

“If I look at the mass I will never act.
If I look at the one, I will.”
- Mother Teresa

VITAL SIGNS

A Strategic Giving Guide

OUR GOAL

The Community Foundation for Calderdale exists to make Calderdale a better place now and for future generations and to strengthen communities and enrich local life, by harnessing the power of local philanthropy. Vital Signs allows us to:



Steve Duncan CEO

1. Examine up to 20,000 data indicators to calculate the most pressing needs in our community, and compare the findings to our extensive community consultation.
2. Use our expert local knowledge of the charitable sector in Calderdale to identify and priorities emerging needs.
3. Use our research to inform our philanthropy advice.

UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY NEED

Vital Signs are reports that are produced annually in various regions of the UK to act as guides to local charitable giving by measuring social trends and issues. They pull together existing research and combine this with a community consultation, to gain a full picture of the issues in particular regions.

Understanding needs and issues in a community are the first step to being able to solve them. This is what the Vital Signs programme does.

It measures the social temperature of different cities and communities across the UK to uncover the areas that need the most help.

Vital Signs are not just based on government statistics – it also looks at the needs and attitudes of local communities. Beyond numbers and statistics, Vital Signs can also help us understand what the implications of the findings are.

This year our research has identified a hidden homelessness crisis in Calderdale, a need for stronger communities and uncovered disturbing levels of deprivation and inequality locally.

OUR WORK

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OUR FINDINGS - Inequality



This is a complex set of data drawing on many different indicators. Overall it shows that Calderdale has higher levels of deprivation than the national average.

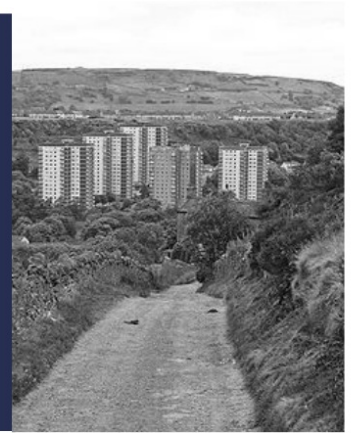
Worryingly Calderdale is the 89th most deprived Local Authority District in England of 326 areas.

Of concern is the data relating to child poverty which shows that within Calderdale 12,832 children and young people are growing up in families which are income deprived.

In Calderdale, there are 19 neighbourhoods in the 10% most multiple deprived areas in England.

13 neighbourhoods are in the 11-20% most multiple deprived.

14 neighbourhoods are in the 21-30% most multiple deprived areas in England.



33,668 Calderdale residents are income deprived.



3,890 children are living in household who are out of work and in poverty.



Females in the least deprived quintile are expected to live almost 9 years longer than in the most deprived quintile.



7,670 older people are income deprived.



8,942 children live in families who are in work, but are still in poverty.



16,200 older people live in fuel poverty.

OUR FINDINGS - Homelessness



We believe that everyone deserves a safe place to call home; a home provides roots, identity, a sense of belonging and a place of emotional wellbeing. Homelessness, rough sleeping and sofa surfing is about the loss of all of this. We believe that we must find a solution to the homelessness crisis in Calderdale.

Unfortunately, homelessness is once again on the increase nationally and the signs are that trends in Calderdale reflect this national picture. Homelessness acceptances via the local authority in the area have risen by 29.6%.

With the recent changes to the housing benefit system, this figure has the potential to rise sharply and homelessness is being reported as a significant concern by the third sector in Calderdale.



1,559 homeless individuals in Calderdale were supported by charities last year.



3,500 people are in need of affordable housing locally.



To access privately rented accommodation in Halifax you would need to earn £15,300pa.



33% of people in Halifax can not afford to rent a privately owned a property.



3,292 properties are empty in Calderdale.



The average house in Calderdale now costs nearly six times the average wage.

OUR FINDINGS - Strong Communities



Measures of a strong community include a stable and productive local economy, good housing and health and safety but perhaps harder to measure is the community cohesion which binds the community together.

Factors that influence cohesion are; how well people get on with each other, how content they are with where they live, how they influence local decisions and how they help others.



Only 26% of people felt they could influence decisions affecting the local area.



24,059 older people in Calderdale are experiencing loneliness or isolation.



55% of people agreed that Calderdale is a place where people from different ethnic backgrounds get on well together.



16% of people said there shouldn't be more contact between people from different cultures.



57% of people agreed people can come together around common values.



1630 people registered to volunteer.

Make your giving count locally

When you are investing funds for charitable purposes, it is essential to be prudent and responsible. But, at the same time, it is vitally important to ensure the best possible return, to advance the good cause in question – both immediately and in the longer term.

Our experienced philanthropy advisors work with individual donors, private trusts and local businesses. Considering your objectives, we will help to devise a robust and truly bespoke philanthropic investment strategy that will enable you to maximise the impact of your charitable activities.

We provide trusted, expert philanthropy advice, developed over twenty-five years. Through lasting partnerships, we aim to understand every aspect of our client's philanthropic motivations, ensuring exceptional service and guaranteeing the greatest impact locally.

We have been providing strategic impactful investment and advice to philanthropists for decades. This continues today through our philanthropy advisor team, which is driven by a highly experienced Chief Executive and Board of Directors.

Contact us today to discuss how to make your giving count locally.



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