



## Background information and Questions you might have about **y-notts**

Hi. A warm welcome from y-notts.

So, you may be thinking;

**“Who are they at y-notts, what do they do, and how come have money to give away?”**

*First of all, we are a Charity, registered with the Charities Commission, so we are legitimate!!*

We are a small friendly team of volunteers/trustees, i.e. people who are **trusted** to look after the money we have and to make sure it gets to the right people.

**“Who are the right people?”** we hear you say.

*Well, you! we hope.* We have rules to keep to, so can't just give the money away to anyone. Our target group is **young people**. No strict age group but around 15 to 30 years of age.

**“What is the money to be used for?”**

*To help you with education and training and where there is no other way of you getting funded.* Or, maybe to add to other funding if you need more.

We know that some of you may have missed out on education and opportunities for all sorts of different reasons, and we think we might be able to help to support you and to help to give you a fresh start, if that is what you want. We want to try to help you to improve your chances of becoming employed.

**“Would you help to fund my Degree Course?”**

*Well, no, not usually.* Unless there were exceptional circumstances, we would not normally fund this kind of course as state funding/student loans are already available.

**“What kind of things can I apply for? “**

*Well, almost anything that is legal!! and which we think will help you to develop and improve your life through education, experiences and employment.* Especially things which will help to get you on the ladder towards employment.

Have a look at our web site under the heading **Testimonials** to see some of the things others have applied for, but whatever your ideas are, just tell us what you want, we will think about it and let you know if it fits in with what we are trying to support. *There is no harm in asking, is there?*

**“Does everyone, who applies get it, even if they are the right people?”**

*Well, no.* We would need a lot more money than we have if we were to do that. No, we have to make hard decisions as to who to help first and sadly, some of you will be disappointed if we have had to say “no”.

**“How do you make the decision?”**

*We need you to tell us your story as to who you are, some info about your background, what you want the money for and why you can't get it from anywhere else.*

The easiest way for us to deal with it is if you can fill in the form on our web site. If this is tricky for you then ask a friend to help, or if really necessary, you can tell your story to one of us and we will help to fill it in with you.

*We are really excited about what we do so would love you to get in touch and see if we can help.* So check out the web site, complete the application form or get in touch if you need more info.

Bye for now,

The y-notts trustees