

**Report to** Trowbridge Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
**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
Trowbridge Arts – Town Hall	£4855.00	The LYN MG Group believes that this is a worthwhile project to support, and would help the young people of Trowbridge have a positive activity for them to be involved in. They did however feel that there was some confusion with the financial elements of the bid and wish for this to be confirmed. Once confirmed the budget will either be supported to the full sum requested or reduced accordingly.

**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
<a href="#">ID-250</a>	Trowbridge Arts – Town Hall	£9145.00	£4855.00

**Project description**

We have run these Youth Theatre sessions with the support of Heritage Lottery funding and currently have 10 members in our Town Hall group 11 in our SEN youth theatre company. We encourage volunteering and community involvement by inviting our Youth Theatre members to be part of our Youth Advisory group and help make decisions about programming marketing etc. The groups cost 5 per session but this funding would allow us to offer some bursary places or give reduced fees for children from low income families. It will also allow us to offer free tickets to see live professional performances for all of our members and essential companions. We are running 2 pilot Youth Music nights as they were something requested by our Youth Advisory group. These will be run marketed and performed by young people for young people. This funding will mean we can programme a full series of these with a subsidised ticket price of only 3. Here are comments made by our current members I enjoy youth theatre because everyone including the staff are really friendly. it gives me a chance to express myself doing something I love. It gives me a chance to make friends outside of school and my Monday evenings would be spent on my phone or my laptop Its affordable for people who love Drama cos Stagecoach is like millions of pounds. Mondays is normally miserable but youth theatre makes it shiny. The youth company will perform at Clarendon School having researched their play at Trowbridge Museum and Wiltshire and Swindon History centre so do work with other community partners to bring added value to the group. Two of our members also judged this year's

Christmas shop window displays for the Chamber of commerce.

Costs

Town Hall Youth Theatre leader	£ 1800.00
Larkrise Youth Leader – 3 terms	£ 1500.00
Support Staff for Larkrise x 2	£ 1200.00
25 Hoodies	£ 425.00
Bursary Places x 5 each term	£ 750.00
Tickets to see one performance	£ 900.00
Youth Music Nights	£ 1000.00
DBS Checks	£ 130.00
Room Hire	£ 1080.00
Performance Tickets for Leaders	£ 360.00
Total	£ 9145.00

This project has elements of self-funding these are as follows:

Enrolment to the Town Hall Youth Theatre x10	£1500.00
Enrolment for Larkrise Youth Theatre x 10	£1500.00
Youth Music tickets income £3 each	£ 300.00
Room Hire in Kind	£ 630.00
Performance Tickets for leaders and enablers	£ 360.00
Sub- Total	£ 4290.00

Leaving £4855.00 for external funding from the LYN MG Group and Trowbridge Area board to support this group to continue.

**Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group**

- 1) To clarify the funding elements of this grant as some information was not showing on the printed copies of the bids distributed to the LYN MG Group. If still a concern then Trowbridge Arts will be asked to clarify the funding allocations.
- 2) To send reports on the provisions and raise the intake of the project.

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

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