



Article 1.3 The Under 16's Training and Learning Fund

Our first set of articles focuses on our well established, and ever developing, Training and Learning Fund. The fund was originally set up in order to distribute income from the wind turbine to residents of the island, in order to benefit members of the community directly in many aspects of personal development.

Article 1.3 focuses on our Under 16's Training and Learning Fund, there are 2 other aspects of the Fund, information on these can be found at: <http://www.hoyorkney.com/newsletter/>

The Under 16's Training and Learning Fund

What is it and how much is my child entitled to?

This is the most recently established aspect of The Training and Learning Fund, and another direction that we are going in. We are delighted to introduce to you the latest addition to the fund, The Under 16's Training and Learning Fund. Previously, only Islanders aged 16 and above could apply, now Parents and Guardians can apply for £500 per year, per child, for funding towards a variety of activities or courses for their children.

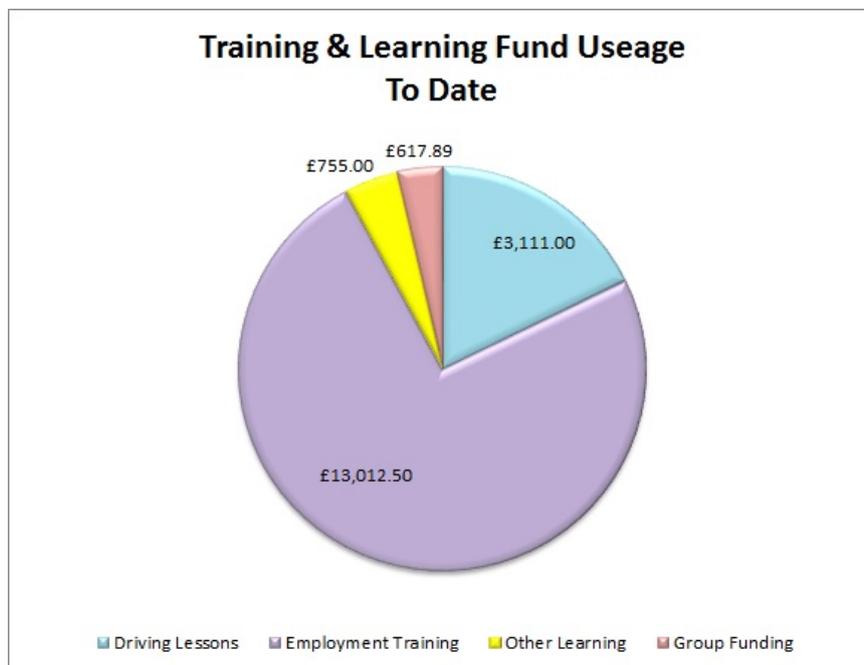
Applications to The Under 16's Training and Learning Fund will almost always be dealt with by the office staff, and the turn around on decisions is likely to be very quick.

Please note, allocation of these funds is dependent on the number of applications that the Trust receives and the value of awards that we have granted during the year, so don't delay in submitting your application!



So what could they use it for?

So far, The Trust has received and approved 70 applications for funding in the Training and Learning category, with a combined total of £17,496.39 paid out across the two established aspects of the Training and Learning Fund. This is how the funds have so far been utilised:



Have you been considering sports lessons at The Pickaquoy Centre on mainland? Perhaps your child would like to attend football, or dance classes on a Saturday



morning, and you can't get to them without an overnight stay?



Perhaps they have an interest in music, and you've

found lessons at The Reel which they would like to attend but they're not feasible without staying overnight?



We could support you, not only with the cost of the lessons, but where it is proven that undertaking certain activities or courses will result in unavoidable travel costs, and/or unavoidable overnight accommodation costs, applicants may apply for funding towards these areas too.



The list of Training and Learning categories is not exhaustive and if you are unsure as to whether or not their chosen category is included, we urge you to get in contact with us and we can assist you with this. Activities and courses do not need to result in a vocational or professional qualification in order to qualify for funding.

OK, my child has chosen an activity or course, how do I apply?

In the same way as the other aspects of The Training and Learning Fund, applying is straight forward. Parents of children wishing to apply for an activity or course should submit a single application form detailing the area they require funding for. Applications can be done in a number of ways. You can download a form by clicking on the following link: <http://www.hoyorkney.com/2016/06/training-learning-fund-application-form/>, we can email, or post you a hard copy, or you can pop into the office and we can assist you with your application.

Course funding may depend on participants applying for external funding as well as funding from the Development Trust. In some instances, applicants may be entitled to external support, which they should investigate in order to qualify for funding through The Trust, the office may be able to assist you with this, please feel free to contact us.

Applications for funding must be received prior to activities or courses being undertaken and we may have to refuse funding if the application is retrospective.

How often can I apply?

Each individual can apply to the fund on their child's behalf as often as they want to, up to the value of £500 per child in any 12 month period. This means that if they undertake an activity or course which costs less than their designated £500, you can reapply into the fund for their outstanding allowance and use it towards another activity or course. For on-going activities or courses, applications will need to be resubmitted annually as we cannot guarantee that approved funding will be continuously offered for activities or courses which take a number of years to complete.

So why not put in an application form? Download, fill in, and send it back to us and your child could be learning again in no time!

