

Bradford on Avon Area Board Youth Grants 2012

1. What is the Initiative?

Climbing and Canoeing Activity

We are a group of young people with disabilities who attend the Barnardo's Short Breaks Activity Club held in the Youth and Development Centre in Bradford on Avon. We have been hoping to take part in a climbing and canoeing activity for about a year now, but due to lack of funds for the extra support we need and the transport costs, we have been unable to take part in either activity.

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

Under-Cover-Rock in Bristol and Frome Canoe Club in Frome.

3. When will the initiative take place?

Summer 2012

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

To help promote young people with disabilities in a positive way.

To raise awareness of disability issues.

To help eliminate discrimination.

To assist in providing an inclusive sport.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

We will all have the opportunity to take part in and enjoy the climbing and canoeing activities. We will be helped by friendly people who will recognise that we have extra needs. They will understand that we may need extra help, not just to allow us to take part in these activities, but also to keep us safe.

We will feel good about ourselves and it will give us more confidence to try new activities in the future.

When new families come along to our club for taster sessions, we will show them photos of what we have done and encourage other young people to have the confidence to try them as well.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Meryl Hardiman, Play Co-Ordinator and Lynda O'Conner, Sessional worker.

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

Canoeing - taster session up to 2 hours for a group of six - £10 per teenager

Transport - for 2 taster sessions - £74.00

Support staff for 2 taster sessions and travelling time £190

Overall cost of canoeing activity £ 384.00

Climbing - per hour session

Teenagers - £5.50

Harness - £1.50

Instructor - £25

Transport - for 1 taster session - £104

Support staff for 1 taster sessions and travelling time £190

Overall cost of climbing activity £375.00

8. Additional information

Some of us did not enjoy activities away from our families until we started using the Barnardo's short breaks at Bradford Youth Development Centre. We go swimming at the local pool and play football in the sports centre gym. Now that we are becoming more confident and know our helpers better we would like to be given the opportunity to do things that other young people take for granted.

This request is from all the young people who use the Barnardo's short breaks at the Bradford Club.