major source of income.

All funds raised for the Foundation are uplifted by 50% from The Openwork Partnership and all Foundation's administration costs are also covered, so everything raised goes straight to the charities we support.

Volunteering opportunities are provided to encourage partners, advisers and staff to work together to complete challenges or projects for local charities where they live or work. Colleagues also receive one paid business day per year from Openwork to volunteer in their local communities.

All members of The Openwork Partnership have the opportunity to nominate an eligible UK registered charity, which supports vulnerable children or adults in the UK or overseas, for a grant. This is important in our mission to supporting our communities and we do not accept unsolicited requests for any of our grants.

We are very grateful to all our supporters and for their help in making a positive difference to the lives of those in need.

If you would like to know more about the Foundation, our events or how you could get involved, please contact the Foundation team at [Foundation@theopenworkpartnership.uk.com](mailto:Foundation@theopenworkpartnership.uk.com).



## PROUDLY MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Openwork Foundation supports UK and overseas charities through its range of grant programmes. Grants can be used to fund specific projects or operational costs for charities to maintain their valuable services. The grant programmes are:

- **National partnerships** where we work in collaborative partnership with established charities to support long-term initiatives, usually over a three to five year period.
- **Sponsored grants** from members of The Openwork Partnership for a grant of up to £15,000 to support a charity in their local community.
- **Discretionary grants**, up to £500, and **Individual Matching grants**, nominated by a member of The Openwork Partnership to support a cause close to their heart, that may have benefitted their family or themselves.

Here are some examples of grants we have previously awarded, helping improve the lives of vulnerable people,

- ♥ salaries for specialist staff in hospices
- ♥ respite for carers supporting vulnerable people
- ♥ adventure playgrounds for disabled children
- ♥ medical equipment and mobility equipment
- ♥ hydrotherapy pools and hospice conversions
- ♥ specially adapted minibuses
- ♥ hearing dogs for deaf people

