

Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust

The Baca Charity



"Baca is like a family, I trust you like a brother".

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 The Baca Charity who were awarded £19,300 in 2021.

Over the last 14 years, Baca has developed expertise as a specialist in supporting unaccompanied young people. They have provided support to over 250 young people from over 15 different countries.

It is their mission to serve young people seeking refuge in the UK without families, some of whom have been victims of human trafficking, by offering them safe homes, as well as therapeutic support in all areas of their lives.

They are committed to providing an inspiring environment that raises hope and strengthens resilience, enabling each young person to rebuild his or her life.

Baca provides a wide range of activities to support young people including: safe accommodation, practical and emotional health workshops, 1:1 art therapy sessions and daily lessons in core subjects amongst many other life changing support services.

Becoming an adult is challenging time for most people. It is even harder when you are leaving care, especially when you live in a new country with a different language, culture and laws.

The funding Baca have received from the Charitable Trust will support those who are struggling to live independently in the local community.

The funding will pay for two members of staff to both work on the project for two days a week. The Leaving Care Support Worker is an advocate for our care leavers, working with them on a 1:1 basis on areas such as maintaining their tenancy and applying for jobs. The Baca's Education Coordinator ensures the young people either secure or maintain their place in further education.

Last year the project supported 18 young care leavers, some had left over the past year, but some got back in touch with Baca having left several years ago. This is testament to the way the young people see Baca.

To find out more about Intelligent Energy's Charitable Trust and to download an application form visit: <https://www.intelligent-energy.com/about-ie-intelligent-energy/charitable-trust/> or email charitable.trust@intelligent-energy.com