



**Daytrippers**  
**Foundation**

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# about

## daytrippers foundation

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Daytrippers Foundation is an independent charity, funding opportunities for children and young people to explore, learn, develop and achieve since 2003.

Funding is primarily available for groups of children and young people age 5-25 who are disabled, neuro diverse and/or have a life-limiting condition.

We support UK special schools, children's hospices and hospitals, charities and not-for-profit organisations by funding days out of their choice, innovative events, workshops and programmes.

### We have three grant tiers:

Day Trips

Events & Workshops

Legacy

since 2003...

**689** grants awarded

**45,536** children and  
young people supported

# a look back at 2019

**3,214** children and young people with disabilities  
and life-limiting conditions

**335** siblings and non-disabled children

**64** grants

**49** charities and not-for-profit organisations

In November 2018, the charity was restructured and rebranded as Daytrippers Foundation. The charity came into its own as a grant maker this year, steadily establishing its presence within the children and disability sectors and expanding its reach across the UK. As a result, we have seen increased engagement in Northern England and Wales and over 40% of grants were allocated to first time applicants.

**"We felt that Daytrippers really wanted to support us, which was a big bonus when applying. The delight on the faces of the children experiencing live animals was amazing."**  
**- Project Manager**



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Hershel Weiss Centre  
Day Trip to Blackpool Zoo

# day trip grant

**1,055 children and young people**  
**44 grants**

Children with disabilities or life-limiting conditions and their families are some of the most disadvantaged in society with many experiencing poverty, social isolation and poor access to services. We may be small, but we are determined to reduce some of these barriers.

We helped 883 children with disabilities plus their siblings to participate in trips to theme parks, zoos, theatre performances, wildlife parks, music festivals, outdoor activity centres and more.

We also saw a growing number of grant requests for science and environmental focused trips such as the Eden Project and Holland Park Ecology Centre.





# day trip feature:

## fun science

27 children from [KEEN Oxford](#) went on a day trip to Winchester Science Centre. Each child was paired with a one-to-one coach with the aim of achieving an individual goal. The group got stuck in, taking part in various activities, challenges and experiments. They also enjoyed learning about the solar system in the centre's planetarium.

Using a hands-on approach, the children learned about science in an inclusive environment. The activities encouraged lots of communication, interaction and teamwork, plus opportunities to practice fine and gross motor skills. KEEN's Director reported that an impressive 89% of children learnt something they didn't know before the visit.

**"The grant was essential to us undertaking the trip. Without it, we simply would not have been able to afford to give the children and young people we work with this opportunity."**



# events and workshops grant

**1,955** children and young people  
**44%** of children identify as autistic

We have funded day trips for the past 16 years and developed a unique rapport with our grantees. We listened to the growing need for opportunities to engage in high quality participatory experiences where disabled young people can learn and achieve.

The Events & Workshops funding tier has been an exciting area of growth for Daytrippers Foundation, offering grants of up to £3,000.

## We invested in activities such as:

- Sculpture therapy sessions in rural areas,
- Music therapy workshops in children's hospices,
- Life skills, CV writing and work experience training and development,
- Artist residencies,
- And in-school theatrical performances to provide students, including those with profound needs, experiences that would otherwise be inaccessible.



# event and workshop feature:

## my choice, my voice, my plan

We supported [Face Front Inclusive Theatre](#), a company of disabled and non-disabled performers to tour their interactive drama, '[It's My Move](#)'. The show featured five learning disabled young actors who used multiple art forms to help young people with disabilities, their parents and supporting staff explore post 16 transition options.

The shows were followed by workshops that delved further into the issues, with additional resources for parents/carers and web-based materials for teachers and professionals.

Our Foundation Manager headed to Stratford Circus in East London to see the show. She recognised one of the young actors, who regularly participated at the annual Daytrippers [Pan-Disability Football Tournament](#) as a child. The show was extremely well received and at the end everyone was loudly chanting

***"My Choice, My Voice, My Plan. Yes, I Can!"***



# legacy grant

**539 children and young people**

**1/3 children with profound and multiple learning disabilities**

We invited organisations to apply for up to £10,000 towards innovative project ideas which aimed to make a lasting positive difference to young lives.

## Grants were awarded to:

- [Eye Music Trust](#), who installed a specialised sensory room at Mandeville School in Greenford. The immersive room is darkened and includes infra-red sensors which control instrumental sounds and conduct colours through strong LED lighting. All students can create and record music. This project is supported by City Trust Ltd.
- [Touretteshero](#), a disabled led, multi-disciplinary arts organisation, working nationally and internationally to create a more inclusive and socially just society. We have supported this inspirational organisation for nine years and partially fund their web hosting.
- Tate London, who hosted [Testing, Testing, Testing](#), an inclusive event in collaboration with young people. This event followed on from our three year collaboration series – [Diggin' The Gallery](#).
- [ZSL](#), where youth volunteers with ASC and visual impairments took part in weekly workshops and created trails and audio descriptive tours for people with similar conditions. At the end of both projects the young people received Building Communities certificates which were accredited by City & Guilds.





# legacy feature:

## breaking barriers one at a time

Over several months, 11 learning disabled young people from [Lifeworks](#) were trained to become qualified sports leaders and event managers. They achieved 33 accreditations and sports qualifications. They then went onto deliver "[Breaking the Barrier](#)", a spectacular triathlon, plus, on-going events throughout the year aimed at engaging young people with learning disabilities and their families. Almost 300 children took part in free cycling, paddle boarding and surfing events across South Devon and Torbay.

These 11 trail blazers are already planning new ideas for next year's events and have inspired other disabled young people to become sports leaders.

**"Young people with a vocational interest in sport have been able to pursue their interest. Unexpectedly, it has also enabled young people not so keen in sport to get involved. Both are proving to be exceptional role models."**



# thank you

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Daytrippers Foundation would like to thank our funders and supporters including City Trust Ltd, Financial Express and TJX UK Community Fund.

We would like to express our gratitude to fellow collaborators, Eye Music Trust and Tate London.

**“Each young person felt a sense of inclusion in this positive and innovative project. We would recommend Daytrippers as a fantastic organisation with a genuine caring approach to helping young people with disabilities.”**

**- Director**

Drama Express CIC  
Event & Workshop Grant

