

## Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust

# LSU Action



**Intelligent Energy's Charitable Trust** first launched in January 2019 with the aim of making an impact on the local community it operates within. The 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 LSU Action who received £7,120 in 2023.

LSU Action is over 25 years old and has around 1,000 student volunteers each year supporting the organisation. Based at Loughborough Students' Union, LSU Action have over 50 different projects running throughout the year to support the local community and those at the university.

The funding received from the Charitable Trust has been used to facilitate the Kids Camp and Kids Trips for young people in the area.

The Kids Camp is a week-long respite break for 10 young carers. They are taken by 12 student volunteers to the Peak District and participate in fun activities including canoing, rock hopping, theme parks, orienteering and creative tasks.

The aim of the week is to give young carers a break from their usual caring duties and possibly stressful homelife, allowing them to experience childhood.

The Kids Trips take socio-economically disadvantaged children on day trips they may not otherwise get the opportunity to go on. Previously, LSU Action have taken school children to Laser Tag, the Climbing Station and hosted a Space Day.

The aim of the project is to enrich young people's life experience and give them memories, alongside helping them access the education curriculum in a different way.

A young person from the 2023 Kids Camp said:

*"This is a week I will never forget and I don't remember the last time I had this much fun."*

*It was a once in a life time opportunity and I'm so happy to have done it. Thank you to all the volunteers who made it so much fun."*

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