



Ferrywell Youth Project (£5,000)

The Ferrywell Youth Project is changing the lives of young people in the Pilton, Muirhouse and Drylaw areas of Edinburgh. A project rooted in Christian faith, the vision is for young people, age 10 to 18, to feel valued and supported to live lives characterised by positive health and responsible choices, which includes active engagement with local churches and other agencies.

In an area currently experiencing high levels of drug and alcohol abuse and criminal behaviour, the Ferrywell Youth Project offers range of constructive recreational activities such as a craft club, help with homework, short Bible studies, outings and residential camps.

The work is carried out by a Project Leader and a team of around twelve volunteers, who try to build positive relationships with the young people and, if faith becomes part of their lives, connect them to local churches. A group comes along to Ps & Gs Sunday evening service.

The Micah Fund donation would enable the Ferrywell Youth Project to fund premises for the project. A base in North Edinburgh for staff and volunteers will allow young people to drop by, further strengthening the growing relationships.

ferrywell.org.uk

Refugee Survival Trust (£5,000)

The Refugee Survival Trust helps refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland, supporting some of the most vulnerable asylum seekers by providing grants to those who are destitute (that is, too poor to afford the most basic needs of themselves and their families).

Asylum seekers are not allowed to work and only receive around 70% of government benefits. Even when granted support, bureaucratic delays often mean that refugees are left without financial support for weeks or months. In six months in 2016, the RST awarded 408 much-needed destitution grants, supporting 700 people including 216 children.

A destitution grant can be as little as £36, but that amount can make a huge difference. It can be used for essential travel (such as to apply for asylum) or to submit further paperwork and appeals. At a human level, it can help preserve someone's dignity when they have no options left.

The Micah Fund donation would enable the Refugee Survival Trust to support, for example, around 100 refugee families with grants of £50 each, making a significant difference in the lives of some of Scotland's most vulnerable people.

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Scottish Public Leaders (£5,000)

The Scottish Public Leader's (SPL) programme, run by the Evangelical Alliance, is training and equipping emerging Christian leaders in key areas of public life, to help transform Scotland. SPL provides training, mentoring and a peer support network.

Christian leaders in public roles can bring huge benefits to a nation as they live out positive Christian values in their work. But the next generation of leaders has grown up with little connection to the church or gospel values. The SPL has been set up to tackle this gap, so that Scottish leadership of the future can be characterised by Christian values, even in times of political uncertainty and upheaval.

SPL offers a nine-month programme for about fifteen people each year. Over ten years, this could lead to 150 key Christian leaders in Scotland, which in turn could bring about significant cultural change in our country. It will ensure strong voices speaking up for the positive role of the church in public life, and it will benefit the population as a whole as Kingdom values become part of the fabric of Scottish society.

The Micah Fund donation would enable the programme to employ administrative support, which will enable development the course, hosting of events and an increase of the programme's impact across Scotland.

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Equip (SU Scotland) (£5,000)

It's very difficult to be a Christian in a Scottish high school. Many young people have made commitments to Jesus but struggle to live out that faith at school.

Equip is a course that empowers young Christians to be a strong presence in their school, making a significant cultural impact. It also trains young people how to lead a vibrant SU group which can reach out to their peers.

Scripture Union want to train fifty senior pupil leaders across 18 Edinburgh schools. The project will impact around 750 young people (250 existing SU group members and around 500 students attending outreach events).

Some outcomes from the project could include Christian musicians performing acoustic sets at lunchtime, Youth Alpha courses, or TED-style talks about faith and Jesus.

The Micah Fund donation would enable SU to deliver the course by providing about one third of the funding needed to cover volunteer support and training costs, and the costs of overseeing and encouraging the school groups.

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