ACANE (African Community Advice North East) works with refugees and the local host community living in the east end of Newcastle. It provides general advice sessions, benefits advice and help with finding employment and also after school and holiday activities for young people. In 2013 a grant of £86,217 was given to fund the support worker’s post and other running costs.
Grants and Commissions 2013

£7.6 million was awarded for grants and commissions.

- 153 grants were awarded totalling £7.3 million.
- 39 grants were made for a term of three years, 24 for two years and 88 for one year or under. Two grants were made for a term of four years.
- 95% of the number of grants made were to organisations that had previously held a Foundation grant.
- £130,030 was also awarded through the Virgin Money staff match giving scheme.
**Staff Match Giving**

The Foundation continued to support Virgin Money’s staff match giving scheme in 2013. Virgin Money’s corporate charity was Anthony Nolan. £46,047 was raised for Anthony Nolan through corporate and individual fundraising to the end of December 2013 and this was matched by the Foundation, providing a total donation of £92,094. Staff also donated £29,302 to two other charities through corporate fundraising. Individual fundraising or payroll giving of £54,681 was also matched by the Foundation up to a maximum of £500 per person. In total, in 2013 the staff match scheme generated £260,060 for charities.

### Top Ten Staff Supported Charities 2013

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<td>The Motor Neurone Disease Association</td>
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<td>Cancer Research UK</td>
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<td>St Oswald’s Hospice</td>
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<td>Hartlepool &amp; District Hospice</td>
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<td>Macmillan Cancer Support</td>
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<td>Great North Air Ambulance Service</td>
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<td>Grace House North East</td>
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Complete details of the Foundation’s expenditure in 2013 are presented in the Annual Report and Accounts available on our website or from our office.
Changing Lives

Grants

Prejudice and discrimination

Newcastle Law Centre £162,775 Towards a legal buddy project offering refugees and asylum seekers a range of legal services, working in partnership with Justice First across the North East.

West End Refugee Service £113,622 To fund the support worker’s post and other running costs in Newcastle.

Regional Refugee Forum North East £100,000 To continue to employ the training and development manager, working with refugees throughout the North East.

African Community Advice North East £86,217 Towards salary and running costs of this project in Byker.

Justice First £72,000 Towards salary costs for the project manager and part-time administrator, for this project in Teesside.

North of England Refugee Service £50,000 To support the organisation during a period of transition, including salary and consultation costs.

Cumbria Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service £95,160 To continue to employ the service user coordinator.

Escape Family Support Group £75,000 To employ a business development manager for ESCAPE Trading Limited in Blyth.

Helix Arts £45,000 Towards core funding to underpin a programme for young people at risk of, and those with, substance misuse problems living in the North East.

Addaction £30,000 To maintain Addaction’s “breaking the cycle” team in West Cumbria, working with families affected by drug and alcohol misuse.

Women’s Community Matters £24,750 To employ a part-time manager at a women’s centre in Barrow-in-Furness.

Cumbria Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service £149,605 Towards continuation funding for the Family Support service for carers of people who misuse drugs and alcohol in Tyne and Wear.

Substance misuse

Northern Engagement into Recovery from Addiction Foundation £149,605 Towards continuation funding for the Family Support service for carers of people who misuse drugs and alcohol in Tyne and Wear.

The Vulture Club £19,796 Towards salaries and core costs, for this community drug and alcohol recovery project in West Cumbria.

Growing Well £8,560 To pilot a referral process to demonstrate that those with drug and alcohol issues benefit from Growing Well’s services in Cumbria.

NEPACS £150,000 Towards the costs of the learning and development team, increasing the communication and income-generating capacity of the organisation.

Nacro £132,080 To employ a development manager to support links with voluntary and community organisations in the North East and Cumbria to reduce reoffending.

Young offenders

NEPACS £150,000 Towards the costs of the learning and development team, increasing the communication and income-generating capacity of the organisation.
**Cumbria Reducing Offending Partnership Trust**  
£128,500 To employ a chief executive and business development manager.

**The Northern Inclusion Consortium Partnership Trust**  
£100,000 To support the establishment of a consortium of four North East-based organisations to bid for criminal justice contracts.

**Clinks**  
£94,848 To employ a local development worker supporting criminal justice and community safety organisations for the voluntary and community sector in the North East.

**User Voice**  
£92,256 Towards the costs of the Passport to Change project, working across the North East and Cumbria, providing peer support to offenders.

**Cumbria Reducing Offending Partnership Trust**  
£9,000 To support the setting up of a formal consortium of Cumbria organisations involved in providing services for offenders and ex-offenders.

**Cumbria Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service**  
£7,000 To continue the development of the partnership project with Cumbria Youth Offending Service, which aims to reduce the rate of reoffending of young people.

**23 Grants**  
£1,751,169

**Commission**

**Barefoot Research and Evaluation**  
£20,000 Towards action-oriented research to support Clinks’ policy work.

**1 Commission**  
£20,000

**Total 24 Grants and Commission**  
£1,771,169

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### Having a Home

#### Grants

**Centrepoint County Durham**  
£218,363 Towards Youth Homelessness North East, a network of individuals and organisations working to end youth homelessness in the North East.

**Aquila Way**  
£218,170 To sustain a day centre for homeless people in Gateshead.

**Community Campus 87**  
£200,000 To sustain the charity’s work providing accommodation to people with a history of substance misuse in Hartlepool.

**First Stop Darlington**  
£197,278 To sustain a project providing practical help and support to homeless people.

**Changing Lives**  
£150,000 Towards the regional manager of Business Action on Homelessness to help people living in hostel accommodation to move into sustained employment and independent living.

**Crisis UK**  
£125,000 Towards a learning and activity centre for homeless and vulnerable people working across Tyne and Wear.

**Hope North East**  
£95,000 Towards a project that provides accommodation and a rent deposit guarantee scheme to homeless people with drug and alcohol problems in Middlesbrough.

**700 Club**  
£94,712 Towards a bond deposit guarantee scheme that enables homeless people to access the private rental sector in Darlington.

**Depaul Trust**  
£89,960 To expand Nightstop North East by merging with Nightstop Teesside.
**Northern Rock Foundation Grants and Commissions 2013**

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<td>To employ a business development manager to expand Centrepoint’s services for young people in the North East.</td>
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<td><strong>Single Homeless Action Initiative Derwentside</strong></td>
<td>£60,000</td>
<td>Towards an advice and guidance service for homeless young people in Derwentside.</td>
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<td><strong>Impact Housing Association</strong></td>
<td>£18,000</td>
<td>To appoint a development officer for Barrow Foyer.</td>
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<td><strong>University of Northumbria at Newcastle</strong></td>
<td>£10,000</td>
<td>Towards peer-led research into the nature, service needs and everyday experiences of residents of Houses in Multiple Occupation, to address key policy and practice concerns.</td>
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<td><strong>Depaul Trust</strong></td>
<td>£6,251</td>
<td>Towards mediation training for five staff at Nightstop in North Tyneside.</td>
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<td><strong>Having a Home</strong> Total £1,566,496</td>
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<td><strong>University of Sunderland</strong></td>
<td>£6,810</td>
<td>For development work bringing together LGBT youth workers and Child Sexual Exploitation specialists to look at how best to support vulnerable young people in the North East.</td>
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<td><strong>Kidsafe UK</strong></td>
<td>£4,702</td>
<td>To write, deliver and evaluate child abuse prevention workshops for secondary school pupils, in West Cumbria.</td>
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<td><strong>Domestic abuse</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Victim Support</strong> £127,500 Towards the core costs of Cease 24 for its work with victims of domestic abuse across Northumberland.</td>
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<td><strong>Impact Housing Association</strong></td>
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<td>Towards the Letgo service for its work with victims of domestic abuse across Cumbria.</td>
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<td><strong>Eva Women’s Aid</strong></td>
<td>£97,500</td>
<td>Towards the costs of this service, which supports victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence across Redcar and Cleveland.</td>
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<td><strong>The Angelou Centre</strong></td>
<td>£95,757</td>
<td>For a specialist IDVA to address the advocacy and support needs of high-medium risk BAME women, in Newcastle.</td>
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<td><strong>Victim Support</strong></td>
<td>£76,880</td>
<td>To continue the work of North East Domestic Abuse Project to improve services for, and responses to, LGBT victims of domestic abuse.</td>
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<td><strong>Acorns</strong></td>
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<td>Towards work with young people to raise awareness and discuss ideas about healthy and unhealthy relationships, in North Tyneside.</td>
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<td><strong>Acorns</strong></td>
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<td>Towards the core funding of this specialist domestic abuse service working with adults and children across North Tyneside.</td>
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<td><strong>Derwentside Domestic Abuse Service</strong></td>
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<td>Towards administrative support and a senior support worker for this County Durham service.</td>
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<td><strong>Victim Support</strong></td>
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<td>To employ an independent consultant to facilitate the development of a domestic violence consortium in Newcastle.</td>
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**Safety and Justice for Victims of Abuse**

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<td><strong>Safety Net Advice and Support Centre</strong></td>
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<td>Towards the core costs of this organisation, which supports victims of sexual abuse and their families across North and West Cumbria.</td>
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<td><strong>Trinity Youth Association</strong></td>
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<td>To develop the capacity of LGBT youth workers to reduce the incidence of child sexual exploitation of LGBT young people, across the North East.</td>
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**Grants**

**Child abuse**

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**Hate crime**

*Gay Advice Darlington* £66,600 To fund work supporting victims and witnesses of homophobic and transphobic hate crime, across County Durham and Darlington.

**Sexual violence**

*Rape Crisis Tyneside and Northumberland* £90,000 Towards Grace – a specialist sexual violence service in Northumberland for women aged 16 and over.

*Changing Lives* £65,000 For the GAP project, which seeks to minimise the health and safety risks for women involved in sex work, helping them find an exit, in Newcastle.

*Rape Crisis Tyneside and Northumberland* £60,000 To contribute to the creation and ongoing coordination of a Northumbria Sexual Violence Strategic Forum.

*A Way Out* £48,000 Towards work with sexually exploited adult women, in Stockton.

*Changing Lives* £38,500 Towards work with sexually exploited men in Newcastle and Gateshead, alongside a regional learning event.

*University of Bristol* £19,962 To assess the impact of independent sexual violence advocates (ISVAs) on progression of rape cases through the criminal justice system, on Teesside.

*Rape Crisis Tyneside and Northumberland* £19,000 Towards the post of chief executive for this expanding sexual violence service working across Tyneside and Northumberland.

*Sunderland Counselling Services* £10,117 To look at long-term options for service provision for victims of sexual violence in Sunderland.

*Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Centre (Darlington & Co Durham)* £5,000 To conduct a feasibility study to look at how a young person’s toolkit could be used in Darlington.

**Programme Wide**

*The Angelou Centre* £9,511 To develop facilities, which will enable the organisation to better support vulnerable women whilst creating an income stream for the Centre in the North East.

*Newcastle Society for Blind People* £4,000 To provide an independent evaluation of the safeguarding project to secure continuation funding.

*26 Grants* £1,355,859

**Commissions**

*CAADA* £72,500 To provide the Insights data management system for five domestic abuse services across the North East.

*Barefoot Research and Evaluation* £19,740 For further work to complete a study looking at sexual exploitation across Teesside.

*Barefoot Research and Evaluation* £19,020 For a study building on previous work, looking at the regional picture regarding sexual exploitation of adults and children across the North East and Cumbria.

*3 Commissions* £111,260

**Total 29 Grants and Commissions** £1,467,119
Enabling Independence and Choice

Grants

Learning disability

Your Voice Counts £111,916 To ensure that people with learning disabilities in Gateshead have access to advocacy support from a combination of volunteers and paid case advocates.

Mental health

Carlisle Eden Mind £98,190 To employ a project worker to develop a range of services for people with mental health problems in Carlisle.

Mind £87,357 Towards the cost of employing a part-time business development officer to support the work of Mind in the North East and Cumbria.

Redcar and Cleveland Mind £79,162 To deliver well-being and therapeutic services.

Waddington Street Centre £67,446 To fund the post of resource organiser coordinating the Centre’s education provision, its volunteers and to develop the concept of a County Durham Recovery College.

Let’s Get Growing £66,760 Towards the core costs of this organisation that provides people with mental health problems and people with dementia, with the opportunity to take part in a gardening project in Tynedale, Northumberland.

New Arts North £60,934 To develop and run a range of creative activities for people with mental health problems in Cumbria.

Blyth Star Enterprises £58,374 To employ a facilitator to support Lionhearts mental health support group in Alnwick, Northumberland.

Hartlepool and East Durham Mind £58,282 To employ a fundraising manager for this organisation, which supports people with mental health problems in Hartlepool and East Durham.

Middlesbrough Mind £57,186 To employ a business development officer to develop Mind’s work in Stockton-on-Tees.

Contact (Morpeth Mental Health Group) £54,185 Towards the core costs of the organisation, which supports people with mental health problems in South Northumberland.

Tyneside Mind £53,107 To recruit a part-time development officer in South Tyneside to develop new services.

Mind in Furness £18,741 Towards the cost of establishing a project to support people with mental health problems in Millom, Cumbria.

Older people

Age UK West Cumbria £88,814 To provide a dementia awareness facilitator to develop community-led initiatives to support people with dementia in West Cumbria and produce a good practice guide.

Prism Arts £75,000 To develop creative opportunities for people with dementia and their carers in Cumbria.

Independent Advocacy (North Tyneside) £66,606 To provide a holistic advocacy service for people with dementia, their carers and families in North Tyneside.

The Life Story Network CIC £19,845 To develop life story work with carers in Hartlepool.

Chopwell and Blackhall Mill Live at Home Scheme £16,800 To establish a dementia cafe in Chopwell and Blackhall Mill, Gateshead.

North East Dementia Alliance £7,500 To research the status of dementia care in the North East.

Total 19 Grants

Enabling Independence and Choice Total £1,146,205
Managing Money

Grants

NE First Credit Union £165,854 To support the growth of a new credit union resulting from the merger of credit unions in Gateshead, Chester-le-Street and County Durham.

Darlington Credit Union £150,000 To support expansion of the credit union’s services.

DAWN £125,000 Towards the continuation of a telephone debt advice service across the North East and Cumbria.

Prince Bishops Community Bank £69,750 To increase membership and loans to individuals in employment by promoting a salary deduction scheme.

Carlisle and District Credit Union £28,300 To provide additional capacity to enable the development manager to concentrate on promoting membership.

Moneywise £14,736 To help the credit union to provide interest free loans for annual travel passes by upgrading its computer systems.

FINCAN £4,500 Towards the running costs and a bursary scheme for a financial inclusion training programme.

7 Grants £558,140

Commission

Liverpool John Moores University £2,500 For a research study to map the progress and development of credit unions in the North East of England and Cumbria since the publication of ‘Strategies for Growth’ in 2012.

1 Commission £2,500

Total 8 Grants and Commissions £560,640

Fresh Ideas

Grants

NEPACS £50,000 To develop community transport routes across the region to improve access for families visiting prisons.

Changing Lives £49,930 Towards the costs of establishing a furniture recycling/resale unit in Newcastle.

Prism Arts £49,904 To work with Haltwhistle Film Project to create developmental training packages for care workers.

Escape Family Support Group £48,780 To assess the viability of a counselling and therapeutic service for Northumberland.

Growing Well £47,500 To pilot and evaluate a therapeutic day community for adults with personality disorders, in Cumbria.

The Derwent Initiative £47,500 To fund the development of a national marketing strategy.

Impact Family Services £47,396 To pilot a service for separating parents who no longer qualify for legal aid.

Teesdale YMCA £46,319 To set up a furniture recycling social enterprise to develop the employability skills of vulnerable young people.

Northumberland Federation of YMCA £45,472 To grow and develop the current business income streams of the organisation.

Stockton District Advice and Information Service £45,272 To develop legal training and learning activities to generate additional income.

Moneywise £40,000 To work in partnership with Your Homes Newcastle to provide low cost credit to enable tenants to purchase furniture.
Fiscus £33,150 To develop a furniture recycling project.

Keyfund Federation (now The Key) £31,570 To develop Keyfund’s ‘Kerching’ programme, which helps young people develop their relationship with money and become financially resilient.

Bill Quay Farm Association £28,071 To develop accredited education provision for this organisation in Gateshead.

The Laurie Brewis Trust £27,500 To develop specialist courses integrating people with a disability within a university setting, in Cumbria.

Open Clasp Theatre Company £25,000 To market a DVD and training package to key care providers in the UK.

Cornerstone Supported Housing £23,500 Towards a full-time manager/trainer, to enable this project in County Durham to expand.

Tees Valley Wildlife Trust £17,464 For a feasibility study to determine the potential for ecotherapy services as a form of occupational therapy.

Age UK Barrow & District £10,000 To undertake a feasibility study for an artisan bakery.

Total 19 Grants

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Policy and Research

Grants

New Philanthropy Capital £10,000 To support the Inspiring Impact programme.

IVAR £5,000 To support a network for funders working on impact and evaluation.

New Philanthropy Capital £5,000 To develop funder practice in supporting impact measurement and reporting.

3 Grants £20,000

Commissions

IVAR £5,000 To provide a contribution to the evaluation of the Child Sexual Exploitation Funders’ Alliance.

St. Chads College, University of Durham £19,800 To carry out a review of Northern Rock Foundation’s work between 1998 and 2014.

2 Commissions £24,800

Total 5 Grants and Commissions

Policy and Research

Total £44,800
### Training and Development

**Grants**

**Learning and Support Small Grants**
38 grants to help organisations address management and governance issues or to engage in learning.

38 Grants **£81,134**

**Commissions**

- **Newcastle University** **£64,000** To deliver a leadership development programme for voluntary sector leaders.
- **Pilotlight** **£52,000** To provide targeted support to increase the sustainability of voluntary sector organisations.
- **Richardson Howarth** **£36,275** To provide access to ‘Building Entrepreneurial Organisations’ training and support to organisations.
- **Brightpurpose** **£10,000** To promote a ‘resilience framework’ to improve awareness of the characteristics and skills of successful voluntary organisations.
- **Cumbria CVS** **£5,000** To assess and scope a Cumbria leadership programme.
- **Richardson Howarth** **£1,500** To deliver demonstration training on ‘Building Entrepreneurial Organisations’.
- **People Purpose Planning** **£1,125** Extension to the Theory of Change training programme.

7 Commissions **£169,900**

**Total 45 Grants and Commissions**

**Training and Development Initiatives**

**Total** **£251,034**

### Exceptional Grants

**Grants**

- **PNE Group** **£50,000** Towards the Start-Up loans project, in the North East and Cumbria.
- **Sunderland Bangladeshi Community Centre** **£32,000** To employ a centre development officer to develop a programme of income generation for this community centre in Sunderland.
- **Institute for Public Policy Research North** **£15,000** Towards the Spending Review North research project.
- **Gateshead Voluntary Organisations Council** **£8,000** Towards Funding Information North East’s information services.

**Total 4 Grants**

**Exceptional Grants**

**Total** **£105,000**

**Total 14 Commissions** **£328,460**

**Total 153 Grants** **£7,298,331**

**Grants and Commissions**

**Grand Total** **£7,626,791**
Hannah Underwood (pictured) is the Chief Executive of The Key, which gives young people the motivation and opportunity to run projects, develop their skills and gain new experiences. In 2013 The Key was awarded a Fresh Ideas Fund grant of £31,570 to develop its “Kerching” programme helping young people to become financially resilient.
Young people present their digital enterprise project idea to a special Key Panel.