

Tidworth Area Board- Youth Initiatives Project Funding Application Form

1. What is your Project? (Describe what your project is about and the number of people who will be involved)

Cheeky Monkeys is a baby/toddler/social group aimed to encourage integration within the Tidworth community between parents and their children from civilian and military families. The twice weekly sessions are structured to offer quality play opportunities and encourage parents to play with their children. We would like to have a soft play area to encourage health and fitness for babies and toddlers, as this is an area of play currently not covered.

We currently have a regular group of average 28 parents and 35 children. The group change constantly due to the transient nature of this community, but numbers are usually maintained.

2. Where is the project taking place?

Cheeky Monkeys is held in the Tidworth Leisure Centre Community Hall.

3. When will the project take place?

As soon as possible.

4. How did you come up with your project idea and who have you involved? (e.g. youth worker, teacher, parish council, other young people).

There is currently no soft play facility available in Tidworth. Through dialogue with Cheeky Monkey's mums, it became apparent that visiting the nearest soft play in Andover was not realistically viable due to the lack of transport (many women do not drive), affordability of public transport and the fact that a taxi would be needed to get to the location from the nearest bus stop. Suggestions were that having our own soft play in the leisure centre would solve the issue and be an asset for the babies and toddlers. We will be opening the community hall three days a week after Easter due to the growing demand of this group

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5. What will be the benefits of your project for the young people involved? (What will they learn? What new skills will they develop? How will it make their lives better?)

The babies and toddlers will have the freedom to build, climb, slide, crawl, hide, jump, balance, roll in a safe environment and being allowed to use their own judgement in developing acceptable risk taking. This will raise their confidence, self-esteem, achievement and fitness levels through freedom of free play.

The aim is also to help parents understand the importance of different modes of play, when to join in and when to let children make their own decisions and how this helps babies and children reach their full potential in the future.

6. Who will Project Manage this project? (tell us if you will be getting any help from your youth worker, parents, teachers, parish council or others)

Community Development Worker (CDW) at the leisure centre will be primarily in charge of risk assessment, maintenance, cleanliness and security of the equipment. However, volunteers will occasionally run the sessions under CDW's guidance.

7. Tell us how much your project will cost. (List all the things you need to buy or pay for to run your project).

A suitable, portable soft play package will cost £1349.99

8. How will you know your project has been successful? (What ideas have you got for finding out how people liked the project, how they enjoyed it and if they have developed any new skills?).

CDW regularly evaluates the sessions with the Cheeky Monkeys members through dialogue, questionnaires and suggestion boxes.

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