

Youth Funding 2012/13

1. Group/Club name and contact details

All Saints Peoples Puppets (Stage Name Puppets Alive)

2. What is the Initiative?

Seeking funding to expand the children's and youth work done by All Saints Peoples Puppets in buying key equipment

3. Where is the initiative taking place?

Based At Lydiard Millicent in North Wiltshire and throughout Swindon and North Wiltshire on projects

4. When will the initiative take place?

We are seeking immediate funding to expand what we do. We meet every second Saturday at All Saints Church Lydiard Millicent. If funding is successful this will be part of our plan to expand what we do in 2013. We could use this funding from January 2013.

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

A pilot project to establish a Youth project in Lydiard Millicent was not successful. The Puppet team is obviously a specialised children and youth work as it focuses on equipping children and young people to develop puppetry skills. That said I hope the comments of the children involved will show how beneficial it is to them. We also use the puppets in Lydiard Millicent School and have plans to use them in other schools so it's a win win project. The Puppet team as in its 4 year existence brought children and youth and adults together. One member does puppets first and then goes off to Bell ringing, so there are 2 youth activities on a Saturday morning in a North Wiltshire Village and all seem to benefit. A recent puppet concert brought people together for a community evening that was enjoyed by young and old. We have already used the puppets with a special needs workshop which was running in Purton Stoke and we now have the expertise to do something similar.

6. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To purchase More puppets, props, backdrops, lights and backlight's and spot lights to enable us to run the puppet team even better. All the young people develop skills not only in operating puppets but in helping set up and run the technical equipment. The desired outcome is that within second stage of grant investment we can move out to do more puppet productions in schools, Colleges and nursing homes to the benefit of all.

7. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

We have a steering group for the Puppet Team with Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and committee members, and they have an overall responsibility for how the Puppet Team operates. All The children and young people come to the AGM and make suggestions for the following year. Tudor Roberts and Simon Belcher are the main leaders Saturday by Saturday for the Puppet team. Simon arranges the annual trip to Reading to the International Puppet Festival where the young people compete with other teams from across the UK .The steering group for the Puppet team meet at least three times a year to minter issues like finance, child protection training, accountability etc.

8. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

We are seeking funding of £872 if available to buy new equipment. We raise our own finance as well and this year we were able to put about £150.00 from weekly subs towards buying new equipment. We also raised £50.00 from our Autumn Puppet Musical in Lydiard Millicent but we do need and value grant help to buy capital equipment.

9. Additional information

Comments from the young people

Alexander Mae Gatenby of Lydiard Millicent Wiltshire. "I enjoy playing with the puppets and the friends I make in the group."

Emma Lucy Benn of Hook North Wiltshire. "I enjoy going to the annual festival in Reading and doing the performances"

Taya Elizabeth Boothe and Zane Ethan Boothe of Shaw Village Swindon," I enjoy being able to have fun and play with your friends outside of school.. its great seeing the puppets perform"

Things the children would like to purchase; More puppets ,backdrops, lights, black lights and spotlights.

Joshua Harris of Westlea "The puppet team is Ace"

Adult Helpers:

Howard Benn "The Puppet Team brings children together to learn and share skills"

Simon Belcher "All of them are getting better year by year and developing their faith and deepening puppetry skills"

We realise that a puppet team may seem unusual but it brings young and old together. It enables children who may be shy to develop drama skills that are instantly appreciated by others and this skill will help them now and in the future.

I hope that Wiltshire Council are able to look favourably on our application for funding and that as with grant funders in the past we will keep you informed on how the money has been used.

We can send you if we are successful a detailed breakdown of cost for purchasing equipment. Or if it would help with our application we can send that immediately.