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Newsletter for Treasurers

OUR NETWORKS



Awards for All

The National Lottery Awards for All grants are an excellent way of getting funding for your group or district. Woodcraft groups have been very successful in the past and some of the success stories are on our [website](#). [Leicestershire District](#) raised funds for a marquee and camping equipment, [Penarth District](#) were awarded funds for bushcraft training, and [Hounslow & Twickenham District](#) were given a grant to buy camping equipment and to train leaders. So, if your district needs funds for new equipment ready for the 2018 camping season or you're looking to support attendance at big camps next year, you should be thinking about submitting an application in September/October.

We'll be reminding you at the start of the autumn term and offering support to help you submit a successful application. But for now have a look at the Awards for All website for [England](#), [Scotland](#) or [Wales](#) and the case studies on our [funding pages](#).

Co-op Community Fund

The Co-op Local Community Fund is funded as part of a new membership scheme which gives a 5% reward to shoppers on their purchases of Co-op own-brand products and services, together with an additional 1% given to local causes that they can choose. The Co-op will make grants to three projects in each of 1500 local communities across the UK. Several Woodcraft districts have already been successful - Chorlton & Whalley Range District applied for funding to recruit, screen and train new volunteers, deliver outreach activities to attract new children, engage families who are unable to access other informal learning opportunities, and promote co-operative values and principles through their work. Clapham District asked for funds to help pay for hall rents and put towards next year's summer camp. You can see Ealing's local community fund page at membership.coop.co.uk/causes/5535. And [Clapham's advice](#) for applying to the Co-op is on our website.

A new round has just opened and the deadline for applications is 8th August. Information and application forms at causes.coop.co.uk. *Get your application in now!*

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Gift Aid

Whilst most of us are just getting used to the fact that we are half the way through 2017 a group of enthusiastic Woodies have plans underway for [International camp 2020!](#) Whenever we speak to people who have experienced Woodcraft in the past the thing we

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Give as you Live®

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hear time and time again is their life affirming memories of experiencing an International Camp through Woodcraft Folk.

We would like to support as many young people in the Folk and International delegations to come together and experience International Camp 2020.

Have your district started to think about setting up a fundraising pot now to help as many young people in your group or district attend? Could claiming gift aid on the donations you receive help you to achieve this?

- Each year more and more districts are increasing their income by claiming gift aid on some of the income they receive.
- In 2016 we processed 28 gift aid claims from 14 different districts, forwarding £9,279 to districts with a contribution to core of £2,328.
- An increase on 2015 of 3 new districts, 17 more claims and a 46% increase in income to districts and 46% increase of income retained by core, with one district donating an additional percentage of their gift aid back to national as their solidarity donation.

Already this year we have submitted 11 claims with two of those from 2 Districts who have not claimed gift aid before. So the early signs are we will see an increase in money we can send back to districts. Some districts make an annual claim, others once a month, each term or on an adhoc basis it's entirely up to you. There is an initial bit of work to set up but that should decrease as it becomes a more routine way of handling some of your income.

If you are thinking about claiming gift aid and are not sure where to start you can find advice on our website at www.woodcraft.org.uk/resources/gift-aid-guidance-district-treasurers. Or if you would rather speak to someone we are always happy to talk over your concerns and do our best to answer any questions you may have, just email sarah.mcdonell@woodcraft.org.uk or call 020 7703 4173. There will also be another Gift Aid webinar in September - we'll let you know details nearer the time. We are also hoping to soon have some Gift Aid coaches in place, leaders from groups and districts who have been successfully claiming gift aid and may be able to give hands on advice at group level

Blue skies

Sarah

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Coming later this year . .

Treasurer webinar

We'll be running a webinar for treasurers to help you with your annual return and registration for 2018. Look out for further information.

Friends of the Folk online

We're piloting Friends of the Folk in the South West Region at the moment. When we've collated feedback from the region we'll be rolling out an updated version across the UK. Watch this space . . .

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