

SOUP

WHAT IS THIS PROJECT?

Soup is a grassroots model for funding small to medium sized creative projects through community meals. A group of people come together to share a meal which is sold for an affordable price. All the income from that meal is given as a grant to support a creative project. Soup events gives residents the opportunity to learn about projects happening in their city, town or area and vote on a project that they believe is the best benefit to the community. People with creative ideas and small enterprises who require help and guidance have the opportunity to pitch for micro-funding and network with like-minded people. It's a fun event to meet people, gain knowledge, make connections and network.

WHAT DIFFERENCE IS IT MAKING?

Soup generates independent funding. Community participation in the grant funding and selection process is key. Applying for a grant is intentionally simple to encourage broad participation. It supports experimental and imaginative activities that may not be eligible for formal funding. As well as raising money, Soup also serves as a way to build a network of support and community that reaches beyond purely monetary assistance. It is an open platform to discuss ongoing projects with new audiences, meet new collaborators, and share ways of working.

FIND OUT MORE

Global network: sundaysoup.org

A nearby Soup: birminghamsoup.co.uk