

Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 23rd May 2017
Title of report Youth Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below together with the recommendations of the Local Youth Network (LYN) Management Group.

Applicant	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
Marlborough World of Puppets Event Committee	£1590.50	

1. Background

The recommendation from the LYN Management Group has been made in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Leaders guidance for Community Area Boards on Positive Activities for Young People
- Positive Activities for Young People local Youth Network Terms of Reference
- Positive Activities Toolkit for Community Area Boards

Young people have considered this application and identified it as a priority for Area Board funding.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Youth Grant Funding awarded in the 2017/2018 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to decide and be assured that young people and the community will benefit from the funding being awarded and the project/positive activity proceeding. The application should meet the identified needs, priorities and outcomes for young people in the areas, as identified in the LYN Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding children and young people.
- 2.4. Councillors will need to ensure that young people have been central to each stage of this Youth Grant Funding application.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Youth Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Ensuring that Community Area Boards and LYNs fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people is essential to meeting the Council’s Public Sector Equality Duty.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children and young people. The Community Youth Officer has assessed this application agreed it meets safeguarding requirements.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
(hyper link) Walking with Giants	Marlborough World of Puppets event committee	Walking with Giants Puppetry workshop	£1590.50
<p>Project description</p> <p>This is part of Marlboroughs World of Puppets Festival a community project which takes place on 8 and 9 July 2017. It’s a celebration of the 70th Anniversary of Pelham Puppets founded in Marlborough in 1947 by Bob Pelham. It will be a workshop for young people using St Johns Academy facilities but is not a school curriculum project. The 3 day workshop is run by The Fetch Theatre whose artistic directors will work with young people to create a giant puppet probably a dragon a key component in a Parade of Puppets scheduled for the centre of Marlborough on Saturday 9th July 2017.</p> <p>The workshop project offers an opportunity for young people to learn more about the towns heritage and how puppets are made and for the puppet, probably a large dragon, to be part of a parade scheduled to open the festival. It will help young people to develop skills in the art-form of puppetry which is being used more frequently in professional theatre e.g. War Horse and Avenue Q. The project supports the Community Areas local priorities for 2017 -2019 in that the workshop will provide experience for young people and skills training and so enhance job prospects as well and being a positive leisure time activity. The workshop is free and offers participation in arts and crafts activities. It has a clear link to local heritage in terms of the towns puppetry history.</p> <p>Proposed breakdown of costs.</p> <p>£1,200 for employment of 2/3 artists to create a giant dragon over 3 days – 9 hours per day over the 3 days (the artists themselves are likely to have to work for longer as this is a big puppet to make over just 3 days!). More at: https://www.thefetch.co.uk/workshops £150 for materials – kaboo cane (rather like that used for basket weaving), muslin fabric to cover the structure and paints. £240 for accommodation/travel costs for the 3 days (and 2 nights)</p>			

Additional information provided on request.

It will be advertised, in particular, to those looking for work experience and skills training and interested in the arts. The Director of the Festival – David Leech (and former worker at Pelham Puppets and a member of the British Puppet Guild) will be liaising with schools, Marlborough Academy of Dance & Drama, etc in the lead up to the workshop and the event.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

The application meets the grant criteria 2017/18

Due to the timing of this application and the local election the LYN has not been able to look at this application.

The LYN will be consulted between the time of this report and the area board. The Locality Youth Facilitator will bring the recommendation to this meeting.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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