

Report to Devizes Area Board

Date of meeting 21 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
Devizes Eisteddfod	£500	Fully recommend funding for this project
Youth For Christ	£2000	Fully recommend funding 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
275	Mr. Michael Johnson Devizes Eisteddfod	Wiltshire Choir of the Year	£500

Project description

Wiltshire Choir of the Year WCY is being promoted as a countywide educational activity aimed at giving some 500 young people aged 18 and under the experience of performing to the highest artistic standard possible. The events are accessible to all students and the cost of participation is minimal. The principal aim of the events is to encourage young people to make music and to benefit from being part of a group of likeminded young people. Such activity can form an invaluable part of their educational experience developing their social and teamwork skills in addition to their artistic awareness. Up to 15 choirs will be able to compete and applications will be open to all groups and received on a first come first served basis. WCY is a development from the Eisteddfods successful Young Choir of the Year Competition pilot event held in May 2014 which created much interest and enthusiasm amongst competing choirs. Every school in Wiltshire state and independent has been circulated with information on the event and full details of WCY are available on the Eisteddfods website

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management GroupRecommended

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
258	Wiltshire Youth For Christ	Devizes Summer Youth Project	£2000

Project description

Wiltshire YFC will deliver community based Mobile Youth Work engaging with young people. We work in communities' right across Wiltshire and surrounding area. Wiltshire YFC assists young people in their current stage of life and during their transition to adulthood and encourages them to make a full and positive contribution to the communities in which they live. Other activities such as a Youth Cafe Gazebo with other activities will also be run. Young people have been involved through the LYN and CYO at a previous area meeting presentation to vote for this project as their top activity idea. Wiltshire YFC will organize the activity week linking with other local agencies such as Police and community groups to support and encourage local young people within the Devizes area. There will be no charge for those young people attending and there for open to all. The area to be used is suitable for all including those with disabilities.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group The LYN recommend this project

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

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