

The Dudgeon STEM Programme

The Dudgeon Community Fund's *STEM* Programme has been designed and launched to successfully inspire the next generation of scientists, innovators and inventors of pupils 12-16 years of age within the local Norfolk area.



Aims and objectives:

This programme is targeted at encouraging pupils to go on and study *STEM* subjects in either Sixth Form or Technical College. The ambition is that this will provide a pathway into further education or employment areas which have *STEM* subjects as a core area.

Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm is passionate about inspiring the next generation. There is an understanding that curiosity for science and technology develops at an early age and to harness that spark, investment in education within the local communities in Norfolk is needed.

Eligibility for grants:

The grants offered by the Dudgeon Community Fund for its *STEM* Programme are available for non-fee paying schools or other organisations which are delivering the National Curriculum or government funded education. Activities that normally take place in curriculum/classroom time will not be eligible for funding.

Charities and voluntary groups can make an application for grant funding. The Community Fund will also consider supporting projects that are co-funded from other sources.

All applications for the award of a *STEM*

Programme grant must be for a Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (*STEM*) initiative which will be delivered to pupils aged 12-16 years in the Great Yarmouth, Breckland or North Norfolk districts of Norfolk. Equally, a project that could be eligible for support, would be a group of teachers performing *STEM* training.

The Dudgeon Community Fund aims to kick-start projects which can demonstrate that they will make a sustained difference for the target group. Support will be given for a maximum of 3 years; thereafter if the project continues it will do so without further support from the Fund ■

Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm and its Community Fund



The Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm is situated between 40km off the coast of Cromer in North Norfolk. It consists of 67 wind turbines and delivers electricity to power over 400,000 British homes.

Dudgeon is operated by Statoil from the Operations and Maintenance Base in Great Yarmouth. The electricity Dudgeon produces is transmitted from the offshore substation by buried seabed export cables to landfall at Weybourne in North Norfolk. From there, the electricity is carried by onshore underground cables to the Dudgeon substation at Necton, near Swaffham in the Breckland district of Norfolk. From this point, the electricity enters the National Grid where it powers UK homes.

During the lifetime of the operation of its wind farm, Dudgeon Offshore Wind Limited will pay £100,000 per annum into its Community Fund. This money will be used to provide grants to support education initiatives for the benefit of young people living in the Great Yarmouth, Breckland and North Norfolk ■

Dudgeon Community Fund

Making an application for a *STEM* Programme grant

All applicants need to complete a short Expression of Interest (EOI) on a form that can be downloaded from www.norfolkfoundation.com/funds/dudgeon-community-fund.



In this initial stage, each application is reviewed against the funding criteria and applicants will receive a response within 4 to 6 weeks' after submission.

Applicants whose EOIs pass this initial screening will then enter dialogue with the Dudgeon Community Fund team. This dialogue will help the team to decide whether the EOI should advance to a Full Application.

The second stage of funding application is the Full Application and requires a more detailed description of the applicant's proposal and supporting evidence. Due diligence of the organisation(s) making the funding application will be undertaken at this point. Further details on this process will be provided to applicants who reach this stage.

The third and final stage of the funding

application process is the Decision Panel. This panel is composed of management from Statoil and an external education expert who will evaluate the application against the funding criteria.

Once an application has been conditionally approved by the Decision Panel, the Norfolk Community Foundation will seek to resolve any outstanding issues to enable a funding offer to be made to the applicant ■

Judging criteria

The criteria used to judge all funding applications will include the:

- Project value for money
- Project delivery timescale
- Project sustainability and legacy
- Ability to measure impact of project
- Local Norfolk location of the project
- Project organisation and management
- Anticipated impact of the project on the pupils and the community
- Applicant's ability to deliver the project including the availability of resources.
- Identification and management of risks which could impact successful project delivery

Contact details and more information:

The Norfolk Community Foundation has been appointed to administer the grants awarded by the Dudgeon Community Fund and all requests for further information and the submission of grant applications should be made to:

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