## Educational Institutes & Schools

## Sensory Room Financial Support





## Welcome

Our Snoezelen<sup>®</sup> sensory rooms provide a calming and therapeutic environment for people with sensory processing disorders, SEN and physical disabilities.

We believe everyone should have access to a Snoezelen<sup>®</sup> sensory room, regardless of their financial situation. This information pack provides practical guidance to help you secure the financial support you need to make it a reality.

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## Benefits of Snoezelen® Sensory Rooms



#### Stimulation

Snoezelen® sensory rooms and products can be used to stimulate users by providing exciting visuals, high tempo music and sounds, invigorating smells and textures to explore.



#### Relaxation

Our Snoezelen® sensory products and rooms can also be used to calm and reduce agitation through the use of gentle lighting, soothing sounds, relaxing aromas and through touch.



#### Therapy

We have been providing Occupational Therapists and health professionals with a Snoezelen® sensory tool-kit to provide therapy for over 35 years. From portable resources to bespoke Snoezelen® sensory rooms, we have solutions that can help.



#### Development

These environments can be used as a learning and developmental tool. It can be used for colour matching, understanding of cause and effect, and creating themed environments for teaching.



#### Who can they help?

Our Snoezelen® sensory rooms are designed to help people of all ages and abilities, and can be tailored to specific needs. They can aid relaxation, provide stimulation for people with sensory processing disorders, and help improve mental health disorders, as well as assist older adults with Alzheimer's or Dementia.



#### Where to find a Snoezelen® Environment

Due to the versatility of a Snoezelen® sensory room, you will find them in a wide range of settings, such as educational institutes, airports, care homes, secure facilities and public spaces.

## **Charity Grants**

#### **Foyle Foundation**

The Foyle Foundation awards grants to schools to support learning and the aquisition of knowledge.

The Main Grant Scheme provides support for SEN to develop the abilities of children & young people to access learning and education opportunities.

#### foylefoundation.org.uk

#### **Tesco Community Grants**

Tesco Community Grants support thousands of local community projects and good causes across the UK. The scheme is open to all schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations.

#### tescocommunitygrants.org.uk

#### Wooden Spoon

Wooden Spoon supports projects that improve the quality of life for children and young people who are disadvantaged physically, mentally or socially. The charity has previously provided funding for schools towards soft play rooms, sensory gardens, sensory rooms and hydrotherapy/swimming pools.

#### woodenspoon.com

#### **The National Lottery Community Fund**

Offering grants for community projects, including those that benefit older people.

#### www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

#### The Ironmongers' Company

The Ironmongers' Company support projects that help disadvantaged children and young people under 25 years reach their potential.

#### ironmongers.org

#### **Other Funding Options**

If you do not want to pursue the grant route for funding, here are a few more suggestions on funding options:

#### Fundraising

This could be anything from a bake sale to a sponsored walk.

#### Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Some companies have programmes that provide funding or support to community projects. Care homes can approach local businesses to see if they would be willing to support the creation of a sensory environment

#### Crowdfunding

Creating a crowdfunding campaign to raise money. Websites such as GoFundMe, Kickstarter, and Crowdfunder allow people to donate money to support projects.

# **Grants** Financial Support

Grants can be a valuable aid whether you're beginning a project from the ground up or seeking assistance to meet your fundraising goal, as they offer excellent support for your sensory initiative.

We have put this handy list together to help find the right one for you!

### **Government Grants**

The UK and devolved governments offer various types of grants to schools for different purposes, including a sensory environment. In England, these grants are typically made available through the DfE or the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

The grants available depend on factors such as the type of school, location, and its size. There are grants available specifically for SEND Schools or those located in disadvantaged areas.

Rompa® recommends contacting your local authority or the DfE to see if there are any grants suitable and / or available for your school.

https://www.gov.uk/topic/schools-colleges-childrens-services/ school-college-funding-finance



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