

Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust Charnwood Eco Hub



Intelligent Energy's Charitable Trust first launched in January 2019 with the aim of making an impact on the local community it operates within. The Trust supports charitable and voluntary organisations, local to Intelligent Energy's headquarters in Loughborough, which support and aid amongst others; community groups, young people, sport and lifelong learning.

The Trust currently distributes £100,000 each year and several organisations have already benefited from funding awards, including Charnwood Eco Hub who received £10,000 in 2024.

Charnwood Eco Hub provide accessible resources, encourage sustainable practices, and serve as a hub for skills development and social interaction.

Since the official launch in January 2025, these facilities are proving very popular with the local community, and interest continues to grow as they expand their offering to include a Refill Shop and a programme of workshops, talks and events.

The funding received from Intelligent Energy was instrumental in helping develop the Scrapstore, Makerspace, and Library of Things, based within the SOFA Furniture Reuse Charity premises in Loughborough.

These facilities were designed to foster sustainability, creativity, and community engagement in Loughborough and the surrounding areas.

The Makerspace is a collaborative environment where individuals can gather to create, invent, and learn.

The Library of Things allows community members to borrow items they need infrequently, promoting resource sharing and reducing unnecessary consumption.

The Scrapstore serves as a repository for reusable materials, diverting items that are by products of the manufacturing process or surplus to requirements from landfill, and reframing them as affordable resources for art, education, and DIY projects.

The grant enabled the organisation to purchase shelving and storage solutions, expand on loan items such as household items and gardening tools and to source materials to create bespoke areas in the facility for different processing activities.

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