# Three steps to release local funding





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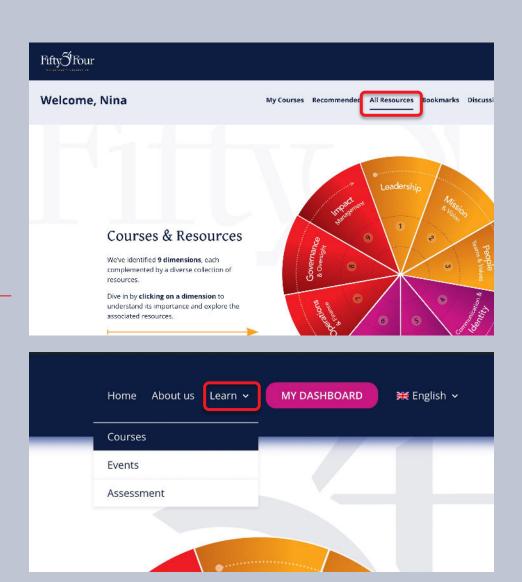
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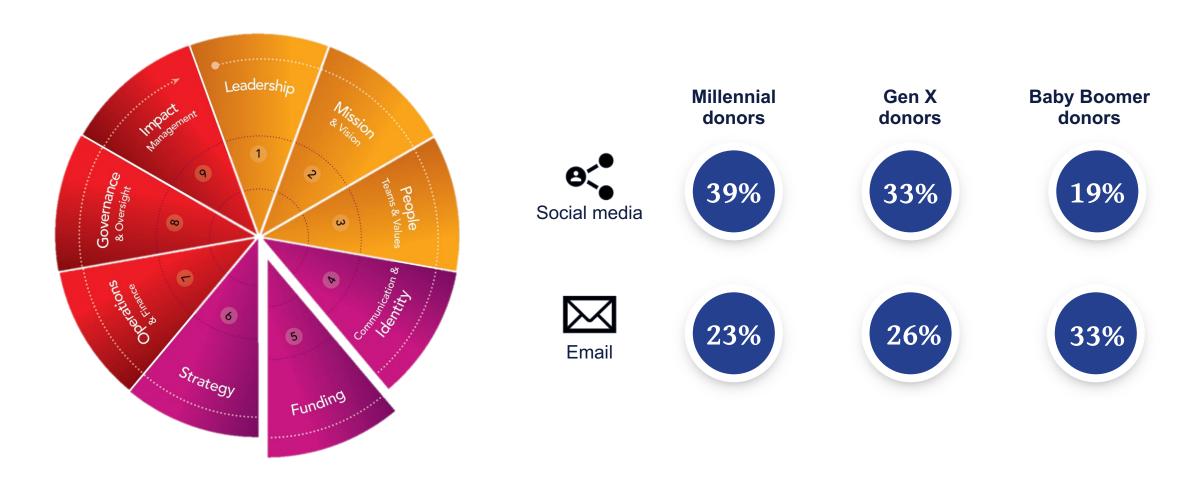
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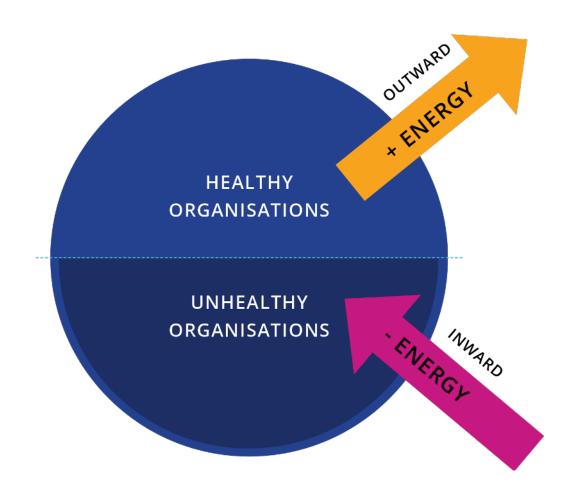




## Funding

Which channels are donors worldwide most inspired to give by?





### Energy Focus

When organisations are unhealthy, energy is sucked inwards, away from critical missional impact and into the organisation.

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Live Learning

## How does your ministry fundraise?

- Do you depend heavily on funding from abroad for your mission work?
- How diversified are your income streams?
- Can your ministry survive and thrive if a handful of big supporters or a foundation stopped giving?
- Do local churches and believers support your mission?

## Why does releasing local funding matter?

It enables local believers to show obedience to God's command to love and serve others.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." - Matthew 25:35

Inviting local believers to respond to local needs within their communities enables them to love and care for their neighbours.



### Why does releasing local funding matter?

It builds and strengthens the local community.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2

By inviting local churches and believers to give to your ministry you are enabling them to bear their neighbours burdens, fulfilling the law of Christ through their generosity and their prayers.



### Why does releasing local funding matter?

It shows faith in action.

"So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." — James 2:17

By contributing to local ministries, believers show their faith in action, not only speaking about the God's love but sharing it through their deeds.

## Breakout Room (12 minutes)

- 1. How is fundraising perceived in your culture?
- 2. If you are fundraising locally, please share with the group some of the steps you are taking.

### Guidelines for engagement

- Start with a brief introduction
- Only share something you're comfortable sharing
- Show up to serve by listening well
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# Three Steps for Releasing Local Funding



Focus on the people God has placed around you



Tell compelling stories, ask, thank supporters and report back



Be a good steward of resources, accountable and transparent.



## Step One: Focus on the people God has placed around you.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." – Acts 1:8

Who is your Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria?

Local churches – that can become your mission partners.

Christian businesspeople – who can become your strategic supporters.

Individuals - who can become prayer warriors, volunteers, and regular donors.



## Step Two: Tell compelling stories, ask, thank, and report back

- 1. Tell stories of need, impact, and opportunities
- 2. Ask local people and churches to give
- 3. Thank new supporters promptly
- 4. Report back on the impact of donor's gifts

Repeat these steps.



## Step Three: Be a good steward, accountable and transparent.

Accountability and trust are key factors for receiving repeat gifts.

Set up sound systems and procedures for resource management
Use supporters' gifts for the intended purposes
Show local churches and supporters how their gifts are making a difference
Communicate financial information regularly

## Breakout Room (15 minutes)

- 1. Which of these steps will you apply first?
- 2. If you have used any of these steps, please share with the rest of the group some of the challenges you have faced and the lessons you have learnt?

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# Action steps

- 1. Do the **storytelling courses** on FiftyFour to tell your story in a more impactful way
- Ensure you can communicate clearly on the impact your organisation is having
- 3. Review your financial systems and transparency with your donors on your financial status

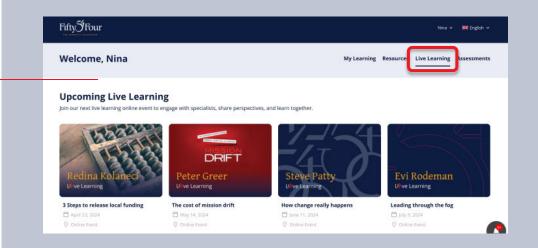
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