

HENRY SMITH FOUNDATION

Welcome for Newcomers Fund Launch Webinar





New Strategy – Our approach

Why this fund?

Newcomers
face barriers

Local
organisations
matter

Those
organisations
need support

This fund
exists to
strengthen
them.

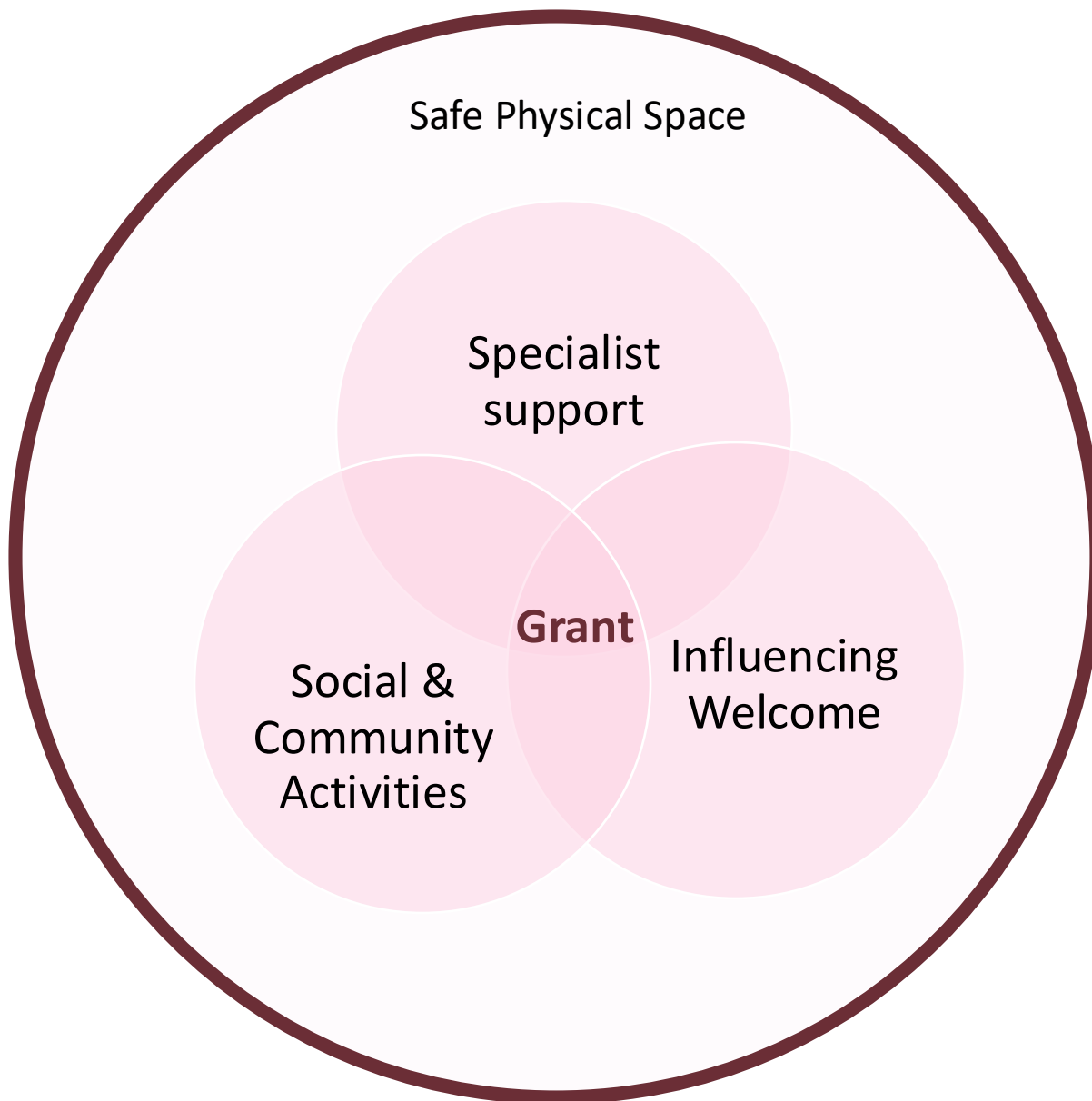


Who we want to support?

Combination of the three elements of welcome

- **Specialist support** : e.g., IAA registered immigration advice, Housing and welfare support, Healthcare and therapeutic support, ESOL and employability support – whole-person centered and culturally appropriate support.
- **Social and community activities**– e.g., Enabling belonging through relationship building, volunteering opportunities, sports and other activities that build connection and participation within the community.
- **Influencing their local welcome ecosystem** – e.g., Strengthening links with employers, educators and services, improving local policies and practices, public education, amplifying newcomer voices, improving local conditions for welcome.

Specialist support may be delivered directly or accessed through trusted referral pathways where appropriate.



Eligibility, the essentials

Your Organisation

- A UK-registered charitable organisation – Charity, CIO, not-for-profit CIC with an asset lock, or other not-for-profit charitable body.
- At least 18 months' track record delivering the three core elements of Welcome work.
- Supporting newcomers must be as your organisations charitable purpose, mission or objects.
- At least one year of audited or independently examined accounts - No Income threshold is applicable.
- Up-to-date safeguarding policy and practices.
- Ongoing, long-term access to safe and accessible physical space(s) where the work is delivered. You should own, rent or have formal permission to use the space(s)
- Please note there is no minimum or maximum income threshold

Your Partnership

- Have been established with the charitable purpose of supporting newcomers to the UK.
- Demonstrate delivery experience by having at least 18months track record of delivering the three core elements of Welcome work.
- Have an eligible lead partner that can manage the grant and meet all the organisational eligibility requirements.
- Have formal governance arrangements which include:
 - A formal partnership agreement
 - Clear roles and responsibilities
 - A suitable governance framework
 - A Partnership Budget

Key dates

- Fund opens – 15th July 2026, 9am
- EOI deadline – 26th August 2026, 5pm
- Full application (by invitation) – 17th September 2026 – 16th October 2026, 5pm
- Calls with our team – 19th October – 6th November 2026
- Decisions – December – 31st January 2027

More than money

A Relationship with a Grant Manager, annual check-in calls, a mid-grant visit, and learning exchange with other funded organisations

£200,000

Total grant per organisation

3 years

Flexible funding, you can use the money for your general running-costs

20

Organisations funded

**December
2026**

Outcomes communicated

How to apply

1

Eligibility quiz – a short self-service check on our website.

2

Expression of interest – a brief form with around four questions. It helps us, and you, judge the fit for the fund.

3

Full application – by invitation. Detailed questions plus in-depth checks on your documentation.

4

A call with our team – questions around safeguarding, and any other points that need clarification from your application.

What we want to achieve

- Resilient welcome organisations and partnerships who have the capacity to plan, collaborate and expand their reach to support newcomers.
- Better outcomes for newcomers so they can access services, progress towards life ambitions and participate in their local community.
- Strengthened local cultures of welcome with more welcoming local policies, practices and attitudes

Where applications are closely matched, we will prioritise:

- Organisations and partnerships that demonstrate how people with lived experience shape, influence or lead their work.
- Organisations and partnerships that are rooted in their local communities and collaborate with others to strengthen local Welcome.
- A balanced distribution of grant holders across the UK, including different regions and urban/rural contexts.

Welcome for newcomers

**Wednesday July
15th 2026**

The Welcome for Newcomers fund opens for Expression of Interest Applications. Deadline is Wednesday 26th August 2026

**Recording,
transcript, FAQs**

We will upload the recording and transcript following this webinar. We will also update our FAQs page with the questions you have asked.

**Any more
questions?**

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