

Yorkshire Funders

Using Open Grants Data with 360Giving

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Session overview

Discover how the open grants data available on 360Giving can be used to support your grantmaking and hear perspectives from a YF member who is actively using and sharing their data on the platform. Understand the benefits of sharing your grantmaking data with 360Giving and the additional information this gives you in return.

Session Summary

Cast Study - YF member - Northern Powergrid Foundation (NPGF) – why they use 360Giving and how they have found the process of sharing grants data.

As a newly-formed foundation in 2022, NPGF have seen using 360Giving as an opportunity to professionalise the foundation, prepare for growth and align with sector best practice.

Once Jess had found out about 360Giving and was interested, she wanted to better understand what was involved. She attended a 360Giving preparation webinar which explained in much more detail what work would be needed to upload their data. There are actually very few required fields needed in the excel spreadsheet along with some recommended – there is then a conversion tool.

This then gets put into the data quality tool, which is straightforward, and there is a simple upload tool on 360Giving website that will flag any accuracy issues to address as well as tips if you wanted to make your data even more useful. Amendments are simple to make. This is all helpful as it means you know your data is accurate and will be useful when uploaded.

It then appears on our website – you upload it on your own website not 360Giving's. We now have a page on our own website which is great for people to see and they can click through to Grantnav. The data can also be downloaded. Now that the url has been submitted to 360Giving, making amendments and updates are easy.

The views we get of our data (in Grantnav and Grantvis) – I can see our total grants without having to use excel, latest grant by date, earliest grant by date, largest, smallest etc. I can go into more detail as well – it's great for potential applicants to be able to see the type of projects we are funding.

There's also a great dashboard that's really useful.

Grantvis – takes exactly the same data and shows it in a lot of different formats – e.g. funding by county, recipient organisation type, latest income of recipients, age of recipient organisations.

We find it very useful – it's also for others looking at us – this is important in building our profile and helping potential applicants to understand the type of projects we fund.

Q: What is on your website?

We used the recommended wording on our website page (this was explained at the Preparing to Upload your Data) webinar session. Then we added widgets from 360Giving that we chose as a good visual representation.

Q: Do you have to apply for permissions from your grantees to publish data?

We haven't, you don't need to as it's part of our grant agreement. It is basic level information.

Q: How does it work with your CRM and the upload?

Some CRM systems can generate the report the data for you. We pulled out a list of the grants we have made and put them into the excel spreadsheet. I added one yesterday and it took me 2 minutes – it then copies through and updates all the relative objects.

Providing you have your data in spreadsheets, 360Giving can transform it. (e.g. in Salesforce, you can build a report in the back end to export)

360Giving have further workshops to go into the detail of publishing your data, with the next one in the New Year ([View via this link](#)).

Introduction to [GrantNav](#) (360's search engine for grants)

GrantNav has all the different grant records – we make this available to search – useful for anyone who wants to see who is funding who (this could be social researchers, charities and funders).

GrantNav is searchable by location, recipient, grant programme titles & titles and descriptions. You can search for multiple categories by using “” and putting AND in the middle. E.g. a search by titles & description as search category and “mental health” and “children and young people” in the actual search field.

Results data is interactive – you can click into a particular grant to find out more or use the filter side bar to narrow down information further (e.g. grant amount, geography, year)

Clicking through to view in [GrantVis](#) gives breakdowns in a more visual format.

Q: With what frequency do we need to put data on?

The minimum we say is annual, but a many choose to do more frequently as it's relatively straightforward to do after the initial setup. Different organisations do it differently depending on their own systems and processes.

Diving deeper into the data when it's published

Published quarterly – also called “who funds with who” data – look for crossover, and possible collaborations.

One view is connections of people who fund in Yorkshire – so we can see the interactions including with non-members funding in Yorkshire.

Q: If I can see I have 20 recipients in common with another funder, how do I find out who they are?

For those who publish their data, we provide the spreadsheet behind the data so you can dig into it in more detail. This breaks down the information – by funder, including how many shared recipients there are.

You can also see who the grantees in common are by funder.

Once you have uploaded your data, we can produce this for you easily – hopefully this helps you to see the value of sharing your data because of the information you will get back in return.

[Yorkshire Funders Members: Who funds with who chord diagram](#)

[Funders funding Yorkshire Based Recipients: Who funds with who chord diagram](#)

[Funders funding Yorkshire Based Recipients: Funder indexes spreadsheet](#)

With the excel sheet this will open in google so to open in excel: Select from the menu File > Download Microsoft Excel (xlsx)

UK Grantmaking

UK Grantmaking is an annual publication about grant funding in the UK – using charity regulator data to collect information and presented on an interactive platform.

Info on 14,000 UK grantmakers, over £23bn of grants.

Platform shows different grant-making segments which can be explored in more detail using the menu on the left hand side.

This is available to everybody whether you publish your own data or not as it is sourced from regulator data.

From this section, you can go to full data download (to open an excel with all the data from the platform which can then be filtered)

Download the full excel from UK Grantmaking to filter here:

<https://www.ukgrantmaking.org/2025/methodology-and-data/#Full-data>

On the UK Grantmaking site, you can also search by grant recipients.

Q&A

Q: What is the reporting period when putting data on – what year?

The cut we do is from 1st April to 31st March – to show in UK Grantmaking data for that year, data needs to have been shared by the following end Feb. Our introduction to publishing session will help understand the nuts and bolts of what is required with the data format and the process of sharing data.

Other useful resources from session

Things mentioned in this session and a link to the slides here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_PvnkMekpuJqqF9HIKBBwuBd5TzhXEpx/view?usp=sharing

Publishing Workshops: https://www.360giving.org/support/?event_topic%5B%5D=publish-grants-data&sort-by=date

GrantNav: <https://grantnav.threesixtygiving.org/search>

Introduction to GrantNav Workshop:

https://www.360giving.org/support/?event_type%5B%5D=intro-to-grantnav&sort-by=date

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