

The Royal London Foundation awards £25,000 Degge & Ridge Award to two successful applicants

Royal London Group

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Royal London, the UK's largest mutual life and pensions company, is pleased to announce the Royal London Foundation's 2012 Degge & Ridge award has this year been awarded to two successful applicants.

The 500,000 members of Royal London were asked to nominate causes which support health issues in their local community for this annual £25,000 award.

The Birkenhead Park Rugby Football Club will be using the donation to provide a community family room and fund sports courses, purchase vital sports equipment and uniforms. The facilities will also be used to run sessions for the children, and their parents, on various issues such as healthy eating, exercise and drugs advice. This funding will enable them to expand their outreach to the whole community.

In Spalding, The Arthrogyrosis Group will use their donation to set up a four stage physiotherapy intervention programme to complement existing NHS services available to sufferers of this rare congenital condition. This project will give families the skills to incorporate the required physiotherapy into everyday activities and improve the lives of their children.

Andy Carter, Executive sponsor of the Foundation, said:

“Both the recipients for this year's Degge and Ridge award will have a direct impact on communities where there is a large concentration of Royal London Members.

“The Royal London Foundation committee, in association with the Community Foundation Network (CFN), judged that both this year's recipients will make a significant positive impact on their communities with the donations they receive.

“This is very much in line with the founding principles of the Royal London Group and we are delighted to be able to reflect our members' wishes and support their hard work.”

Lesley Talbot from CFN said:

“CFN's partnership with Royal London enables the company's Foundation to deliver financial support to small grassroots charities which operate in local communities across the UK.

“We’re delighted that both of these groups will be able to carry out their plans for next 12 months, thanks to these donations. The Birkenhead Park Rugby Football Club will reach so many people within the community and go beyond basic health issues. The Arthrogryposis Group can be called upon at any time and helps relieve a huge amount of stress and uncertainty for the families involved.”

The Foundation will be open for members to nominate local causes for standard grants from 14 January 2013.

For further information about the Foundation, standard grants and the Degge & Ridge Award, please visit www.royallondonfoundation.co.uk.

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Editors Notes:

1. Community Foundations Network

Royal London works with Community Foundations Network (CFN) to manage the applications and grant making process. CFN is a registered charity that leads a movement of community foundations committed to positive social change in the UK through the development of ‘community philanthropy’. It acts as a national membership association for community foundations nationwide, negotiating and managing grant-making and fundraising opportunities.

Working with CFN means The Royal London Foundation will run efficiently, cost effectively and enable it to reach communities at a local level.

2. The Royal London Foundation was launched in April 2011 in honour of our founders, Joseph Degge and Henry Ridge. The aim of the Foundation is to help people in UK communities in which our members live, by providing grants to charities and projects our members support.

The Foundation focuses on three core areas:

- **Education**
Causes whose objectives are to help develop the skills of people who require assistance and do not otherwise have access to appropriate support;
- **Elderly**
Causes which help older generations who require assistance in their daily lives
- **Health**
Causes that provide health and fitness activities to those who might not otherwise have access to such facilities

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