

## Lighthouse Youth Application

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**Current Status:** Application Received

**1. Project title? (Max. 8 words Eg. Tinkleton Village Youth Transport Project) \*required field**

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Lighthouse Youth Project

**2. Project summary: (100 words) \*required field#**

We are a community of volunteers from churches across Warminster indiscriminately working with young people. We began in 2015 having had consultation with young people through our work in Kingdown School where we discovered an overwhelming desire for a safe environment after school in evenings weekends to receive support with school work relationships bullying careers mentoring confidence pastoral care and anything else that presents. Furthermore there was an eagerness for a youth club to offer a range of activities and opportunities for growth and a place to meet together. For the past two years we have been responding to this need and hope to continue to support the young people we know and reach out to others.

**3. Amount of funding required: \*required field**

- £0 - £1000
- £1001 - £5000
- Over £5000 (Please note - our grants will not normally exceed £5,000)

**4. Which Area Board are you applying to? Not sure?**

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Warminster

**5. What is the Post Code of where the project is taking place?**

BA12 9AL

**6. Please tell us which theme(s) your project supports: \*required field**

- Informal education
- Youth work/development
- Sport/Leisure
- Residential
- Arts/Culture
- Employment or training
- 1:1/group work
- Community Project
- Community Safety
- Volunteering
- Environment
- Health
- Other

If Other (please specify)

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**Diversity Pastoral Care Responsibility Leadership**

**7. About your project**

**Please tell us about your project (a strong application will address all of the following):**

**\*required field**

- How does your project support local needs and priorities?
  - How have young people been involved in your project so far?
  - How many young people do you expect to benefit?
  - How will your project be accessible and affordable?
  - How will you encourage volunteering and community involvement?
  - How will you ensure your project is accessible to everyone (Disabled, low incomes, vulnerable, etc.)
  - How will ensure your project is inclusive?
  - How will you work with other community partners?
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The origin of this group was a response to young people losing their valuable former youth service and the research performed by the former CYO stating a significant desire from young people for a youth club. Now we have been reaching those people for 2 years the priority is clear from the group itself. It is also meeting the appeal that is often made by young people that there isn't much for them to do on the weekend now there is. The local church has known many young people who have needed long term emotional support that they struggle to receive from home or in school. In response to this issue which is a priority in the Joint Strategic Assessment for Warminster Our Tuesday after-school group is to act as a safe environment to provide such services in a fun and friendly place and act as a portal further into the youth work where positive safe mentoring relationships can be further fostered. The activities and support that is provided increase opportunities for young people's participation and involvement and help them build resilience make positive lifestyle choices to achieve in learning gain independence and ultimately make a successful transition into adulthood. We regularly consult young people to survey what type of youth provision they would need and what facilities activities would they like to be a part of. Our activities provision and grant application have come as a result of this study. On a Tuesday we have been regularly seeing 40 to 50 young people which is now at capacity. This meets at the Grace Christian Centre due to its advantageous position close to Kingdown which is hired out to us at no cost as part of their investment into young people. On a Friday we reach 20 to 30 young people with always having a view to reaching new people. Sign in Sheets and Photographs available. We have seen crossover from young people coming to Fridays because of Tuesdays. This kind of word of mouth spread we believe is a sign of our success in fulfilling the needs of young people. We hope to extend our work to include detached work with young people on the streets of Warminster much like the work of the Street Pastors. Initially the young people had chosen to not pay subs instead to prove the worth of the club through volunteering work. However the young people understand and agree that further fundraising by the young people is required and we are in the process of consultation to decide how they would like to do that. One of the initiatives we have been using as part of the tuck shop was to raise the cost of items 5p over cost price. This profit would then be used to replenish materials that broke or get new games for the xbox. Young people from surrounding areas of Warminster are able to access the Tuesday cafe as late buses are available on a Tuesday to those who wish to come over from school. We have also been working with the school to provide the service to young people with additional educational needs. On a Friday we currently meet at the former Youth Centre now WAVE. This is a key venue as it is one that the young people already trusted and promotes equal opportunities for those who have no affiliation with church. However as part of our fundraising discussion the young people are also investigating alternative meeting places that would be cheaper to hire. Issues surrounding this are mainly storage centrality visibility and safety. Our project is staffed mostly by volunteers 12 in total and is supported jointly through multiple churches. For the past 5 years the local churches have been running a volunteering project called Breakout which the young people will be a critical part of. Furthermore in late 2014 the young people raise awareness of children living in slums through a project called Slum Survivor. Trusted young people who are more mature will be given opportunities to serve as peer mentors which involves assisting in the operation of the youth club as well as mentoring younger members. This year we hope to put a float into Warminster Carnival as well. We will seek to raise the profile of the project through the local press and the LYN. Both the venues we use have disabled access. We currently support numerous young people with additional educational needs. Our grant application includes a request for funds to subsidise special trips and positive activities for young people coming from families of low income. Inclusivity is a high priority in our organisations and therefore we have an equal opportunities policy. The youth work is accessible for young people all backgrounds beliefs and needs. This is partly the reason why our Friday group meets in the youth centre rather than a church building. The leaders and peer mentors are given a mandate to promote respect for others point of views. We will work in connection with the LYN to support other community partners where

**possible. The project has been created and being sustained by multiple community partners namely the churches.**

## **8. Safeguarding**

**Please tell us about how you will protect and safeguard young people in your project (You must address all of the following): \*required field**

- Please evidence your commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.
- How do you make sure staff and volunteers understand their safeguarding responsibilities?
- Are staff and volunteers Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked and do you hold a central record of this as well as details of staff references.
- Who in your organisation is ultimately responsible for safeguarding?
- How do you ensure that young people are kept safe online when accessing your services?

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We have a thorough Safeguarding recruitment procedure that includes vetting training and further support that all staff must complete before committing to the youth work. This is provided and indemnified by Christ Church. Policy can be provided. We have a suggested ratio of 1 adult to 8 young people in each session in order to ensure each young person gets proper care and attention. We have regular team meetings debrief annual appraisals and training sessions to keep up to date with safeguarding responsibilities. All staff will complete a compulsory DBS as part of the recruitment process where Christ Church manages our DBS process and are the keeper of the recruitment records. Paula Thorpe is the safeguarding officer. Our wifi network can be only accessed through a secured password. Our ISP provides filter services. WiltsOnline protects the online services in the WAVE building.

## **9. Monitoring your project**

**How will you know if your project has been successful?**

We have regular team meetings where we discuss any matters arising and share success stories. We also have prep and debrief sessions before and after each group meeting respectively. We actively survey evaluation from young people about the services they have received by adopting the model promoted in the Positive Activities for Young People namely UNDERSTAND PLAN DO REVIEW. We keep evaluation information sheets after each session. Growth in number can be considered a minor success criterion as young people who have benefited from the project have shared it through word-of-mouth but more importantly the personal development of individual young people is the priority.

**10. Finance: \*required field, if you are a new organisation and don't have accounts leave blank and tick box below**

**10a. Your Organisation's Finance:**

**Your latest accounts:**

Month  Year

**Total Income:**

£  Please enter in money format **with pence** but no pound sign or comma or p. Eg 15000.00

**Total Expenditure:**

£

**Surplus/Deficit for the year:**

£

**Free reserves currently held:**

£

**Why can't you fund this project from your reserves**

We are a newly formed group and do not yet have published accounts:

**10b. Project Finance:**

**Part One: \*required**

Total Project cost  Please enter in money format **with pence** but no pound sign or comma or p. Eg 15000.00  
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Total required from Area Board

**Part Two: Please itemise your project expenditure and project income \*required**

**11. Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant for this project from another area board within this financial year? \*required field**

- Yes  
 No

**12. Tick all the Area Boards to which you are intending to apply, including this one (You can apply to a maximum of 3 Area Boards for the same project in a financial year) \*required field, if Yes to Q11.**

- Amesbury  
 Bradford on Avon  
 Calne  
 Chippenham  
 Corsham

- Devizes
- Malmesbury
- Marlborough
- Melksham
- Pewsey
- Salisbury
- Southern Wiltshire
- South West Wiltshire
- Tidworth
- Trowbridge
- Warminster
- Westbury
- Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade

### 13. DECLARATION

**Supporting information - Please confirm that the following documents will be available to inspect upon request (You DO NOT need to send these documents to us):**

**Do you have the following (please tick any that apply):**

- Child Protection Policy
- Safeguarding Children
- Procedure for dealing with an allegation against a member of staff or a volunteer
- Complaints Procedure
- Public Liability Insurance
- Health & Safety
- Whistle blowing policy
- Internet use policy
- Constitution
- Annual Accounts
- Business/Project Plan (For projects where total project cost is over £50,000)

**Legal declaration \*required field**

- The information on this form is correct, that any award received will be spent on the activities specified.