

Open 4 Community



Helping you provide an online funding portal for community groups in your local area

As part of Idox's **Open 4 Funding** complete suite of online funding portals, **Open 4 Community** is designed to meet the specific needs of local authority community development departments, CVSSs, housing associations and large charities by enabling them to provide an enhanced information service for local groups.

Charities, community groups, social enterprises and voluntary organisations can search for themselves through the thousands of Government, Lottery, charitable trust and other funds available on a European, national, regional and local basis.

Key features

The portals have a number of user benefits, including the following:

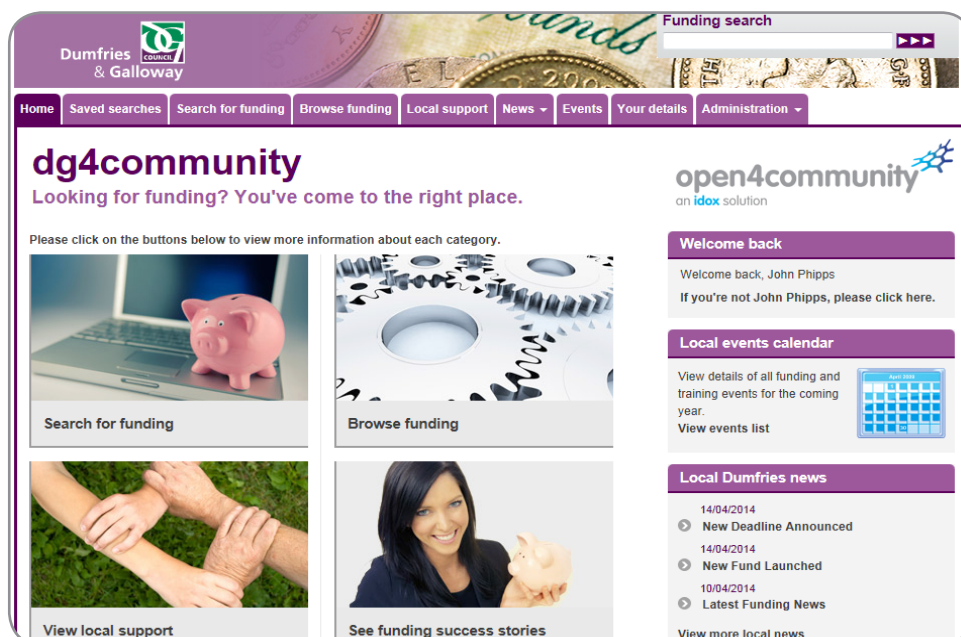
- > Portals are easily integrated into existing websites and tailored to match current branding.
- > Monthly statistical reporting to help you gain vital contact details that can be used for future marketing campaigns and research, and for proving the tool's impact.
- > Dedicated local support section – allows you to advertise your own local initiatives and events.
- > Complete and concise fund details, including criteria, who to contact and links to application forms.
- > Time saving – provide an enhanced support service for local community groups without having to commit additional staff resources.
- > Automatic email alerts.
- > Weekly e-newsletters.
- > Bespoke reports for funding search results.
- > Funding searches and individual schemes can be saved to user profiles for future reference.

Brand-new Features

NEW

Now available on **Open 4 Community**:

- > Ability for you and your partners to add your own events, news and local initiatives
- > More flexible searching through removal of mandatory search fields
- > Option to search for more than one term for project activities, reducing the need to run multiple searches
- > Keyword search – relevant terms now highlighted within text for rapid identification
- > More tailored news coverage



Maximising external funding success

Open 4 Community allows registered users to search for funding with ease by inputting key criteria into a simple online form. The search criteria are used to generate an applicable list of funding results from a database of thousands, enabling end users to see quickly and first hand the funding programmes available to them at a local, regional and national level.

The screenshot shows the 'Search for funding' page. It has a navigation bar with links: Home, Saved searches, Search for funding, Browse funding, News, and Your details. The main heading is 'Search for funding'. Below it, a text box explains the search process. To the right, there's a 'Help & advice' section with links to 'Help with searching' and 'Applying for funding - Better'. A modal window titled 'What is your organisation type?' is open, showing a list of checkboxes for various organisation types. Below the modal, there are sections for 'About your organisation', 'About your project', and 'Keyword' with dropdown menus for selection. At the bottom, there's a 'Search now' button.

Search for funding

This page allows you to search for funding opportunities which may be relevant to your community or voluntary organisation. Simply select from the options below to describe your organisation and click the Search button to see a personalised list of possible funding opportunities.

What is your organisation type?

- ☐ Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- ☒ Charitable Trust or Foundation
- ☐ Community Association or Group
- ☐ Community Interest Company
- ☐ Community or Parish Council
- ☐ Co-operative or Mutual
- ☐ Credit Union
- ☐ Housing Association or Registered Social Landlord
- ☐ Independent School
- ☐ Industrial Provident Society
- ☐ Registered Charity
- ☐ Research Institution
- ☐ Social Enterprise
- ☐ Social Firm
- ☐ Sports or Cultural Organisation
- ☐ Trade Union
- ☐ Voluntary and Community Organisation

About your organisation

What is your organisation type? * [Select](#)

What is your area of work? [Select](#)

About your project

What is the focus of your project? [Select](#)

What costs do you want to cover? [Select](#)

Keyword

Looking for something in particular? Try our keyword search

Search:

Match: ☒ All text ☐ Fund name ☐ All words ☐ Any word ☐ Exact phrase ☐ Start of word ☐ Whole word

[Search now](#)

Your portal, your rules

Open 4 Community not only matches your organisation's branding, it also allows you to upload and publish your own content to the platform in real time. Publicise your upcoming events, news and initiatives to your end users via the Local, Events and News sections.

The screenshot shows the 'Local support' page. It has a navigation bar with links: Home, Search for funding, Browse funding, Local support, News, Events, and Administration. The main heading is 'Local support'. Below it, a text box explains the local support specifically for businesses within the Dumfries and Galloway area. To the right, there's a 'Page options' section with a link to 'Start a new search'. Below the main heading, there are four columns of content: 'Community Grants', 'Local grants and funding', 'Local support and advice', and 'Favourite funds'. Each column has a small image and a title.

Local support

Local support specifically for businesses within the Dumfries and Galloway area.

[Start a new search](#)

Click on any heading to view more details.

- Community Grants
- Local grants and funding
- Local support and advice
- Favourite funds

The screenshot shows the 'Event calendar and archive' page. It has a navigation bar with links: Home, Search for funding, Browse funding, Local support, News, Events, and Administration. The main heading is 'Event calendar and archive'. Below it, a text box explains the event calendar. To the right, there's a calendar for April 2014. Below the calendar, there's a list of events for April 2014.

Event calendar and archive

Click on the event name to read more.

April 2014

02/04/2014 [Introduction to Funding](#)
This course provides an introduction to the world of funding.

13/04/2014 [Community Event](#)
An event targeted at raising funding awareness in the area.

16/04/2014 [Bid Writing Workshop](#)
An introductory course on how to write successful bids.

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April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

Client testimonials

"Stirling Council has subscribed to **Open 4 Funding** since 2004. It is an efficient way of accessing relevant information on funding opportunities and is simple to use, accurate and always up to date. Most importantly, it allows the user to make direct contact with the funding providers."

Deborah Murray, Service Manager - Economic Support and Tourism, Stirling Council

"**Open 4 Community** is a popular service amongst the local voluntary sector as responses to our 2012 VCS Survey demonstrate – over 30% of groups say they make use of the website. We have found this and the **GRANTfinder** service to be effective and easy to use and would recommend them to other local authorities."

Stephen Frost, Principal Community Investment Officer, LB of Hounslow

"At a time of economic uncertainty, **Open 4 Community** has been an incredibly valuable tool. The monthly data reports have proved incredibly useful and have been utilised to support our reporting against various contracts."

Ian Angus, Business and Enterprise Programmes Manager, BVSC

"The **Open 4 Community** web portal is an invaluable resource for us here at Southwark Council. We use it to advertise all our funding opportunities, both grants and contracts. Details of funding opportunities both nationally and locally are held all in one place and can be easily searched."

Katherine Pitt, Commissioning Officer, Southwark Council

To find out more please contact our Commercial team on 0844 874 0739, email solutions.sales@idoxgroup.com, or visit our website at: <http://www.open4funding.info>.

This service has been approved for inclusion on the G-Cloud III Programme, a cross-government initiative led by the Ministry of Justice. Its aim is to introduce cloud ICT services into government departments, local authorities and the wider public sector.