Who is it for?

The fund is open to everyone. All recipients have been people living on low incomes, but no-one is submitted to any form of means testing. Applications are considered as they come in, and decisions made promptly.

Supporting the Fund

There have been many generous donors to the Fund, from individuals to churches. Because of these donations, the Hannah Fund continues to be available to support visits to the Centre for groups and for individuals.

Evolution

Under the Windermere Centre's 'Pay What You Can' pricing policy, which came into effect in August 2014, the Hannah Fund is now available to help when people wish to pay more than they are able.

Getting involved

If you would like to find out more, apply to the Hannah Fund, or wish to make a donation, please contact the Windermere Centre. The Centre team will be able to advise you and help make sure that the Fund continues to be used to ensure that no-one is prevented by cost from visiting the Windermere Centre.

The Windermere Centre

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The Hannah Fund

Find out more about the Fund, why it was set up, and how it works.

Who is Hannah?

The Hannah Fund was set up in 1989 in thanksgiving for the life of Hannah Clarke.

Hannah, the daughter of Ruth and Raymond Clarke, died in an accident at the age of 26.

The purpose of the Fund is to help people who would benefit from a stay at the Windermere Centre, but could not afford to cover the costs themselves.

Access for All

Hannah had liked the Windermere Centre and had come to stay with her mother, who was Assistant Director of the Centre at the time. Hannah was a housing officer in Gorton, Manchester, and later also came to run a course at the Windermere Centre about housing.

The Fund is open to absolutely everyone. Over the years, it has been able to help individuals and groups, some of whom were participants in the Centre's training courses, and others who came for a much-needed holiday, convalescence, respite or healing, and the remainder for retreats, private study, or personal support.

Improving Provision

The Hannah Fund has also been able to provide practical facilities at the Windermere Centre for people with disabilities. It funded about half of the cost of the development of new, fully-accessible rooms on the ground floor of the Centre, paying for building work and equipment. This section of the Centre has since been named, by the Centre team, 'the Hannah Wing".

Different Needs

The Fund has provided holidays for people who have not had a holiday for a long time, and people who know it is their last holiday. Groups have included asylum seekers, single parents with their children, young people from Palestine, women ministers from Southern Africa, with visitors coming from across the UK as well as Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Recipients have included people coping with ill-health, stress, unemployment, and disability, as well as students, ministers' spouses, and carers.