



Report to	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board
Date of Meeting	20 – 1 - 16
Title of Report	Locality Youth Network update

Purpose of the Report

To inform the community about the role of the Local Youth Network, (LYN) update the community about the work of the Local Youth Network (and to ask Councillors to consider the following grant and procurement applications.)

Recommendation

Members are asked to

1. Note progress to date
2. Decide on funding applications as laid out .

Royal Wootton Bassett

The Monday After school cafe and the Friday youth group continue to be successful. A programme of issue based work compliments activities and social time

Lyneham

The Wednesday Lyneham group in St Michael’s church hall over the winter is well attended

Cricklade

The local Barista cafe continues to offer a discounted time for teenagers after every school day. The Leisure centre offers a discounted youth gym session and occasional climbing programmes.

The Sunday afternoon youth gym, sports hall and social opportunity for teenagers has completed its pilot and wishes to continue with a regular gym session only and explore further opportunities on a taster basis.

The local churches continue to offer an after school youth group for years 6 – 8 at Jenner hall

The CYO and Connecting youth have submitted a grant bid to pilot a youth club session in the town for ages 12 plus.

Purton

The CYO and Connecting youth have submitted a grant bid to pilot a community cafe project that will provide an after school session for young people. The CYO intends to use this group in developing further ideas for the area.

Purton young people will be able to attend four ‘Fun in the Sun’ sessions during the summer break

General Update

In all areas, there is a demand for sport, social time, art, parkour and self defence.

We are always looking for organisations to deliver these with our support

Youth Provision Update

Most provision by existing organisations in the area can be found on www.sparksite.co.uk/

Funding for activities that satisfy the needs identified within our area can be via grant or procurement. We will only fund NEW activities that ideally have some form of additional funding or contributions from other bodies, volunteer time, free premises etc.

Activities provided through the Area Board

Proposed grant bids

Details of applicant and title of project	Amount of funding requested	Grant or procurement	Number of and ages of young people expected to take part	Other Resources brought into the community eg volunteers or funding
Cricklade and District Community Assoc	£375	Grant	15 YP aged 12 to 18	Subsidy from CADCA
Connecting Youth Wiltshire	£1885	Grant for 2 pilots	40 YP aged 12 to 18	Volunteer assistant leaders

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Background

In 2014, Wiltshire Council changed the way it delivers youth development and devolved a budget to Area Boards to enable the localised provision of positive activities. Each community area should have one or more Locality Youth Networks (LYN) who oversee the provision of these activities.

What are Positive Activities?

A positive activity can be any educational or recreational leisure-time activity which helps young people to achieve healthy and safe lifestyle outcomes.

Positive activities are for young people aged 13-19 (up to 25 years of age for young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities) and may include activities and support which:

- Helps young people connect with their communities, enabling them to belong and contribute to society e.g. through volunteering
- Provides opportunities for young people to take part in a range of sports, arts, music and other activities where they can socialise safely with their peers and develop relationships, including with adults they can trust
- Encourage young people's personal and social development
- Improve young people's physical and mental health and emotional well-being
- Help young people to achieve in education, work or training
- Prevent and divert young people away from risky behaviours e.g. teenage pregnancy, substance misuse and involvement in crime and anti-social behaviour

What is a Locality Youth Network?

A Locality Youth Network (LYN) is a sub group of the Community Area Board. It represents a wide range of community stakeholders who work in partnership to facilitate a range of positive activities across the community area. Young people play a central role in all aspects of the LYN. Locality Youth Networks identify local needs, priorities and outcomes and make evidence based recommendations to the Area Board on how funding for positive activities for young people should be deployed.

The Area Board holds the budget and Area Board members make the final decision on whether or not to grant funding.

The Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board has two LYNs

- Royal Wootton Bassett & Lyneham
- Cricklade & Purton

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