

What is a Community Hot-Spot?



Norfolk Community Foundation's 2024 **Surviving Winter** funding will focus on supporting organisations to provide a **Community Hot-Spot**. A **Community Hot-Spot** is a warm, local space that can provide those who are vulnerable, or have been impacted by the cost-of-living crisis, with somewhere to escape from the cold and connect with people in their community.

Community Hot-Spots that are accessible (free) and inclusive will be prioritised for funding. Groups that cater solely to a particular demographic will be considered if they can explain why this particular group is disproportionately affected by the Winter. Spaces should be open regularly (at least once a week) so they can support their communities to the fullest extent. Venues that are not in the vicinity of a similar warm community space will also be prioritised.



We would love to hear your organisation's idea for a Community Hot-Spot. Our Community Hot-Spot funding could support your organisation to...

- **Create a new Community Hot-Spot!** This could be in your current premises or a new venue you have identified, e.g. a new organised warm space in a village hall that provides community members with the opportunity to have a cup of tea and a chat.
- **Create a partnership with a venue in your community.** This could be a café or pub that is at the heart of your local community. All ideas welcome!
- **Run an existing service.** This funding could support the costs involved in running a current group, e.g. a parent and toddler group.
- **Increase the capacity of a service that you already provide,** e.g. holding your existing weekly lunch club for an extended amount of time due to an increased demand.

*Funding can support a range of costs, such as:
utility costs, transport costs to the venue, volunteer expenses, equipment to aid the delivery of activities (e.g. a tea urn), providing free or subsidised refreshments, contributing to venue hire costs, etc.*