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The TurnAround Project receives £5000 from the Nationwide Foundation

The Wilderness Foundation UK has successfully secured a grant of £5000 from the Nationwide Foundation, a grant maker financed by Nationwide Building Society.

The Wilderness Foundation UK through it's TurnAround Project provides nature based programmes for young offenders and disadvantaged youth, including wilderness trails, skills workshops, community volunteering and work experience opportunities. The £5,000 award will provide a scholarship place for one young person to join the second intake of TurnAround starting in January 2009.

Eddie Charles, Project Manager of TurnAround said *"We are very grateful to the Nationwide Foundation for this donation. It will make a dramatic difference to the life of a young person in Essex and help them to get back on track. It is our aim to intervene and help vulnerable young people before they get to the point of being taken into custody. With this long-term project and the support of organisations like the Nationwide, we can do that."*

Lisa Parker, the Nationwide Foundation's chief executive said *"There are now more young people in custody in Britain than ever before and statistics show that 80% of them will re-offend within two years of being released. We are delighted to offer this grant to the Wilderness Foundation UK whose work will really make a difference to the lives of many young people, thereby helping to reduce crime and make the community safer."*

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Notes:

The Nationwide Foundation is a registered charity (no. 1065552) which makes donations to registered charities and is funded principally by contributions from the Nationwide Building Society. It is a separate legal entity from the Society and is run by an independent board of trustees.

The current funding programme is called "Supporting Families". The Small Grants Programme makes grants of up to £5,000 to registered charities in the UK who work in areas of domestic violence, support for prisoners' families and rehabilitation of young offenders.

The Wilderness Foundation UK Ltd, a company limited by guarantee (no. 06003527) and registered charity (no. 1118493) is an environmental education charity that organises and facilitates wilderness trails for schools, colleges, youth groups and members of the general public. The organisation uses wilderness experience for personal growth and change, and through experience gained over thirty years has developed social intervention programmes that make a lasting difference to both individuals and communities.

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