

Seedcorn Grant – Invitation Letter

‘Exciting opportunity! Seedcorn money to start or develop your New Christian Community (NCC):

Would you like to start exploring something like Forest Church or Muddy Church? Would you like resources to start Bubble Church or a Missional Community Project? Would you like to create an Intergenerational Creative Worship Gathering for those disconnected from the Christian Faith?

What? We are delighted to invite applications for a third time, following providing grants for NCCs in 2025 and in early 2026, for Seedcorn investment towards starting, developing or strengthening your New Christian Community (of up to £1,000).

What is an NCC? The following gives a framework as guidance (shaped by the National Church’s criteria for NWCs): [New Christian Communities Framework](#)
We define New as since 2022 but we will also be accepting applications from our more established NCC’s and Fresh Expressions of church (FXC).

How? If you would like an application form or have any questions then please email me, lee.barnes@bristoldiocese.org

When? You can apply at any time, while funds are available, before the end of October 2026.

Why 1? We want to support a mixed-ecology of mission that creates spaces and places for all people to encounter the love of Jesus, and one of the ways we do this is through NCCs. One of these was supporting the ministry of Earth Foundations, led by Becky at Cotham Parish church. Earthy Foundations (Inclusive church for kids and their adults) which meets on a Tuesday and has a range of creative free-flow activities for families, drawing on aspects of the Early Years Curriculum. Seedcorn investment was able to help towards resources, outreach, publicity and to continue to develop faith formation with the community. Becky says, “the Seedcorn Investment demonstrated the value that is given to children’s and families ministry as a New Christian Community.”

Why 2? It should be no surprise – but it still does surprise – that the people of God in different contexts across the Diocese serve Christ with incredible creativity, diversity, imagination, and love. It is no surprise because we serve the most creative Creative

there has been and ever will be, and God's unfathomable love desires to reach out and connect with all people in every parish. Alongside more established and traditional ways that this happens, we are called to proclaim the Gospel afresh today by new, different, and relevant ways of connecting with all people. We hope some small investment will make a big difference in God's story in your parish community.

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