

News Release

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NEW FOCUS FOR PLYMOUTH WITH DRAKE FOUNDATION

Devon Community Foundation has teamed up with Plymouth based Drake Foundation to build funds specifically for disadvantaged people in the City.

Headed by First Great Western Chairman, Charles Howeson, the Drake Foundation was originally set up to help disadvantaged young people in the City through maritime and adventurous activity.

Now however, the Drake Foundation wants to broaden its focus to support a whole range of local good causes and to help local people of every age in Plymouth.

Charles Howeson comments, "We know that Devon Community Foundation has supported over 482 voluntary and community groups with almost £2 million in grants in Plymouth to date, so it knows all about getting money right to the heart of local communities where it can make a difference."

"The Drake Fund will now work in partnership with Devon Community Foundation, acting as its fund development and grant making arm in the City."

"We are looking forward to working with them to create a focus for local charitable giving for businesses in Plymouth and a source of help for local good causes."

The Drake Foundation held its launch event at the Royal William Yard in Plymouth which was attended by over 100 invited guests who were addressed by Eric Dancer, Lord Lieutenant of Devon and Charles Howeson.

For more details about the Drake Foundation call David Larmour on 01752 330366