

Report to Devizes Area Board
Date of meeting 23rd November 2015
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
Dorothy House Hospice Care Bereavement Support & Making Memories Project	£2802.00	Fully recommend application for this project
Devizes BOCCIA Club-development off, for 13-25's	£4700.00	Fully recommend application for funding
Devizes LGBT Youth Support Group	£4065.54	Fully recommend application for this project
Devizes Young People's Art Competition, development for project, for 13-19's	£250.17	Fully recommend application for this project
Bromham Youth Club Above and Beyond	£5000.00	Fully recommend application for this project
Devizes School Year 11 Lunch Club	£2279.52	Fully recommend application for this project
Devizes Youthy Above and Beyond Club Development	£4993.15	Fully recommend application for this project
DOCA (Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts) Festive Umbrellas and Lanterns Project-Umbrellas and Our Green Planet	£2564.00	Fully recommend application for this project

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 2015/2016 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
ID184	Dorothy House Hospice Care Bereavement Support & Making Memories Project	Develop two new sessions aimed at bereaved young people to be with their families, to spend time building memories of a shared experience. Also, to access specialist	£2802.00

		bereavement support	
<p>Project description <u>Short paragraph description of the project:</u> We are seeking to fund two new important sessions for children and young people in their own family group or in groups bringing a number of families together. Making Memories mornings will be protected but informal time and space for family members including the patient to either complete a project together creating a tangible artefact or simply to spend time building memories of a shared experience. We hope to run the sessions every 2 months throughout 2016. Hidden Woods remembrance days are specially designed to bring together bereaved children and young people with their families in a beautiful woodland setting to spend a day working on woodland crafts and preparing cooking and sharing food. There will also be access to specialist bereavement support from our staff and time to give and receive peer support. We hope to run 3 one-day long weekend Hidden Woods sessions run jointly by Dorothy House CYPS practitioners Dorothy House volunteers and Hidden Woods staff. We know that bereaved young people cope better with the loss of someone important when the remaining family members are also coping and they are jointly creating the new family norm. We are applying to two Area Boards Devizes and Bradford On Avon, to be able to engage young people & their families from different geographical areas.</p>			
<p>Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £2802.00, with no conditions attached. It meets the current Devizes young people's needs assessment and offers an opportunity for those who are clearly vulnerable, to engage in positive activities.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID158	Devizes BOCCIA club development off, for 13-25's (SEND)	For the development of the club, increasing the coaching resource to enable Boccia to be taught and coached in additional venues thereby engaging further young people. Additional equipment and upgraded playing aids will support the players.	£4700.00
<p>Project description <u>Short paragraph description of the project:</u> The club currently has 12 members including the profoundly disabled and SEN children and a young person hereafter referred to as athletes, as Boccia is a Paralympics' sport. We now need to develop registered coaches and upgrade the clubs equipment and resources to enable the club to compete in local Boccia competitions and better support its long term development. There is a need to increase the coaching resource to enable Boccia to be taught and coached in additional venues thereby extending access to the sport by others. Additional equipment and upgraded playing aids will support the players enable the club to offer the best possible playing opportunities.</p>			

Wish to engage many more young people aged 13-25 (upper age allowed as these are young people with special educational needs and disabilities)

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £4700.00, with no conditions attached. It allows those young people who are vulnerable and at times isolated, to engage in positive activities.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID157	Devizes LGBT Youth Support Group	This will be a drop in support group for vulnerable LGBT young people from the Devizes Community Area. Young people will be able to be part of a community of their peers who are also LGBT and understand them and access support.	£4065.54

Project description

Short paragraph description of the project: This will enable young people Local young people have expressed a need by talking to the Community Youth Officer and school for developing a specific LGBT support group. One young person initiated the campaign at Devizes School for there to be provision in place. She also identified this need with the Devizes Community Youth Officer and Wiltshire Council LGBT Youth Support Worker. This young person then became involved in the Local Youth Network management group to raise awareness of this priority and need. She has then identified other young people who have expressed the same need for provision. 11 young people have been involved in developing this idea also Devizes School are fully supporting this group including the current acting head teacher and previous head. This project will be accessible to LGBT young people only ensuring a safe environment to seek advice and support.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £4065.54, with no conditions attached. It allows those young people who are vulnerable and at times isolated, to engage in positive activities.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID186	Devizes Young People's Art Competition	This competition provides an opportunity for young people in the Devizes community area to develop and showcase their art skills and	£250.17

		encourage newcomers to art. The competition wishes to attract more 13-18 year olds to exhibit their artistic skills and develop an interest in art.	
Project description			
<p><u>Short paragraph description of the project:</u> Gives opportunities to young people ages 13-18 to develop their interests in art. We have spoken to the community youth officer and she has informed us that young people are requesting new art activities. There have been ten annual exhibitions and competitions with an average of 120 entries per year. Last year there was 13 entrants aged 12-18 and we are looking to encourage this age range to be more involved. The plan is to involve the secondary schools and local youth clubs. Young people will get involved with promoting the competition this year. The emphasis is very much on development of an existing project to increase the offer to young people, in terms of art and culture. We are hoping to increase entries from the previous years. It is free to enter and young people up to 18 can take part.</p>			
Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group			
That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £250.17, with no conditions attached.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID185	Bromham Youth Club Above and Beyond	Themed nights and workshops to develop the youth club, offering informal learning based on young people's needs. Also, regular off site activities throughout the year	£5000.00
Project description			
<p><u>Short paragraph description of the project:</u> A one evening per week youth club for those aged 13-19 from the Bromham community area, along with their friends and peers. Also for those up to age 25 with additional needs and disabilities. It has been running since 7th October 2015 and there have been 29 new members join. The members have been planning with the youth leader what they would like offered from the club in addition to the existing activities which is predominately a drop in youth club. The club will develop to meet young people's needs by offering themed nights and workshops which will include e-safety, relationships, bullying and self esteem. These are current issues that these young people face. There will be a session on offer every month with a different issue. Young people have also expressed an interest in offsite activities such as Braeside and trips away. The club aims to engage a further 25 young people this is from the evidence gained through past consultation of those residing in the Bromham Community Area. The club is open to all young people from the community area and their peers/friends even if they are from outside the area.</p>			

For the club to be sustainable and to operate safely there is a need for another paid youth worker to ensure that there is enough staff for it to run each week.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £5000.00, with no conditions attached. It allows those young people who are rurally isolated to engage in positive activities. The club development ideas will ensure young people receive informal education, different to the social experience of engaging in the youth club.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID166	Devizes School Year 11 Lunch Club	To provide supervised lunch club for Year 11 students at Devizes School for two days a week. They really want somewhere for some lunchtimes for their year group which is independent of school where they can relax with their friends. They could also access youth services at this time.	£2279.52

Project description

Short paragraph description of the project: The students will benefit because they will have an environment of their own away from their studies in which to relax away from school during lunchtime but still in a safe environment. This is an intense year for these young people with high expectations of them in their academic studies this club forms part of our strategy to help the whole student in their school life. The students too are very keen for this to happen and have made regular representation to the school leader in charge of Y11. This facility would give them a half way house between school and the 6th Form to enable them to be a little more independent. It would be free of charge to them so ALL students can access the facility. The club would be staffed by youth workers so would provide the opportunity for students to seek advice from professionals and the youth workers to interact with young people.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £2279.52, with no conditions attached. Meets the current Devizes young people's needs assessment. Will provide a positive link for Devizes Youth too, to engage with more young people.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID172	Devizes Youthy Above and Beyond Club Development	Devizes Youthy is a drop-in club for those aged 13-19 on a Wednesday evening. To develop this club further the young people wish to participate in specific projects and trips away	£4993.15

Project description

Short paragraph description of the project: The projects being planned are baking skills and creative arts including digital technology. Each project will last a term at a time over the next year off the youth club. There will also be trips away to develop personal responsibility and cultural awareness. The club itself started in May 2015 and has had good numbers of young people attending but to date it has been a social opportunity now young people wish to gain more from attending and have asked for new provision that is above and beyond what it usually offers. These include a baking skills project as well as creative arts digital technology skills and trips away from the club. The projects will be run one at a time and last half term at a time 4-6 weeks. The digital technology will involve workshops over Easter and Summer holidays using professional artists but the other projects will be during the evening club sessions. The trips will be held during Christmas 2015 and Summer 2016 when the club is not operating.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £4993.15, with no conditions attached. The plans for this club will ensure young people engage in new, exciting and developmental opportunities over and above a base social experience.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID183	DOCA (Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts) Festive Umbrellas and Lanterns Project-Umbrellas and Our Green Planet	Umbrellas and Our Green Planet are two new light based participatory arts projects for young people which will deliver inspiring new outdoor arts experiences for participants and audiences at the Devizes Christmas Festival and Lantern Parade on 27th November	£2564.00

Project description

Short paragraph description of the project: **Umbrellas**-Performing with an array of beautiful professionally made LED lit umbrellas, as part of the Devizes Festive event; young people

will create a kaleidoscope of moving colours and lead the Devizes Christmas Festival Lantern Parade. They will perform alongside BTEC students from Circomedia Circus School. **Our Green Planet**-We will also deliver a large-scale lantern project in Lavington School which has grown in ambition since it was first conceived. Students will then make a site specific lantern installation that will be hung from the Corn Exchange. Both activities meet the needs of young people by providing unique positive opportunities to participate in and contribute to a professionally produced large scale community event. Umbrellas is a fun inclusive and accessible arts opportunity for young people to create a beautiful hand held light installation which will be presented and performed at the head of the Lantern Parade.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £2564.00, with no conditions attached. This project offers a unique cultural and art experience, engaging young people in a hugely popular community event.

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

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