

THE Openwork Foundation

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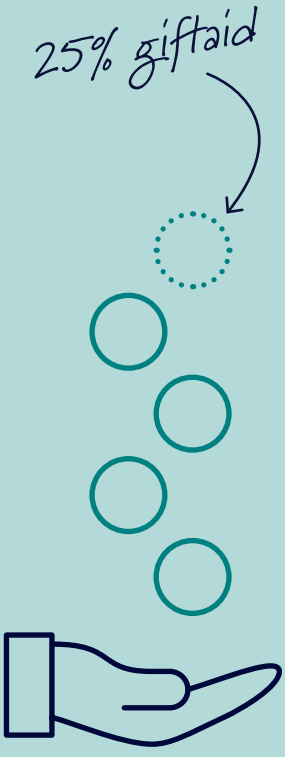
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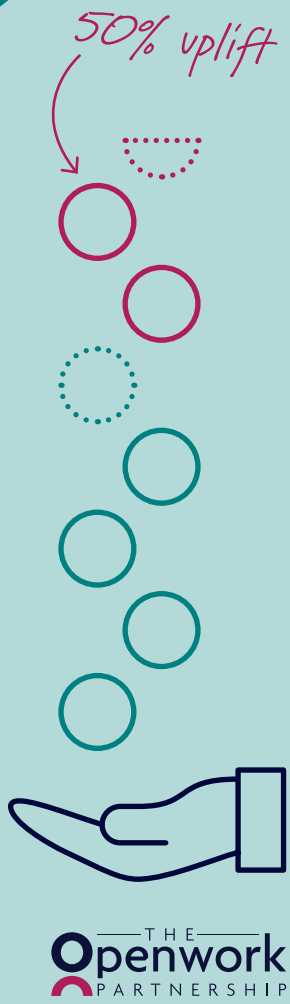
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Everything you fundraise or donate, *plus any applicable gift aid*, **is uplifted 50% by The Openwork Partnership.**

This means your donations can do much more for those most in need in our communities.

Donations to the Foundation benefit charities supporting people of all ages facing a wide range of different challenges and make a real difference in our communities.





Yorkshire Three Peaks HIKING CHALLENGE

20 September

Join the ultimate team event and take on one, two or three of the highest peaks in the scenic Yorkshire Dales on 20 September. Choose the challenge level to suit you:

Option 1:
Take on the most challenging peak in Yorkshire, Ingleborough, ascending 723m and covering around 9 miles. (~6 hours)

Option 2:
Push yourself further and tackle the mighty Whernside first, before moving to scale Ingleborough, hiking around 18 miles in total. (~9 hours)

Option 3:
Take on the full, iconic, Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge; starting with Pen-Y-Ghent at sunrise to complete an almost marathon distance and ascend all three peaks including Pen-Y-Ghent. (~12 hours).



Get fit for the Foundation

To mark 20 years of the Openwork Partnership we are inviting you to take on a challenge, to 'Get Fit for the Foundation' and help us reach a £1 million fundraising target.



Groups taking on the different options will have staggered starts so that all participants will join up throughout the day and complete the challenge together.

This is a great chance to get your team together, bring clients, friends or family.

Find out more & register — **Click here**

See who has signed up & support them — **Click here**

All totals you raise, plus any gift aid, will be matched at 50% by the Openwork Partnership, so your efforts will go even further to support amazing causes.











Oscar's Garden Project with WellChild

In May volunteers from Openwork's Extended Leadership Team took on 'Oscar's Garden Project' working with WellChild, a wonderful charity for children with complex needs.

You can watch a short video-documentary showcasing the team's incredible efforts here.

Watch here

There were some sore arms and legs after days of digging, lifting and carrying but it was all worth it to see Oscar and his family's reaction to their garden transformation and to know the difference it will make to their lives.

See the BBC online coverage of the project here.

Click here

Young Enterprise

Member of JA Worldwide

Get involved! YE Volunteering

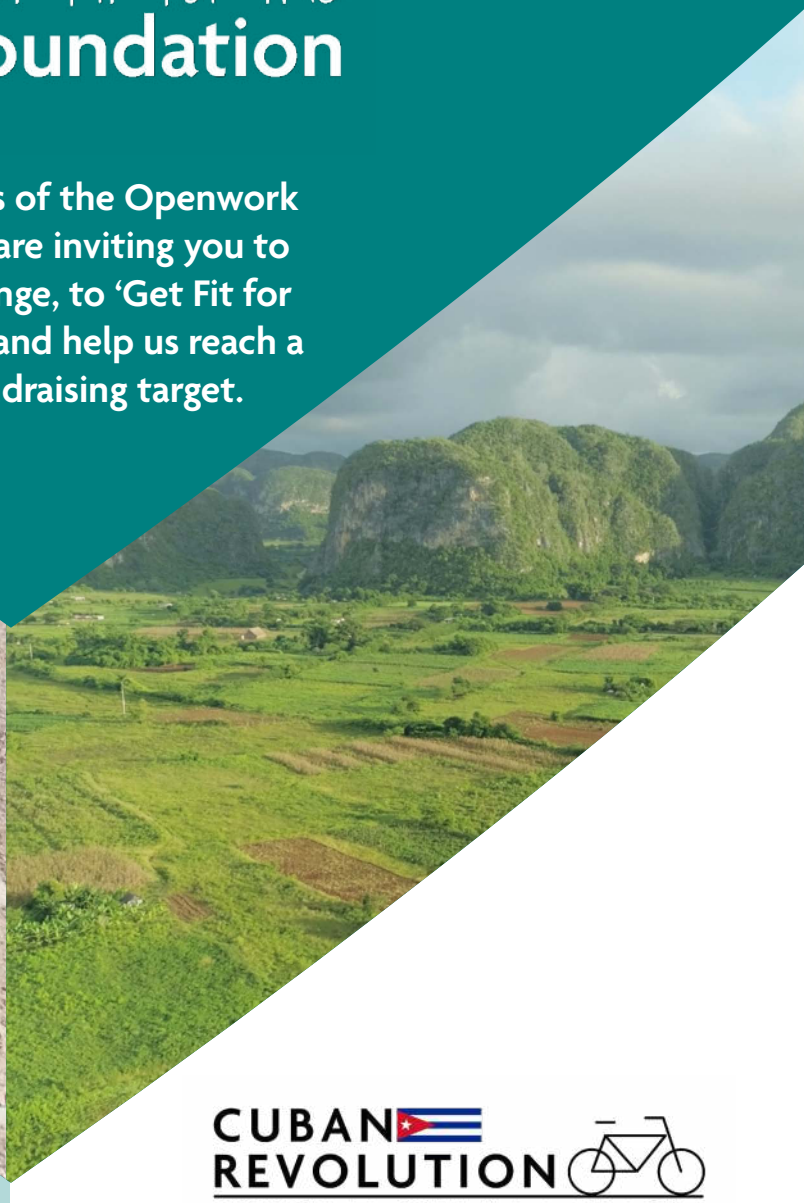
Young Enterprise offer many volunteering opportunities in their programmes including acting as judges, speakers or mentors at both one-off events as well as longer term, regular opportunities.

Check out the opportunities available and sign up here.

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NATIONAL 3 PEAKS HIKING CHALLENGE

11 - 13 July

From 11-13 July **Phil Champan, Ian Gourley, Rory Avery, Matt Latham** and **Alex Davies** are taking on one of the toughest outdoor challenges in the UK as they scale Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Yr Wydffa (Snowdon), climbing and travelling through the night.

Ahead of the challenge **Alex Davies, Matt Latham, and Rory Avery** completed an entire working day of 30-minute relays on a stairmaster – all in a bid to prepare and fundraise.

You can find their fundraising pages and support them

Click here

CUBAN REVOLUTION CYCLE CHALLENGE

22 November - 1 December

Calling all cyclists! Our overseas cycle challenges have become legendary, bringing together people from across the Partnership each year to take on a week-long demanding cycle across challenging terrain. This year the team are heading to Cuba to take on a 380km route from the cultural capital Havana to the exotic Caribbean coast.

Is this your year to take-up the gauntlet and join the team?

Find out more about what's involved and how to sign up

Click here

2025 Foundation Golf Days

This year we are inviting advisers, providers, clients and friends to join us to take part in a golf day and support the Foundation.

The next event will take place at the **Drumoig Golf Club, Scotland, 21 August**, an 18-hole, champion style, par 73 course set on 250 acres of spectacular Fife countryside.

Please contact Alan Ferguson, PDM directly to purchase tickets. **Click here**

They will be great opportunities to enjoy the craic, regardless of how your round of golf goes! The most important thing is everyone enjoys a great day out, catches up with some old friends or makes new connections and helps to raise funds for the fantastic causes that The Openwork Foundation supports!

See below for details of future golf events across the UK this year.

Please contact the local Partnership Development Manager listed to express an interest in the remaining golf events which are taking places across the UK this year. (Discounts are available if attending more than one event):

Copt Heath Golf Club, Birmingham, 8 September
Emma Briggs **Click here**

The Bristol Golf Course, 11 September
Matt Ruthen **Click here**

Ramside Hall Golf Club, Durham, 18 September
Ian Boardman **Click here**

All funds raised will be matched at 50% by The Openwork Partnership



Fantastic Fundraising

Team Hitchell's South Down Challenge

From the 25th of June, **Richard Hitchell**, **James Hitchell**, and **Louisa Saunders** will be taking on the full 100-mile South Downs Way, cycling from Winchester to Eastbourne.

This challenge is no small feat, the South Downs Way is 100 miles of historic, hilly, and almost entirely off-road terrain. While Richard is no stranger to a bike, James tells us he is definitely not a natural cyclist, so completing this route will be a major undertaking for him!

Find out more and support the team here.

Click here

Fantasy Football Tournament

Huge thanks to 2plan's **Graeme Stamper** for organising the 2024/25 Openwork/2plan Fantasy Football Tournament and raising a fantastic **£937.50!** It was an incredibly close and exciting season with 58 players involved.

Congratulations to **Tim Caldwell**, who emerges as this year's Champion, with **Sodhi Gill** and **Rob Denton** also on the podium in second and third places.

London Marathon

On Sunday 27 April, seven runners took to the streets of the capital to raise funds for the Openwork Foundation.

So far, the runners have raised over **£18,000**, which will make a real difference to vulnerable people who are supported through the Openwork Foundation's grants programmes. Plus, the Openwork Partnership will uplift all final fundraising totals by 50%.

Feeling inspired? Click below to register your interest to run the London Landmarks Half Marathon for the Foundation on Sunday 12 April 2026

Ben Town
2plan

Beth Webb
Concept Financial Services

Charlie Lowe
The Penny Group

Georgia Payne
BSG Financial Solutions

Harrison Baker
The Openwork Partnership

Hugo Jafari
Prosperity

Toby Warn
Harridge Financial Services Ltd

Register your interest.
Use the password OWF

Click here





Taking the Plunge

Congratulations to **Jo Ferrier, Paul Shearman** and his daughter Maddy who successfully completed the Great North Swim in Lake Windermere for the Foundation. So far their incredible efforts have raised a fantastic **£2,800** for the Foundation (before The Partnership uplift is added).

Support Paul's swim

Click here

Support Jo's swim

Click here



Cleaning up for the Foundation

Shout out to **Liam Blackburn** who turned suds into support this week! His incredible two days of car washing for colleagues raised a fantastic **£428** for the Foundation.



2-mile May

A big thank you to Openwork colleague, **Daryl George**, who challenged himself to run 2 miles every single day throughout May, donating £2 for each day he ran. His £62 donation which will add up to **£111.60** for the Foundation with gift aid and the Partnership uplift.

All funds raised will be matched at 50% by The Openwork Partnership



Organise your own activity

We can support you when you organise your own fundraising activity.

We can help with:

- Setting up a personalised online fundraising page
- Assisting with deposits and set-up or registration costs
- Providing Foundation branded technical t-shirts
- Helping promote your event



Please email foundation@theopenworkpartnership.com **to find out more and to request a copy of our fundraising pack.**

Foundation Week

From 19-23 May, Foundation Week brought together people from across the Partnership in a joint celebration of 20 years of the Openwork Partnership and the work of the Foundation.

Bowling with BATS

On Monday four teams from Openwork and Omnis took part in a fantastic inter company ten pin bowling evening with Swindon BATS Sports and Social Club for the visually impaired.

The evening included being challenged to bowl whilst wearing specially adapted glasses and blindfolds to give an insight into the experience of navigating activities with a visual impairment.

Marcus Cossey won bragging rights as the Partnership's highest scorer for the evening!

Online Quiz

Colleague Champions hosted a live Kahoot quiz with a fun mix of general knowledge questions. The event was such a success the Champions are now planning to host a quarterly quiz online.

Business Management Bake Sale

The Business Management team also hosted a bake-sale in Auckland House with an incredible spread of delicious delights which raised a fantastic **£662**, including The Partnership 50% uplift.

For information about getting involved as a Foundation Ambassador for your organisation or as a Colleage Champion please email the Foundation.

Foundation Ambassadors Day and Charities Fair

Thursday saw representatives from Partner Firms join with Colleagues Champions at Auckland House for a special Ambassador Day, to celebrate and reflect on the work of the Foundation. A number of charities which have been supported by the Foundation also joined us for a lunchtime Charity Fair. It was a great opportunity for people to get involved in fun activities and hear directly from charities about the impact of the Foundation's grant programmes.

Champion's Games

Throughout the week, the competition hotted up in the tabletop basketball and Mario Kart competitions, hosted by Foundation Colleague Champions.

Despite **Peter Jones** sharing all his tips and coaching others, no-one quite managed to match his Mario Kart score and he took home the prize for fastest lap, with **Jack Cole** and **Emily McGaw** also on the podium in 2nd and 3rd.

Competition was just as fierce on the basketball, culminating in a tie between **Michelle Fogarty** and **Dan Vaughan**.

Harry Davis was the lucky winner of the word search draw.

A special thank you to our **Facilities Team** and **Social Committee** for their support during the week and making all this possible.











Owl Conference 2025

The Foundation team were delighted to attend the OWL Conference on 13 June and connect with so many supporters at the event.

The Foundation raised a fantastic total of **£3,975** including The Partnership uplift, through the generosity of delegates supporting our raffle and auction.

During the evening gala dinner **Lisa Willingham** spoke about the work of the Foundation. **Andrzej Kuich**, who was celebrating 10 years with OWL was also recognized with a Foundation Lifetime Achievement award and **Edward Adu-Boahen** was awarded the Foundation Hero.





Owl
Financial

Support us by Giving Monthly

Regular donations are essential to the work of The Openwork Foundation, allowing us to effectively plan our grant programmes.

Regular giving can be paid directly from your salary, with donations uplifted by The Openwork Partnership by 50%.

Tax is reduced via payroll, for colleagues, or through your self-assessment.

Click on the options to set up your donation today:

Openwork Colleagues Give As You Earn	Click here
Openwork Partners & OWL Advisers Business fee account	Click here
2plan & Openwork Partnership Advisers and Staff Direct debit	Click here

THE OPENWORK FOUNDATION Lottery
PLAY AND SUPPORT VITAL UK CHARITIES

Monthly Lottery

All advisers, partners and colleagues are invited to take part in the monthly lottery for just £1/ticket.

The top prize is now £500 (or £250 if fewer than 1,000 tickets are entered for the month), plus two runners up winning £50 and a spot prize of £25 for new entrants.

The lottery is drawn on the last working day of the month using a random number generator and winners will be notified on the day via email.

Congratulations to our latest winners **Lee Bessell, Jake Saunders, Jonathan Davies** and **Stacey Cooper**.

Colleague Sign-Up	Click here
Adviser Sign-Up	Click here

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Payday Bingo

Colleagues can also take part in our monthly Payday Bingo Game which is played online.

Congratulations to our most recent winner, **Graeme Duke**

Sign up for next month's game.	Click here

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Thank you for your support

We would love to hear from you with ideas and suggestions to help us do even more for causes that are important to you.