## **Funding Advice Bureau**

## **Testimonial:**

## Families Together at The Beacon Church and Community Centre, Sheffield

As the founder of a new charitable project late in 2012 I was daunted by the complex legal issues I faced. I had no idea how to fund-raise, constitute a group or ask businesses for help.

I attended a workshop hosted by SYFAB on fund-raising in my area. The information was accessible, clear and left me feeling equipped to take the next steps in growing my project. I subscribed to email - what a God send! I found out about loads of opportunities I hadn't even heard of before. This directly led to me accessing FUSE funding that has helped me and other volunteers become trained in developing a fund-raising strategy, connecting with businesses, developing a volunteer pathway and other governance issues.

I see us reaping from what we have learnt through SYFAB for years too come and I know that their help is going to make a real impact in my local community. Earlier this year I was successfully awarded £10,000 from Awards for All to commission a feasibility study and community audit for my local area. This independent study will provide the basis for many future funding applications.

I have always found the staff at SYFAB friendly and professional and I have now attended several of their workshops. As a qualified secondary teacher I was delighted to attend training sessions that exemplify best practice; effectively relaying information creatively.

I would not hesitate in recommending their courses to anyone who wants accessible training at a low rate.

Overall I am impressed at how much investment SYFAB continues to bring to the region of South Yorkshire. It is clear that this money is bringing much needed employment, equipment, resources and training to the region. Long may their funding continue!

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