

Extending Equal Chance

Appeal Executive Summary



We are pioneers...

The Lake District Calvert Trust (LDCT) is a world-leading pioneer and innovator, we help people with disabilities to experience and benefit from adventurous outdoor activities.

Our visitors enjoy an immense sense of achievement, which, with the help of our trained staff, transforms their lives.

In the 1970's we pioneered access to the outdoors for people with disabilities. Since then we have continually pushed the boundaries of what is possible. We have enabled more than 60,000 visitors to enjoy a greater degree of independence when they take part in our activities.

But...

- We run at full capacity and cannot meet demand;
- The standard of provision around the UK is patchy; and
- Some of our facilities are now in need of improvement.

So, we have ambitious plans to...

- Help many more people with disabilities;
- Improve standards by providing training to other outdoor activity centres so that they can better meet the needs of people with disabilities; and
- Create new and improved facilities, which will make our visitors' experiences even more powerful and meaningful and will allow those with more complex and profound disabilities to benefit – often for the first time.

The costs...

Build new Water Centre	£1,911,000
Increase visitor capacity	£705,000
Launch Outreach Programme	£397,000
Upgrade sailing fleet	£170,000
Extend ropes challenge course	£130,000
Open new trap-driving routes	£22,000
Professional fees	£369,000
Contingency	£40,000
Total	£3,744,000



The current financial picture...

Funds raised to November 2009	£2,897,000
Total Shortfall Remaining	£847,000

Progress has been incredibly positive despite the tough economic climate - 75% of funds needed have been raised in the last 18 months. Charitable trusts such as Henry Smith Charity, and Garfield Weston Foundation have combined with Sport England to give just under £2 million.

This has recently been boosted by £1 million from the North West Development Agency. This grant is time limited and has to be spent in the current financial year. So, we are delighted to report that building contracts have been signed and work has started on the site.

The Challenge now is to raise the final £847,000 to complete the project. Local public fundraising plans are being developed with great enthusiasm – though expectations need to be realistic given Cumbria is a sparsely populated and relatively poor county.

In addition, several existing funders have indicated that they will give again, discussions are progressing well with the region's nuclear industry, and new charitable trusts are being researched and approached.

Available additional information...

- A Case for Support outlining the Lake District Calvert Trust's objectives for the appeal and a summary of each project
- A more detailed project justification of each element of the appeal
- The organisation's 2007/11 business plan

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What we are about...

"It's totally given me my confidence back, It made me realise that I can actually do far more than I ever dreamt I could do and it's got my life back on track."

Janice Monaghan, teacher and wheelchair user with spinal injury