



# Strathleven Foundation

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### The Children's Library - Glencairn House

The Trustees of Strathleven Foundation kicked off our **Inspiring Change Fund** in the latter part of **2025**. We awarded West Dunbartonshire Council almost **£200,000** to work with Lateral North, a digital technology design company, to enhance the visitor experience at the soon to be completed children's library in Glencairn House.

There was no better way to inspire young people than through an exciting experience for local and visiting children to Dumbarton.



Children will be able to experience Dumbarton past, present and future through projection, augmented reality, virtual reality and digital interaction.

Story telling and content has been informed through workshops and engagement with local schools and is set against the backdrop of the River Leven.

Glencairn Library is expected to open in **April/May 2026** and we are really pleased to be a part of this inspirational project.

# Strathleven Foundation Education Awards

Following on from the success of our Glencairn House funding, the Trustees wanted a quick and targeted approach to underline our commitment to inspiring young people in our community. In **January 2026** we launched our Education Fund for schools within our Area of Benefit.

We invited schools in Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven to apply for up to **£5000** for primary schools and up to **£10,000** for secondaries. Schools could apply for help with extra-curricular activities which aligned with the priorities of the Foundation.

## Fund Snapshot



**£112,370**  
Awarded to  
local schools



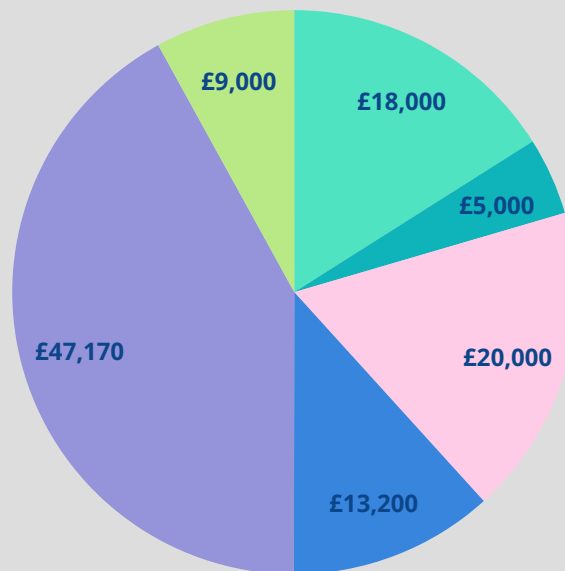
**Application**  
success rate



**21 schools**  
received  
funding

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### How the funding will be spent



■ Art, Culture and Sport ■ Food and Nutrition ■ Inclusivity  
■ Science and Technology ■ The Outdoors ■ Trips

The diversity of applications received was fantastic, with many schools highlighting the challenges pupils faced within their deprived catchment area. These awards will enable many children and young people to participate in inspiring experiences which otherwise would not be open to them in a safe, fun and inclusive environment.

We look forward to hearing their stories and seeing how we have helped make a difference.

# The Acorn Centre - Children's Ward at the Vale of Leven Hospital

The Trustees were asked for their support in enhancing and improving the environment within the **Acorn Centre** at the Vale of Leven Hospital. The Centre plays a crucial role in the experience the children and their families receive when attending for care and support.

By transforming the Centre into a more welcoming environment, the aim is to reduce anxiety and promote wellbeing - creating a more positive experience for young people.

We were therefore delighted to make an award of **£20,000** to **Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity** toward the cost of the Centre transformation.

“ We are deeply grateful for your commitment to supporting children's health and wellbeing. Contributions such as yours enable us to go beyond essential care and create spaces where children can feel safer, calmer, and more at ease during a hospital visit.

Adam Kelly - Head of Philanthropy  
GCHC

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The enhancements will include child friendly decor, interactive features, sensory elements and improved seating areas - all designed to ease the stress that often comes with hospital visits.

We hope that with our help, the Acorn Centre can become a place not just of medical care, but a space where children feel safe, relaxed and supported through their treatment journey.

Work on the refurbishments will begin later this year and we can't wait to see the wonderful changes which take place.

## The Dumby Project

Recently, the Trustees were intrigued to hear about The Dumby project - a documentary exploring the history, community and cultural significance of Dumbarton Rock.

**Edge Photography** wanted to showcase the film and needed help to support post production and international promotion, both within the international outdoor and adventure film circuit and more generally in the wider community.

As part of this exciting project we were pleased to make an award of **£4000**.

This grant will specifically contribute towards professional colour grading, sound finishing, and strategic festival submissions to ensure the film presents Dumbarton Rock and its surrounding landscape to the highest possible standard.



The trustees are confident that this will make a difference locally by positively showcasing Dumbarton as a place of heritage, natural significance and active community engagement.

The film aims to strengthen local pride, highlight the area's cultural value, and bring international attention to one of Scotland's most distinctive and historically important climbing venues.

## Making a Difference

Can I just say a huge 'thank you' to you and the foundation for this very generous funding to our schools. It will make such a difference to the work they do, and the experiences our children and young people have as a direct result.



Thank you very much for this award. We are thrilled that our young people are going to get this opportunity.



Thank you for this!! It will make a huge difference to the wellbeing of our young people



Wow! Fantastic news - we are absolutely delighted to be in receipt of the Strathleven Foundation grant.



Huge thanks Cathrine and to the organisation for this very generous funding. It will go to very good use.



Thank you so much, we are absolutely delighted to have secured this grant and will make absolutely the best use of this money,



## Foundation Funding to Date



**£57,672**

**Helping Hand Fund**

**£336,020**

**Inspiring Change Fund**



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