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# Duty to Care?

*How to ensure  
grant-making helps  
and doesn't hinder*

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## Tour dates

20 February	The Gathering – in partnership with Corra Foundation and the Scottish Funders Forum
7 March	London Funders Network
27 March	Northern Ireland Trusts Group
15 May	Yorkshire Grant Makers Forum

Please do get in touch with [emily@ivar.org.uk](mailto:emily@ivar.org.uk) if you'd like to attend one of these events or to book a speaker.

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***Duty to Care?*** makes the case for adaptation and innovation across foundations' grant-making practices in response to the circumstances and needs of small-medium voluntary organisations. We look at examples of foundation practice from applications through to reporting and propose a set of suggestions and questions that other funders in the field might consider.

## Call to action for foundations

### **Are you taking enough risk?**

Make a grant to an organisation that is doing great work but that you might have said 'no' to because they are facing an uncertain future. Your grant to them might give them the breathing space they need.

### **Do your processes reflect the needs of those you fund and the issues you are both addressing?**

Think of one thing you can do, or stop doing, that will make your processes easier – and do it.

### **Can you have “better conversations” with your grantees to build mutual understanding and honesty?**

If you have complicated questions you need to ask a grantee or applicant, which you would usually sort out in an exchange of emails, send them by email but arrange a call to talk through the answers.

The full report contains detailed examples and suggestions, as well as opportunities for collaboration.

As part of IVAR's own response to this call to action, as we disseminate these findings, we will be exploring the practical and resource implications for working in this way more often.