

FAIR CHANCE FUNDING

SUPPORTING SOME OF THE MOST DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS IN THE UK

Fair Chance Funding enables pupils from the most deprived areas and disadvantaged backgrounds to access the kind of game-changing learning offered by some of the leading schools in the country.

If we are going to affect social mobility, we have to get to its core - education. And that means not just pupils but teachers too. Fair Chance Funding enables purpose-led organisations and individuals to support pupils and teachers to access the award-winning leadership and life skills development, delivered through The Ivy House Award.

Supporting students and teachers from the most deprived areas of the UK, Fair Chance Funding is about driving social mobility, narrowing the gap between the haves and the have-nots and giving pupils the self-belief, confidence and skills they need to step up and become the leaders of their lives.

Why it's so needed:

Right now, 80% of professional positions are filled with people from the most privileged backgrounds. We have schools filled with talented, bright young people who have the potential to become exceptional, but who don't have access to the same support, resources and guidance as their peers because of where they live, or their social background.

That's why we've created Fair Chance Funding – a truly affordable, effective way of levelling up, getting the right support to the pupils and teachers that need it most.



of students from deprived areas **don't believe they have the skills to succeed** in a professional career



Only 1 in 8 children from low-income backgrounds is likely to become a high-income earner as an adult



A child living in one of England's most disadvantaged areas is **27x more likely to go to an 'inadequate school'** than a child in the most advantaged

What is The Award?

The Ivy House Award develops game-changing life and leadership skills in students, bringing critical personal and professional development to 15-18-year-olds – at a time when it can make the biggest difference.

Providing clarity at a crucial time, The Award gives students the knowledge, skills and confidence they need

to step up and take ownership of their futures. It first supports students in discovering who they are, what they want and how to play to their strengths. It then develops a core set of skills, critical to future success, including ownership, initiative, resilience, confidence and self-leadership, as well as practical skills around relationships, effective conversations, pitching themselves and looking after their wellbeing.

What you can do to help:

So far, we have supported over 1,000 students living in areas of high social deprivation, low social mobility and high parental unemployment, but there are so many more we need to help and, with your support we can. We're looking for partners to support us in a number of ways:

1. Funding:

Whatever your budget, we'll work with you to deliver a programme that creates lasting change for young people. Whether that means supporting 1 school, or 30, this is about doing what we can to equip young people with the skills they need to thrive.

2. Introductions to corporate partners and philanthropists:

Just as we want to extend our reach in education, we also want to extend our network of organisations and individuals looking to create change in education – introductions to the right people are much appreciated.

3. Publicising your funding:

We want students and teachers across the UK to know this kind of learning is available to them. Any help you can provide in getting the message out is very valuable.

The Award impact:



97% of students said it had a positive impact on their lives



90% said it improved their confidence and wellbeing



90% felt more in control of their behaviour



89% said it improved their ability to communicate and build effective relationships



93% said it allowed them to gain more clarity over what they want for their future



Our community of schools serves some of the most disadvantaged young people in society; those placed at the margins, be it because of their physical, learning, social or emotional challenges and, for a significant cohort, those whose life experiences are traumatic. We want to empower our children and young people to take ownership of their lives; at the same time, empowering our staff to be better skilled to support them. Any support you can give us to bring the Ivy House learning to our pupils, teachers and community would be transformative – you would be truly changing lives."

Jane Reason, Headteacher, The Albany Trust & Deputy CEO, Believe Engage Succeed Trust (BEST)

Useful links:

[Fair Chance funding video](#)
[Fair Chance Funding supporters pack](#)
[Student stories](#)

[An Introduction to Ivy House](#)
[The Award - Trailer](#)
[The Award - How it works](#)

If you'd like a discussion to see if Fair Chance Funding is the right initiative for you, please email kate@ivyhouse.co.uk.