

Report to Trowbridge Area Board
Date of meeting 14th 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
LGBT Group – Supported by Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership (WYAP)	£4400.00	The LYN MG Group feels that this is a valued project helping to raise the level of need within Trowbridge and the wider community. By completing a film aimed at the advice and guidance available to this group will highlight what's available to young people facing any issues in this arena. The LYN MG would like to see how this project has supported this group in raising its profile and increasing the attendance of the group.

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
ID-261	LGBT Group – supported by WYAP	£6550.00	£4400.00
Project description			
<p>The Trowbridge LGBT group would like to explore some of the issues facing young members of the LGBT people in Trowbridge through research and development of a film and animation project. The LGBT group is managed and supported by Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership. The service supports young people through weekly sessions which are focused on wellbeing and resilience for young LGBT people from 13-19 years of age up to 25 for SEND. An important element has been to offer a safe space for young people to meet and share thoughts and feelings as well as gaining valuable structure and input from relevant support services where needed. Historically it has been shown that the LGBT young people can be very vulnerable i.e. self-harm bullying alcohol misuse drug misuse homelessness and family breakdown. LGBT young people regularly experience homophobic bullying. For those who are out about their sexuality managing the effects of discrimination and oppression requires strength and resilience. The peer support offered by other group members assists with this process. The weekly session offers a safe haven to just be myself which is also supportive for those young people who are not able to be open with others in their life. The Trowbridge group has a growing membership and is regularly receiving referrals through schools colleges' social care and families. There are currently six members with the Trowbridge LGBT. The proposal is for the group to co curate the content of a film exploring and researching issues that affect them and other LGBT young people. The group</p>			

will not only curate what the content is but also using it as an opportunity to speak up about the issues facing them and to follow this with a carefully-seeded social media campaign to promote the video. The group proposes to release a brief call out for artists interviewing and selecting the best artists companies that are suitable to the needs of the group. We will work with Trowbridge Arts and the Arts Service to develop a comprehensive offer suitable to artists and young people. We will also be adhering to the Wiltshire Youth Arts Charter for good practice and inclusion for this work. Breakdown of costs Film and animation artists 250 per day- 12 days delivery with young people.

Costs	
Co-editing and learning with young people –	£ 800.00
Film and Animation Artists and support to Y/P -	£3000.00
Film kit hire -	£ 200.00
Resources and props marketing	£ 200.00
Distribution of CD	£ 200.00
Total	£4400.00

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

- 1) The LYN MG Group would like to see how this project has supported the young people who attend this and whether the group has increased due to this project happening.

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

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