



# Make a difference to your community

Your guide to giving with



**Two Ridings**  
Community Foundation



*“Every act of giving sends ripples through our communities, supporting the people and places that make up the very fabric of where we live. When you give with us, you’re not just funding a project, you’re investing in your community, creating lasting impact.”*

## Giving is joyful

Your charitable giving should feel rewarding, and be meaningful, impactful, and even fun.

But working out the best approach to your giving can be challenging. If philanthropy isn’t your area of expertise, it can be hard to know where to begin. You may be asking yourself:

- ✔ How do I support charities that mean something to me?
- ✔ Should I set up a Charitable Trust, or is there a simpler way?
- ✔ Are the charities I support credible?
- ✔ Will my donation really make a difference?

### Two Ridings is here to help.

We bring deep local insights and strong relationships with trusted community organisations. We help you cut through the noise and ensure every penny of your gift has a real impact.

We are here to handle the practicalities and provide expert support, so you can focus on the joy of giving.

# Welcome to your guide to giving with Two Ridings

## We’re so pleased you’re here

Many people come to us with a strong desire to make a difference in their local community, but they’re not always sure how to start, or how to make their charitable giving really count.

That’s where we come in.

At Two Ridings Community Foundation, we make giving simple, personal, and powerful. We take care of the details, so you can focus on the joy of making a real, lasting impact close to home.

For 25 years we’ve supported individuals and families across North and East Yorkshire to give with confidence. Whether you’re just beginning your giving journey or looking to do more with your philanthropy, we’re here to help you every step of the way.

This brochure shows you how becoming a donor through Two Ridings is the perfect way to give back to the communities you care about.

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Image: Shirley, Severine and Reem at the HEY Confident Futures 5th Celebration

## Make a lasting difference

### What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is a local charity that helps people and organisations give back to the place they call home. Unlike charities focused on just one issue, community foundations support a wide range of local causes, from mental health and poverty to inclusion and emergency response.

At Two Ridings, we connect donors with the real needs of communities across York, North Yorkshire, Hull and East Yorkshire. As one of 47 accredited community foundations in the UK, we help individuals, families, businesses and public bodies give with confidence and purpose.

Every year, we receive over 1,000 funding requests for support. Since 2000, we've distributed more than £24 million in grants, funding community groups doing vital work, often out of the spotlight.

Because we know our region inside out, we can introduce you to the people and projects making a real difference. Every group we support is carefully assessed, so you can be sure your donation reaches credible charities supporting the people and places that need it most.

## Why donors choose Two Ridings

Many donors want to give in a structured, impactful way, without the burden of running a charitable trust. Two Ridings bring:

### Expert guidance

Benefit from the deep knowledge of our friendly team, with expertise in philanthropy, charity governance, grant-making, finance, and communications - backed by a dedicated board of trustees.

### Rigorous due diligence

Your donations go only to thoroughly vetted, credible charitable organisations. We handle the checks so you can give with confidence.

### Transparent impact reporting

See exactly where your money goes and the difference it makes through detailed fund statements, personalised case studies, newsletters, and impact reports.

### Personalised service

Meet us face to face, talk on the phone, attend donor events, and visit the community organisations you support. We're here to make your giving journey meaningful and connected.



Image: Rebecca, Flash Company Arts

# Steps to giving

## Start your giving journey

### 1 Share your vision

Tell us what matters to you. We'll help shape your giving around your values and goals.

### 2 Decide the way you want to give

Do you want to give immediately or invest in the future, and what gift size do you want to give?

### 3 Choose your focus

Pick the causes or places you care about, or let us advise where support is most needed.

### 4 Say how involved you want to be

You're free to be as hands-on or as in the background as you like. Some people involve their families, others prefer privacy. Both are equally valued.

### 5 Make a difference

We handle everything else, keeping you updated along the way so you can enjoy the impact of your generosity.



# Choosing the right type of fund for you



## Endowment Fund

Your donation is invested, and the income it generates is distributed year after year, creating a lasting legacy.

- **Minimum:** £25,000 for a named fund (smaller gifts can go to our general endowment).
- **Annual contribution to Two Ridings' costs:** Between 1.25% and 1.75% of the fund's market value per year, depending on the size of the fund.



## Flow-Through Fund

Want to make an immediate impact? A Flow-Through Fund distributes your donation over a defined period.

- **Minimum:** £5,000 per year.
- **Annual contribution to Two Ridings' costs:** Between 8% and 15% of the annual fund value, depending on the complexity of decision making process.

# Where do you want your money to go?

You choose how your money is used and how much you want to be involved.

You might want to:

- ✓ Support activities in a specific place in North or East Yorkshire e.g. Hull, Harrogate, Selby, Scarborough, or York.
- ✓ Focus on an issues close to your heart, like mental health or young people.
- ✓ Let Two Ridings use your fund flexibly to respond to emerging needs across the region.



Image: St Hilda's The Old School

# Start making a difference today

You don't have to wait to make a difference you can make your giving happen now. With Two Ridings you can give during your lifetime, or leave a gift in your will. Both are powerful ways to support your community.

We accept donations of cash, shares, property and saleable items. Charitable gifts made as part of your estate planning can reduce Inheritance Tax. In some cases, leaving a portion to charity lowers the tax rate on the rest of your estate.



*Charitable giving is not just a generous act but also a strategic opportunity to support causes close to your heart while enjoying significant tax benefits.*



Image: The Peel Project

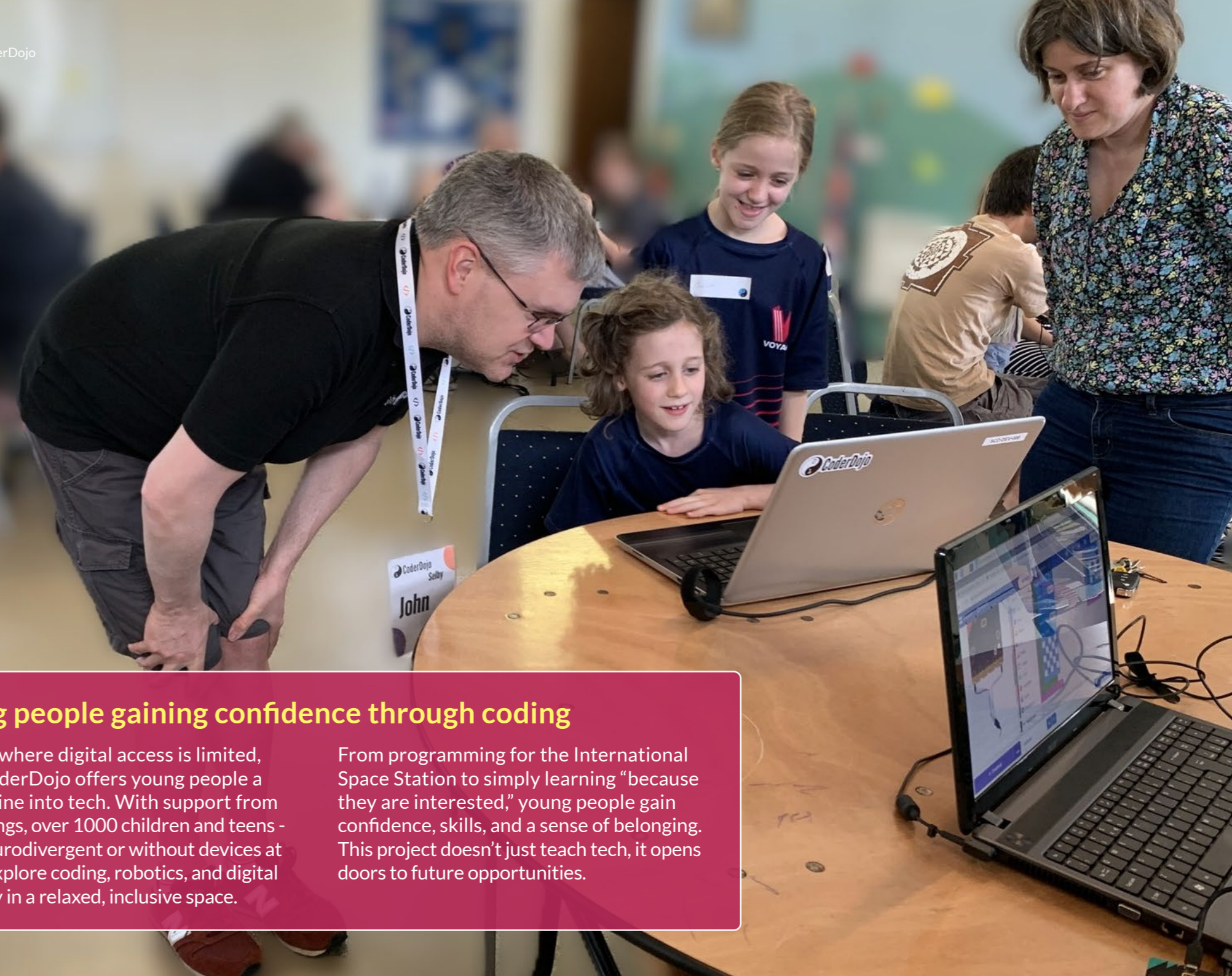
## A tax efficient way to give

If you are a UK taxpayer, giving through Two Ridings is a tax-efficient way to support the causes you care about. Your gift may be eligible for Gift Aid, boosting its value by 25% at no extra cost. This means that a £100,000 donation is worth £125,000 to us in grant making.

If you're a higher rate UK taxpayer, you can also claim back the difference between higher rate and basic rate tax on the value of your donation. For a 40% rate taxpayer, that means for every £1 you donate, you can claim back 25p in tax relief.

We encourage you to get advice from a lawyer or accountant before making a gift.

Image: Selby CoderDojo



## Young people gaining confidence through coding

In Selby, where digital access is limited, Selby CoderDojo offers young people a vital lifeline into tech. With support from Two Ridings, over 1000 children and teens - many neurodivergent or without devices at home - explore coding, robotics, and digital creativity in a relaxed, inclusive space.

From programming for the International Space Station to simply learning "because they are interested," young people gain confidence, skills, and a sense of belonging. This project doesn't just teach tech, it opens doors to future opportunities.

# The joy of giving through Two Ridings



Image: Creative Briefs

*"Helen and I are delighted with the impact that our donations to Two Ridings have made to a wide range of charities in the region. To have the opportunity to meet the inspiring people who lead these groups and see the practical steps that they take to make a difference to the lives of young people has been a real privilege."*

## Tim and Helen give to support children

Tim and Helen started giving through Two Ridings in 2022, driven by a simple but powerful belief: every child deserves the chance to thrive, no matter their circumstances. They set up the Williams Family Fund with the hope of making life a little fairer for children and young people across the region.

Since then, their support has reached more and more community groups each year, helping to create safe spaces, new opportunities, and brighter futures for those who need it most. For Tim and Helen, it's not just about giving - it's about being part of something bigger, and making a lasting difference close to home.



Image: New Pasture Lane Community Centre

Richard explains:

*"It's difficult to know where to start when you're making charitable donations, and I didn't want the charities themselves to have to expend a lot of valuable time explaining or justifying their missions to me."*

*Two Ridings had already done that work. They clearly knew the organisations personally and thoroughly understood the issues they're facing. I loved that there's a simple process for groups to apply for funding and for Two Ridings to get grants out to them."*

*The people at Two Ridings have an intimate knowledge of the areas, the issues communities face and the people who live there, and that is their drive."*

## Richard enjoys giving through Two Ridings

When Richard decided he wanted to give back, he was clear about one thing - he wanted his support to go where it was genuinely needed, without creating more work for the charities he hoped to help. Like many donors, he found the process of choosing where and how to give

quite daunting. By setting up a fund with Two Ridings, Richard found a partner who could bridge that gap - understanding both his desire to make a meaningful impact in the region he loved, and the reality faced by community organisations.

# Let's talk about your giving

Get in touch to discuss how you can make a difference

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Over 25 years of experience as the Community Foundation for North & East Yorkshire, accredited by UK Community Foundations.



Accounts that are independently audited annually. Regulated by the Charity Commission and the Fundraising Regulator.



A due diligence process that guarantees secure and safe grant-making.



Our endowment provides a long term, sustainable source of funding for the communities we serve.



Knowledgeable Investment and Financial committees ensure we look after your fund and maximise the impact of your donation.



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