

Local Group Annual Grant

Whether you want to give your members a new unforgettable experience or due to popular demand you've been asked to bring back a successful event, we're here to help! Every year we give local groups the opportunity to apply for £500 through our Annual Grant. For ideas of what to apply for have a look at some of the exciting activities that we've funded in the past.

'The annual grant allowed us to offer music therapy sessions to members, which at least 10 deaf children and their hearing siblings were able to benefit from. We also invited another local group to come along to one of the sessions, which gave families the opportunity to get to know one another and share ideas'. **Listen Hear**



'We always use the annual grant to fund a trip to the Christmas pantomime. It's our most popular event of the year but it is also expensive so the grant goes a long way in helping us cover the full cost.' - **Hearing Hub**

Members from **South Staffordshire DCS** were treated to an exciting family fun day which included activities for all ages. They used the grant money to hire a 'play-bus' for younger children and a 'gaming-bus' to attract teenagers. Everybody came together at the end of the day for some pizza.



Brent DCS used some of their grant money to design and purchase some new leaflets. They distributed the leaflets in local libraries, children's centres, schools and doctors surgeries in order to reach out to new members and increase deaf awareness in their local area.

'With the money that we received, we were able to make referrals to the Fire Department so that newly diagnosed families could receive deaf friendly smoke alarms'. - **South East Wales DCS**



'We put the grant towards running a Celebration event to mark our 20 year anniversary. It was a great way to say thank you to everyone who has helped us over the years and to let the next generation of children, parents and helpers see what being part of the SDCS family means'. - **Salford DCS**

'The funding helped to springboard our new youth club' - **Plymouth DCS**

Northamptonshire DCS organised a summer outing to the Harry Potter Experience. The grant money went towards covering the cost of travel for their members and a BSL interpreter which enabled the deaf children to enjoy the whole day and not miss out on any of the magic!

For the second year in a row **Surrey DCS** spent a weekend away in the New Forest. The grant helped to cover some of the cost of hiring 26 caravans for deaf children and their families to enjoy together. The overnight stay meant that children could spend the whole weekend playing and making new friends whilst the parents formed strong bonds by sharing and learning from one another.



'The Annual grant enables us to apply for things that cost more than we would usually spend on an event. It's fantastic to be able to offer something entirely new, which can often help to draw new members in' **North London DCS**

