

IPF aimed to find a 'Charity of the Year' to support through corporate donations and employee fundraising and volunteering involving staff, with an ambitious amount of £10,000 to be raised through these methods.

Leeds Community Foundation played an integral role in this process by assisting IPF in selecting the ideal charity to meet company objectives – in this instance the process was a series of presentations by prospective charities to IPF staff members.

Four groups were shortlisted – The Candlelighters Trust, a charity established to assist the families of children suffering from cancer; Home-Start Leeds, who support struggling parents with unique mentoring services; Leeds South Foodbank, a network of food banks across the city and Sunshine and Smiles, a group that provides support to the families of children with Down Syndrome in Leeds.

The presentations took place at IPF's offices and after a staff vote Sunshine and Smiles were chosen as their charity of the year.

- Sunshine & Smiles – Leeds Down Syndrome Network