

Chairman's Announcement – Participatory budgeting session 8 November.

Warminster Area Board will be hosting a Participatory Budgeting (PB) session for young people's projects at the Area Board meeting on Thursday 8 November. The evening will begin at 6.30pm with refreshments and the meeting will start 7.00pm. The meeting will take place at Warminster Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB

Young people are invited to put forward ideas for projects they wish to see funded and they will attend the meeting to talk about their projects. All those attending the meeting will then use voting handsets to cast votes for their favourite project. The most popular projects will go through.

Young people are encouraged to think about what projects they would like to see in their area. They will need to work on their application with a sponsor and be able to present (in person, as a group, using a video clip etc) their ideas to the meeting. Applications for up to £1,000 can be put forward. The Board has allocated up to £4,045 for PB grants.

At similar events in other areas of Wiltshire, funding was agreed for projects which included:

- Equipment
- Art, sports, theatre, dance, cookery or craft activities
- Trips or outdoor recreational activities
- Training and learning new skills

The Area Board will not consider projects for:

- Political or religious activities
- Statutory bodies to fund core services (including schools)
- Wiltshire Council services
- Sole benefit of individuals
- Private or profit making concerns
- Retrospective funding

The deadline for applications is Friday 28 September. There is a drop in session on Wednesday 13 September from 12 noon to 2pm at Warminster Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB where the Community Area Manager will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the process. In addition, advice and information can also be given by contacting me over the phone or by email.

Please remember that successful projects will be those that have been designed and put forward by young people themselves.

Contact Jacqui Abbott on 07771 844 530 or Jacqui.abbott@wiltshire.gov.uk for more information and an application form. The above information has also been included at this link - http://www.sparksite.co.uk/entries/warminster_area_board_youth_project_funding_opportunity