



## **Age Friendly Middlesbrough Fund - Information Sheet**

### ***What is Age Friendly Middlesbrough?***

Our ambition is to make Middlesbrough an Age Friendly Community, where older people live happy and healthy lives.

We are gathering evidence of the age friendly work that is already happening so that we can apply to the World Health Organisation to join the international network of Age Friendly places.

You can find out more about that here [www.ageing-better.org.uk/age-friendly-communities/eight-domains](http://www.ageing-better.org.uk/age-friendly-communities/eight-domains)

Leading our vision to become Age Friendly is a partnership of people from Ageing Better Middlesbrough, Ageing Better Middlesbrough Action Group (ABMAG) - an action group of older people, Public Health and the National Lottery Community Fund.

We hope that this fund will encourage more people to think about what they can do to make Middlesbrough a great place to get older.

### ***The Fund***

The Age Friendly Middlesbrough Fund will support community groups and individuals to help older people live happy and healthy lives, through awards of up to £3000.

The activity must be targeted at people who live in Middlesbrough and must benefit people aged 50 and over.

We are open to applications that bring people from different age groups together.

We are funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and this means that this money cannot be given to organisations or individuals directly.

However, we can buy goods and services on your behalf. For example, room hire, equipment, transport, training etc.

Please note – the money cannot be used to pay for staff time or the maintenance or repair of buildings.

If you are successful, we will ask you how things are going and what impact the money has had.

Our communications team will also be able to support your group or activity with publicity.

### ***How and when will decisions be made?***

Decisions to award funding will be made by a panel of people from the Ageing Better Middlesbrough Action Group (ABMAG). Our Action Group is made up of volunteers who are all aged over 50. They play a key role in helping to shape the way Ageing Better Middlesbrough is delivered.

Each application will be considered against the following criteria:

- Will the activity or project make Middlesbrough more age friendly?
- Does the project involve people aged over 50?
- Would the application have a long-term impact? i.e. Will people continue to benefit over time?
- The number of older people that would benefit.
- Is the application for something that is already happening anyway?

Decisions will be made within about six weeks of us receiving the application.

### ***How to apply***

We strongly encourage you to call our Community Development team on 01642 061019 or email [Kaydavies@hope-foundation.org.uk](mailto:Kaydavies@hope-foundation.org.uk) to discuss your application. The team will be able to support you to develop your idea and complete the application.

Completed applications can be emailed to [simone.mcneill@middlesbroughandstocktonmind.org.uk](mailto:simone.mcneill@middlesbroughandstocktonmind.org.uk) or posted to:

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