



YOUR
BACKUP

**ICE
BENEVOLENT
FUND**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Cover:

Silent Valley Reservoir,
County Down, Northern Ireland



"We were just after advice and in the end the Benevolent Fund actually paid for the windows to be done. We weren't expecting that, it was a very nice surprise."

Civil engineer Richard and his wife Natalie had two sons Owain and Huw, and a third child on the way. The eldest son, Owain, suffers from spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Their home was in urgent need of repair and adaptation for their disabled son.

Richard's home had single glazed aluminium framed windows which attract condensation, causing dampness and mould. This could be detrimental to Owain's wellbeing as he is unable to regulate his body temperature. Richard was in full-time employment and Natalie was caring full-time for the children. Changing the windows did not qualify for any kind of disability funding and the fact

that Richard was in work prevented them applying for government assistance, even though the family were only just making ends meet. Richard was also working on adapting the family bathroom to suit Owain's needs.

The ICE Benevolent Fund was able to provide a grant to pay for double glazed windows, and cover some of the costs of the bathroom.

The Ben Fund caseworker was also able to advise the family about claiming Carer's Allowance. The family now receive this allowance which augments their income by around £50 per week and their home is now better adapted to their needs.

YOUR BACKUP FOR FINANCIAL HELP

Making ends meet on a daily basis can be a constant balancing act — calculating for what's around the corner is virtually impossible.

So when life gets in the way and things get tough, we're here to make sure you get the financial assistance and help you need to regain control.

From funding for essential everyday things to emergency grants that can turn a person's life around, we can help make a real difference.

How we can help

As an ICE member, if you or your family are experiencing financial difficulties, please get in touch.

We are here to help civil engineers and their families who have fallen on hard times to get back on their feet. When you need it most, we can offer one-off grants and regular support to bolster your finances.

How we support you

If you or your family have been affected by redundancy or ill-health or are simply struggling to meet day-to-day needs, we can help ease the burden in a number of ways:

Emergency grants in a crisis

Monthly payments to those on very limited incomes for up to 6 months or longer, depending on the circumstances

Financing disability aids, adaptations and equipment to promote better independence

Grants towards house repairs or maintenance

Help with residential or nursing home top-up fees

Grants for carers' breaks and respite care

Whatever your reason for needing support, please contact us to find out how we can help.

How we make awards

Because everyone's circumstances are different, all applications are considered individually and confidentially.

Help is available to all those in need who are:

Current Graduate grade ICE members and above, as well as former members who have paid subscriptions for at least five years

Dependants of former members of the ICE, graduate grade or above (e.g. widows)

Dependants of any former Institution of Municipal Engineers member

Get help now

Visit our website to find out about eligibility and download all you need to apply. And, if you still have questions, speak to a staff member of the ICE Benevolent Fund.

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Help us support civil engineers and their families

Even a small amount of funding can make a difference to someone's life. Please help us support our future civil engineers by donating to the Benevolent Fund. As an ICE member, it couldn't be easier to support us. The suggested donation is £10, however, you're welcome to donate any amount by simply changing it in your annual membership subscription. Alternatively, anyone can make a donation direct to the Ben Fund via our website.

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