



Meet the **Funders**

Transformation Cornwall and Diocese of Truro

# MEET THE FUNDERS SPRING EVENT 2025

## Programme & Resources

St Erme Community Centre

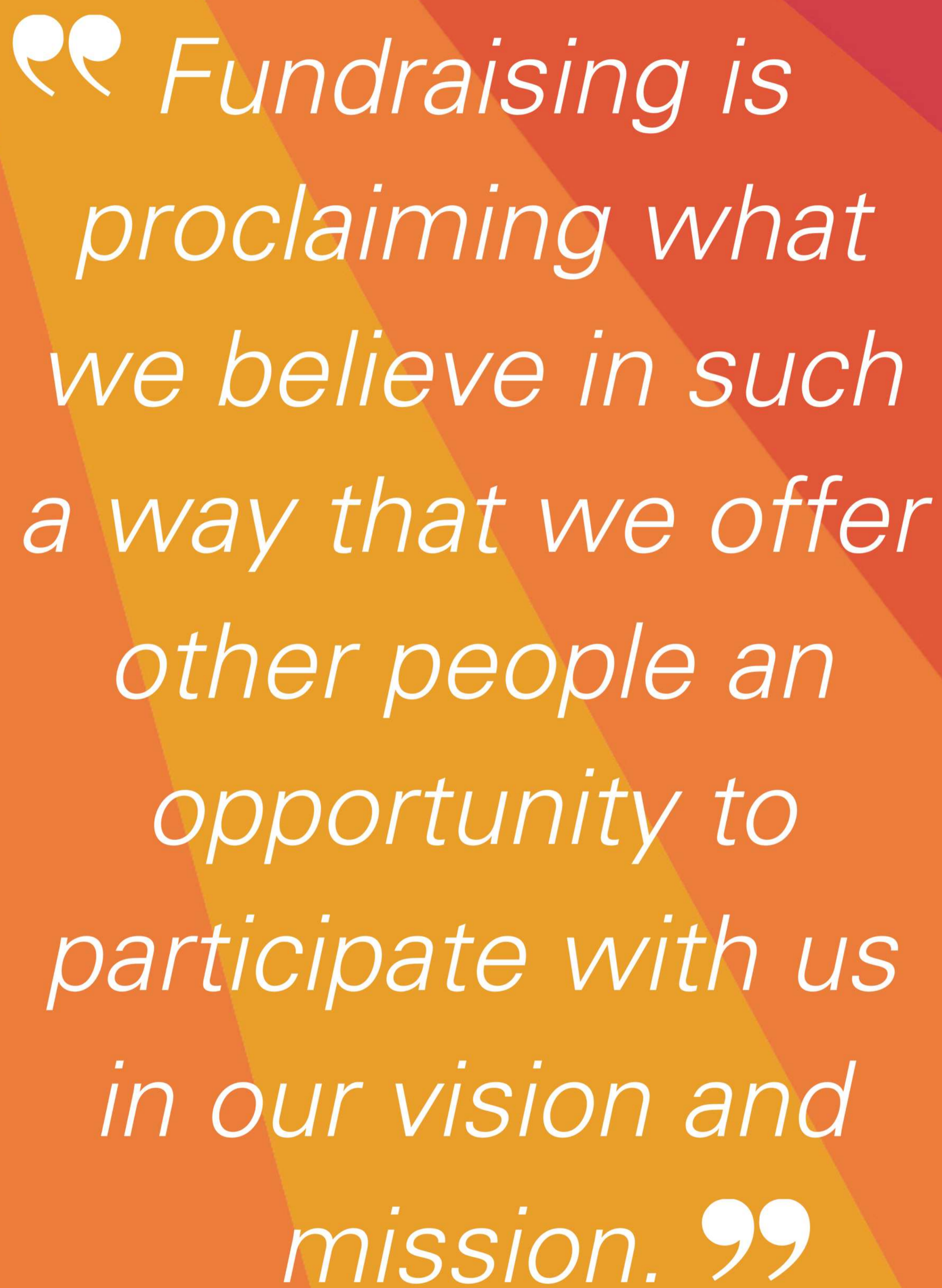
#MtF2025



# ‘Celebrating the Faith and Voluntary Sectors’

Bringing together the change-makers of Cornwall and Grant-making Organisations, to strengthen links, develop networks and build partnerships.





“ *Fundraising is  
proclaiming what  
we believe in such  
a way that we offer  
other people an  
opportunity to  
participate with us  
in our vision and  
mission.* ”

Henri J.M. Nouwen

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# Programme

**09:15**

WELCOME

**09:45**

EVENT BEGINS

**10:00**

CORNWALL'S WOMEN FUND

**10:20**

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST

**10:40**

THE NATIONAL LOTTERY  
COMMUNITY FUND

**11:20**

CORNWALL HISTORIC  
CHURCHES TRUST

**11:40**

ASDA FOUNDATION

**12:00**

LUNCH

**13:00**

TRANSFORMATION  
CORNWALL

**13:30**

CORNWALL COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION (CCF)

**14:00**

WORKSHOPS/ Q&A

**14:30**

NEXT STEPS & CLOSE



## ABOUT THE EVENT

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Meet the Funders (MtF) is an innovative year-long programme that strengthens community work and builds capacity across the Voluntary and Faith sectors in Cornwall. We support projects that address poverty, exclusion, isolation, and rurality.

We believe that the best people to develop flourishing communities are the communities themselves, whether you are an individual, church, faith group, charity, social enterprise, we are here to support you.

MtF begins this year on the 06th May with our Spring Event. This is an opportunity for projects across Cornwall seeking funding to meet and network with a large number of local and national funders.

The day will be hosted by the Bishop of St Germans, the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, and Donna Birrell, Vice-Chair of Churches Together in Cornwall.

The event will be supported by a series of smaller community workshops throughout the year. The workshops take participants through the key stages of developing, funding, and sustaining a community social action project.

Meet the Funders is open to people and projects of all faiths and none. The programme is run as a partnership between Transformation Cornwall and the Diocese of Truro.



**TRANSFORMATION  
CORNWALL<sup>+</sup>**



## Building Strong and Inclusive Communities

*"If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together." African Proverb*

Welcome to our Meet the Funders Spring event, which will be focusing on the theme of building strong and inclusive communities.

The United Nations states on its website that "the goal of social integration is to create a more stable, safe and just society for all, in which every individual, each with rights and responsibilities, has an active role to play. Such an inclusive society is equipped with mechanisms which accommodate diversity, and facilitate/enable people's active participation in their political, economic and social lives."

It's at the local level, in our neighbourhoods, where this goal truly takes shape. As the current economic climate impacts many and increases the risk for the most vulnerable to be left behind, the need for connection, equity, and resilience has never been greater. As your presence today demonstrates, across our neighbourhoods, local organisations, charities and faith groups are stepping up with bold ideas and unwavering commitment to create spaces where everyone can play their part and thrive — regardless of background, identity, or circumstance.

Building strong and inclusive communities means putting people at the centre. Meet the Funders is a powerful reminder that funding is not just about investing in projects, but in people. As gaining funding is becoming more competitive, clearly demonstrating the need for a new initiative and the support from members in your community has never been so crucial. By creating spaces, both online and in-person, where people can connect, express their concerns, and share ideas, can help foster a greater sense of understanding and unity. How are you engaging with and listening to members of your community? What has worked well, and what could be improved?

We are more than ever committed to encouraging these conversations. Therefore, we hope you see today's event not only as an opportunity to connect with potential funders but also as a space to learn, be inspired and spark conversations that will forge new pathways to enhanced community cohesion.

We look forward to hearing about your projects and we remain here for you every step of your journey as you work to build strong and inclusive communities, from refining your vision to the final evaluation. Remember going together can help you go further.

Clinton Sealy,  
Operations Director, Transformation Cornwall

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# Event Hosts & Speakers

Our event hosts:



The Revd Hugh Nelson is the Bishop of St Germans, the suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Truro. He is a Trustee at Transformation Cornwall.



Donna Birrell is a journalist and broadcaster with a passion for Cornwall. She is a Trustee at Transformation Cornwall.

## Our event speakers:



### **National Lottery Community Fund**

The National Lottery Community Fund distributes over £600m a year to communities across the UK. This money is raised by players of the National Lottery. The Community Fund aims to support projects which help communities and people in need.



### **National Churches Trust**

The National Churches Trust are dedicated to supporting places of worship of historic, architectural and community value used by Christian denominations throughout the UK. They do this by providing grants for urgent repairs and community facilities and helping places of worship keep their buildings in good repair.



### **Cornwall Women's Fund**

As a giving circle Cornwall Women's Fund is harnessing the power of individuals to invest together and meet local need in our communities. As a network they share knowledge, understanding and the responsibility of deciding which organisations to support. They run a grant scheme to improve lives and a programme of events to inspire women and girls. They are hosted by Cornwall Community Foundation who administer the fund on their behalf.



### **Cornwall Historic Churches Trust (CHCT)**

The Cornwall Historic Churches Trust assists in the restoration and repair of Cornish churches which have architectural or historic merit. Whilst the Trust has limited capital and resources available, churches and chapels of all denominations are eligible to apply for assistance.



### **The Asda Foundation**

The Asda Foundation supports small, grass roots organisations in several ways throughout the year. Working with Asda's Community Champions in store, they are able to work with a range of organisations and groups on a variety of local community projects.



### **Cornwall Community Foundation (CCF)**

Cornwall Community Foundation helps to build stronger communities by encouraging local giving. All the money they raise supports volunteer-led, grassroots community groups across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Their mission is to make sustainable funding available to address disadvantage and strengthen communities.

# Funders with stalls



## FEAST Cornwall

FEAST harnesses the many talents and energies of Cornwall and Isles of Scilly's artists and communities to create inspiring opportunities for people to come together and enjoy high-quality arts as participants and audiences. They support artists to work with community volunteers to launch or invigorate local festivals and events and to open new doors for people to explore their own creativity. FEAST also works with partner organisations to offer new creative ways of tackling some of the social, economic or environmental issues facing Cornwall and Isles of Scilly.



## Duchy Health Charity

Duchy Health Charity provides strategic and financial support for focused organisations to create effective health and wellbeing solutions for the people of Cornwall. Since its inception it has given out over £9m of grant funding to smaller health and wellbeing related charities for the benefit of those living in Cornwall.



## Good Growth Shared Prosperity Fund

As part of the UK Government's Levelling Up agenda, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly have been allocated £137 million to spend on local investment through the Shared Prosperity Fund. With a focus on green and inclusive growth, they will use their portion to achieve good growth for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, providing opportunities for communities and businesses and giving residents access to new jobs and training.



## The Co-op Foundation

The Co-op's charity are co-operating for a fairer world. They believe co-operation is at the heart of strong communities and this makes them a different kind of funder. They work closely with communities, to listen and learn. They unlock communities' power by focusing on those who have most at stake. They asked young people to shape their vision, and now they are co-operating with them and others to turn this into reality.

# What's next?

Thank you so much for joining us today, to learn, network, and share ideas. We hope that you have found this time beneficial for you, and your projects and we look forward to working closely with you all in the coming months.

Today is just the beginning of our year long MtF programme, and we would invite you to contact us to join our workshops or access our 1:1 project support. Please also sign up to the Transformation Cornwall newsletter on our website to find out more about our work and expand your network.

This document, presentations from today's event, and the rest of our toolbox resources will also be available on the Transformation Cornwall website shortly after the event.

<https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk>

## Meet the Team:

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your project as you continue your journey after this event, please contact....



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