



## **NE Surf secures support from UnLtd - delivering social change in our community**

*NE Surf, a surf school based in Bamburgh, Northumberland secures support and funding from UnLtd to help deliver surf therapy and adaptive surfing lessons in Northumberland.*

*“We are so proud to announce our award from UnLtd, the UK’s foundation for social entrepreneurs. The award’s funding and tailored business support will significantly help us to achieve our social objectives of improving equality of access to surfing and surf therapy across Northumberland,” ~ NE Surf.*

NE Surf is a surf school based in Bamburgh, Northumberland, offering high quality surf lessons for complete beginners through to advanced surfers. As well as delivering top quality lessons, NE Surf is equally passionate about sharing the physical and mental health benefits of surfing and being in the Sea with as many people as possible.

NE Surf is owned and operated by Chris and Emily who both have many years experience of surfing and coaching, and know the Northumberland coastline like the backs of their hands. Their extreme passion for surfing is the driving force behind their surf school and the social objectives they have set with it.

The North Sea is a free resource which for many provides potential to preserve and optimise physical and mental health. However, access is not equal for many who lack the ability or knowledge to develop their understanding of the sea and therefore enjoy it safely. The average price of a surf lesson in Northumberland is between £30-£35 and there is currently no adaptive surfing equipment in the entire county. This lack of affordable access and adaptive equipment puts Northumberland way behind

other coastal regions, where surf therapy and adaptive surfing are more readily available.

In the current social and economic climate mental health services are completely oversubscribed. NE Surf endeavour to use their position to positively impact the local community by promoting and delivering surfing lessons and surf therapy, which really positively impact mental health. They will also make surfing more accessible to people with disabilities by improving the adaptive surfing offer in Northumberland.

**Emily, NE Surf said: “The funding and support from UnLtd has already made a huge difference in enabling us to achieve our social aims. The funding has meant that we have been able to get 5 of our instructors their adaptive surf instructor qualification which will greatly increase our knowledge and ability to deliver fully inclusive surf lessons. We also have some budget to use on adaptive surfing equipment which will be amazing for the disabled community in Northumberland. We are so excited to be able to offer surf lessons to users of the newly housed beach wheelchairs at Bamburgh.**

**The business support from UnLtd has helped us develop NE Surf Society, a constituted charity, through which we can focus solely on our social aims of using surfing to benefit the community. We already have some funding and projects in the pipeline which will enable us to offer surfing and surf therapy for free or heavily subsidised to those who need it most and would not ordinarily be able to access it.**

**We’re so stoked to share our passion with even more people and see the joy on their faces as they discover the magical free playground on our doorstep.”**

UnLtd is currently working hard with partners from both the public and private sectors to deliver social impact by harnessing the huge potential of social entrepreneurs to solve society’s biggest challenges.

More information on UnLtd's latest funding opportunities is available online [here](#).

**For more information on NE Surf or NE Surf Society, or to register your interest in volunteering to help with surf therapy/adaptive surf sessions please contact: [info@nesurf.co.uk](mailto:info@nesurf.co.uk) / 07962166486**

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