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### **University support backs locals' vision for a better Edinburgh**

Communities across the Edinburgh region are to benefit from a £70,000 project to support groups tackling vital social issues.

The University of Edinburgh's Community Grants Scheme will help to provide support for children with disabilities, tackle the causes of poverty and aid vulnerable women.

Among the first 16 projects to be awarded funding of up to £5000 is a programme of workshops to help reduce youth offending and anti-social behaviour in Mayfield, one of Scotland's most deprived communities.

Comas, a charity that supports marginalised and vulnerable people in communities, will support women suffering from domestic abuse, poverty and poor mental health by offering them a programme of outdoor activities to improve their wellbeing.

The Community Grants Scheme is part of Edinburgh Local, the University's strategy for continuing to make a positive contribution to the city. The Scheme, funded by the University's Corporate Services Group, will support further collaborations and partnerships.

A broad area across the Edinburgh region is benefitting from the grants, including Midlothian's Mayfield and Easthouses district and the Northfield and Willowbrae area of the city.

Fiona Morrison, chief executive officer of Comas, said: "We're delighted that The University of Edinburgh has awarded us a grant which will help our organisation deliver even more important programmes for local people."

Hugh Edmiston, Director of Corporate Services Group at the University of Edinburgh said: "We hope we can contribute to communities and support some of the fantastic local organisations who are doing great work in the Edinburgh region."

A full list of organisations who have been awarded funding is available on the Edinburgh Local website: [www.ed.ac.uk/local/community-grants](http://www.ed.ac.uk/local/community-grants).

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