

#CrowdfundGuildford launches it's Spring funding round with pledges up to 10k available to make community ideas happen

We have launched a new funding round as part of our digital crowdfunding initiative, [Crowdfund Guildford](#). This round, up to 10k funding will be available to each project so we can continue to support community-led ideas that help Guildford thrive.

We have allocated a total of £100,000 to the programme, with an increased amount of up to £10,000 available from us per project to boost their funding target. Through our initiative Crowdfund Guildford, we give our residents the chance to get important funding for their community projects. Working in partnership with [Spacehive](#), we encourage our communities to be creative, resilient, and connected.

[The deadline to express interest with your idea is 29 March 2023.](#)

We will hold a workshop, alongside our partner [Spacehive](#), for anyone in the community to discuss their project ideas on Thursday 23 February 2023. To register for this free online event, visit <https://www.spacehive.com/movement/guildford/news>.

We pledged just under £4500 to projects in the previous funding round, supporting a total of £47,703 raised to Crowdfund Guildford projects in the last year. Projects included [Celebrating Disability Art in Guildford](#), offering children and adults with learning disabilities access to art workshops and exhibitions. As well as our pledge, this project received pledges from over 55 community backers.

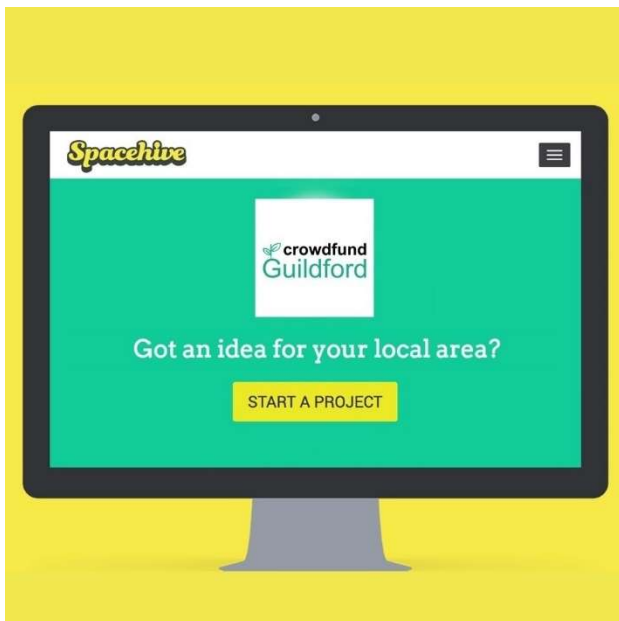
Artventure Manager, Mariann Kehrling said:

“We received the great news that Guildford Borough Council pledged £2,661 to our project that aims to bring disability art closer to our community. We can now show the community the value these artists create and raise the profile for disability art”.

Leader of the Council and Lead Councillor for Housing and Community, Cllr Julia McShane said:

“A new year means a new funding round for Crowdfund Guildford. We have increased our maximum pledge, to up to £10,000 from £5000 in previous rounds, so there has never been a more exciting time to join the programme and bring your idea to life. I can't wait to see more inspiring ideas from our residents to help our communities. Working with local people is important to us, we know they are best placed to understand the challenges and opportunities in our local areas and this round is another opportunity to empower our communities and their ideas.

“If you or someone you know has an idea that could benefit local people, I encourage you to [join our workshop on 23 February](#). It is the perfect chance to find out how Crowdfund Guildford can help you reach your funding target and talk to us about growing your idea, however big or small.



“I’m also calling on companies and organisations that care about the success of locally-led campaigns to join us in offering support to project ideas. Keep an eye on our [projects page](#) to find new projects to support throughout this round. Pledge your support with us and help Guildford thrive.”

- to find out more about Crowdfund Guildford visit <https://www.spacehive.com/movement/guildford/about>
- high resolution images and the logo for Crowdfund Guildford are attached and available for journalists to use.
- Spacehive is a funding platform for ideas that bring local civic and community spaces to life. Its vision is a world where anyone can shape their local area to create places that make people happy, proud and prosperous.
- the platform pools together funds between councils, businesses, foundations and the local community to pay for projects that improve local places, which typically results in projects securing three times more funding than if they were relying on council funds alone. Projects can range from building a new community centre or improving the local park to improving a playground or putting on a street festival.
- companies, foundations and public bodies interested in supporting projects alongside us should contact <https://www.spacehive.com/movement/guildford/about>