

Guildry and Mortifications Fund Committee

29 February 2024

Request for Financial Assistance – Aberdeen Foyer

Total request for funding: £1550

The Foyer is a charitable organisation supporting people in the North East of Scotland towards independent living, learning and work. Working with over 1600 people a year we start with people's strengths, supporting them to build their confidence, develop their talents and make real and lasting change in their lives by:

- providing young people who are homeless or at risk a safe place to stay
- supporting people who are unemployed to learn new skills and move into work
- engaging people through education and learning opportunities
- supporting positive mental health and wellbeing

We deliver joined up services offering supported housing, learning, training, counselling, employment support and health improvement initiatives to young people and adults.

The Foyer is currently supporting a number of people in Aberdeen City who are seeking employment but require additional training and a vocational qualification or certification to proceed. These costs are far beyond the individuals' means and this type of additional assistance can only be supported by Aberdeen Foyer when funds allow.

Funding requests

Person A - 21 years old - justice and care experienced young person whose parents are currently both in prison. He will work to gain his CSCS card and will then complete a 2 week placement with a construction company to gain work experience in the construction industry.

Cost of CSCS including ID: £250

Person B - 27 years old - justice experienced and has been in and out of prison over the last couple of years. His partner is currently pregnant with their first child and this has spurred him on to get his CSCS card to help him provide for his new baby when it arrives. He has previous construction experience but will be supported with job searches once card is obtained.

Cost of CSCS including ID: £250

Person C - 39 years old - justice experienced. He has been at the foyer for a just under a year and has completed cooking sessions to learn to cook and has been supported to update his CV. He has been offered a job in construction by a friend as such, as soon as he completes his CSCS card he will be straight into employment.

Cost of CSCS including ID: £250

Person D - 17 years old- justice experienced young person, He will also complete his CSCS and do work experience with a construction company to get work experience in the construction industry as to be more appealing when applying for apprenticeships in May.

Cost of CSCS including ID: £250

Person E - 25 years old - justice experienced – supported by Foyer with accommodation before obtaining his own tenancy. He has built his CV and completed several accredited learning city and guilds units. He wants to complete his CSCS card and will be supported to look for employment.

Cost of CSCS including ID: £250

Person F – has not been able to return to offshore work as is in recovery from an addiction which has negatively impacted his life. He is now progressing very well in a treatment programme and has set his focus on becoming a personal trainer with his starting point being becoming a gym instructor, allowing him to gain experience, build his own funds, then seek out further training. Having taken control of his spending habits he is now able to part fund the cost of the Gym Instructor’s course (total cost £540). He will continue to be supported by The Foyer through this journey towards his ultimate employment goal, giving his life structure and allowing him to have more autonomy over the time he can spend with his family.

Balance of Gym Instructor’s course: £300

Notes:

Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) cards provide proof that individuals working on construction sites have the appropriate training and qualifications for the job they do.