

Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust

Charnwood Arts



Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust first launched in January 2019 with the aim to make a positive impact on the local community it operates within. The Charitable Trust supports charitable and voluntary organisations, local to Intelligent Energy's headquarters in Loughborough, which support and aid amongst others; community groups, young people, sport and lifelong learning.

The Trust currently distributes £100,000 each year and several organisations have already benefited from funding awards, including Charnwood Arts who were awarded over £13,000 in 2022.

Charnwood Arts is an artist-led, community focused charity based in Loughborough, working across the borough of Charnwood, utilising creativity to increase wellbeing. The organisation enables people of all ages with an interest, a range of skills and abilities, experience and expectations, to access the arts across all art forms, and at all levels in a variety of roles.

With the generous support of Intelligent Energy's Charitable Trust, Charnwood Arts are working in collaboration with Safe, Well, Happy – a volunteer run support group for adults with learning disabilities - alongside local artist, Lucy Stevens.

Together they are co-creating an accessible trail for Lower Beacon hill (in Charnwood Forest) to help enable people with additional needs to feel safe and confident in visiting the forest. The project will consist on an audio experience to help individuals to prepare for a forest visit, as well as wayfinding markers and a map of the trail.

Community Arts and Partnerships Manager at Charnwood Arts, Nicola Middler, shared

"This project is so important because it is enabling people with different needs to create something that will help them to better access their local, natural environment and will also help other who are living with a disability. It's vital that this sort of project is collaborative and really directed by the people it will benefit.

Through the creative sessions and visits to the forest, we have noticed a huge growth in confidence from group members, a noticeable positive impact on their wellbeing. We are excited to launch the accessible trail in Spring 2023 and to see the wider positive impact it will have!

We are very grateful to Intelligent Energy's Charitable Trust for their support."

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