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Coin Street Needs Your Vote to Win £70,000 of National Lottery Funding

 Coin Street Centre Trust is calling on local people to support its bid to win £70,000 of National Lottery funding in this year's The People's Projects

- Voting opens at 9am on Monday 15 May
- Your vote could make the difference don't miss the chance to have your say on which community projects get life-changing National Lottery funding
- On Thursday 18 May a film of Coin Street Centre Trust's Sport for Futures
 project will be aired on ITV at 6pm where viewers get to see our incredible
 work.

Coin Street Centre Trust is calling on local people to help them secure £70,000 of National Lottery funding by voting for them in this year's The People's Projects.

Based in Lambeth, London, **Coin Street Centre Trust** is one of five groups in the ITV Region in the running for a share of almost £250,000 of funding. If successful, they will use the money to launch <u>Sport for Futures</u>, a life-changing sports, wellbeing and life skills programme for local young people.

The People's Projects not only delivers vital grants to the heart of UK communities, but also raises awareness of the incredible work of the 95 shortlisted community groups vying for your vote. Back after a 3-year break, The National Lottery Community Fund, ITV, UTV and the Sunday Mail (in Scotland) have teamed up to give the public a chance to decide how National Lottery funding should be put to good use in their local area.

In each region, the three projects with the most public votes will receive grants of up to £70,000. This funding will help make a real difference to people's lives, particularly in these difficult times. The runner's up in each region will be offered up to £10,000 towards their project, bringing the total funding up for grabs for communities across the UK to over £4 million.

To be in with a chance of winning, they are calling on viewers to support their bid. Voting opens at **9am** on **Monday 15 May**.

On Thursday 18 May, Coin Street Centre Trust will showcase <u>Sport for Futures</u>, on ITV regional news at 6pm.

David Hopkins, Director of Community, at Coin Street said: "The People's Projects has given us an amazing opportunity to raise awareness and support for our work and, with your help, secure this additional much-needed funding. If we win, our project will make a real difference to our community by allowing more young people in the area to get involved with sports and fitness, including girls and young women, focus on their wellbeing

and develop important life skills. We now need local people to get behind us, to show their support and vote."

David Knott, Chief Executive of The National Lottery Community Fund, said: "The People's Projects delivers much-needed funding to the heart of communities and showcases the incredible efforts of hard-working projects across the UK. The short-listed groups are truly inspirational, each delivering life-changing support to their community in different ways. It is now time for the public to have their say in how vital National Lottery funding is used in their area to make a difference to people's lives, particularly in these challenging times."

Since it started in 2005, The People's Projects has awarded around £45 million to over 1,000 good causes.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 26 May 2023. People can vote only once per region and will need an email address or mobile number to vote*. To support Sport for Futures visit https://www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk/projects/view/sport-for-futures

See Terms and Conditions here.

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Last year The National Lottery Community Fund, the largest funder of community activity in the UK, awarded over half a billion pounds (£579.8m) of life-changing funding to communities across the UK, supporting over 14,500 projects. Over the last three years, its funding has reached every constituency and every local authority in the UK.

To find out more visit www.TNLCommunityFund.org.uk

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Notes to Editors:

About Coin Street

Coin Street (coinstreet.org) aims to improve the lives of people in Waterloo and North Southwark, London. Their journey started in 1984, when a group of local residents led an extraordinary campaign to save the 13-acre site along the river Thames, which had

suffered extensive war damage, and risked losing its residential population and local economy.

Today, Coin Street is at the heart of a vibrant community. With many people affected by the cost-of-living crisis in the UK, their mission to create and support a resilient, adaptable neighbourhood, of people and places, where everyone's diverse needs are met, is more important than ever.

About The National Lottery and The People's Projects

*For those unable to vote using an email address or mobile number, please email Fundraising at Coin Street directly for a pre-paid postcard vote.

For more information on voting, please contact the freephone number 0800 197 8610.

- National Lottery players raise over £30 million each week for good causes throughout the UK. Since The National Lottery began in 1994, £43 billion has been raised for good causes. National Lottery funding has been used to support over 635,000 projects - 255 projects per postcode area.
- For further information on The National Lottery and its games, please visit: www.national-lottery.co.uk
- Players of all National Lottery games must be aged 18 or over.
- The People's Projects is a partnership between The National Lottery Community Fund, ITV, UTV and the Sunday Mail, Scotland which gives the public the chance to have a say in how National Lottery funding is spent in their community.
- The People's Projects supports organisations that improve the lives of people and communities across the UK.
- This year 57 awards of up to £70,000 are up for grabs across the UK and up to 38 runner-up organisations will be offered awards of as much as £10,000.
- For more information on shortlisted groups and voting visit www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk

The National Lottery Community Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund is the largest funder of community activity in the UK - supporting people and communities to prosper and thrive.

It awards money raised by National Lottery players to communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and works closely with Government to distribute vital grants and funding from key Government programmes and initiatives.

Thanks to the support of National Lottery players, funding is open to everyone. The National Lottery Community Fund is privileged to be able to work with the smallest of

local groups right up to UK-wide charities, enabling people and communities to bring their ambitions to life.

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