

Rural North - proposed youth activities and projects

Proposed projects to be jointly funded by GreenSquare Group

Timescale: Nov 2014 – March 2015.

Who's it for: Young People aged 13-19 in Royal Wootton Bassett, Purton, Cricklade, Lyneham and surrounding villages particularly in areas of GreenSquare Group housing stock.

Overall Funding:

All funders can support all or any of the projects in the menu with the possibility of the Area Board match funding.

Total costs for this proposal: £8581.80

Menu of Proposals for projects Nov2014 - March 2015:

Project 1

Royal Wootton Bassett, After School support Group. 1 Junior session for Years 8&9, 1 Senior session for Years 10 and 11

Evidence of need:

This is a school term project for vulnerable Young People that have not got the confidence to go out in the evening or are unable to, due to family circumstances or geography, access Youth Provision in the evening. This group will be targeted at several Young People with learning and social difficulties, as referred by the school

Description of the work involved:

Activities include homework support, art, dance and cooking.

The cooking activity provides Young People the opportunity to learn new skills and tackle issues around healthy eating and lack of sustenance.

Number of sessions:

Senior sessions 18 between November and March

Junior sessions 18 (3 x 6 half terms)

Staffing required

1 paid lead project worker

2 volunteer assistants or agency workers

2 Peer leaders

What are the costs for this Project:

36 x 2 hour sessions at St Barts Hall = 36 x £20 = £720
Staffing (allowing for set up and evaluation) 90 hours @ £15 hour = £1350
Programme money = 36 X £10 = £ 360
Total cost of project = £ 2430

Project 2

Friday Night Alternative in Royal Wootton Bassett (November – March)

Evidence of need:

Many agencies have identified the lack of facilities for Young People on a Friday evening and the social problem of Young People congregating in community areas often exacerbated by alcohol and recreational drugs.

Description of the work involved:

An hour programme of physical activity for Young People aged 13-15 in the Leisure centre, encouraging positive activity and a diversion from possible antisocial behaviour.

Number of Sessions

16 sessions between November and March

Staffing required

1 paid lead project worker

1 voluntary assistant or agency worker

2 peer leaders

What are the costs for this Project:

16 x 1 hour sessions at Lime Kiln = 16 x £27. 30 = £436.80

Staffing (allowing for set up and evaluation) 24 hours @ £15 hour = £360

Total cost of project = £ 796.80

Project 3

Lyneham Youth Work.

Evidence of need:

The community is undergoing a huge transition period. Youth facilities supported by the 'churches together' are now limited to one night of Junior work. Large groups of Young People, socially isolated, with little group identity due to constant redeployment. Young People in need of support around all issues including those around being a services family member.

Description of the work:

A programme of activity for Young People aged 13-19 that is a consistent support group that will include positive activities and new opportunities.

Number of sessions = 18
Nov to March in Teal house

Staffing required
1 paid lead project worker
1 voluntary assistant or MOD worker
2 peerleaders

What are the costs for this Project:

Premises 18 sessions FOC
Staffing (allowing for set up and evaluation) 45 hours @ £15 hour = £675
Programme money 18 sessions X £10 = £180
Total cost of project = £ 855

Project 4

Community Area Peer Leaders Training Project.

Evidence of need:

Use of Peer Leaders in the Youth projects has proved invaluable due to older Young People supporting their younger peers and encouraging them in activities. Peer Leaders are also an invaluable resource for youth participation and empowerment. The project offers Young People the opportunity to take responsibility within their Youth Project, undertake training and obtain accreditation for future career choices and applications.

Description of the work involved:

Older Young People encouraged joining training opportunities, placements within the Youth project field and participating fully in local community decisions, via LYN or Area Board

Number of sessions = 6

Staffing required
1 Community Youth Officer
1 voluntary assistant or agency worker

What are the costs for this Project:

6 x 2.5 hour sessions at St Barts Hall or Memorial meeting room = 6 x £25 = £150
Staffing – Nil.
Programme money = 6 x £10 = £60

Total cost of project = £ 210

Project 5

Purton and Cricklade short projects

Evidence of need:

The area has an eclectic mix of young people attending various schools and colleges and therefore in need of a varied set of activities and opportunities.

Description of the work involved:

A variable programme of different projects lasting from 4 to 6 weeks. Projects selected by the LYN and local YP, from the following selection of projects that have been successful in recent years. Rock climbing, Skatepark visits, Cake making, Basic Cooking, Gym introduction and Dance.

Number of sessions between November and March =18
3 projects x 6 sessions

Staffing required

1 paid or voluntary lead project worker
1 paid or voluntary instructor
1 peer leader

What are the costs for this Project:

6 x 2 hour sessions at Cricklade Leisure Centre meeting room = 6 x £25 = £150
6 x 2 hour climbing session with instructor = 6 x £90 = £540
6 x 1 hour fitness gym group use = 6 x £25 = £150
Staffing (allowing for set up and evaluation) 36 hours @ £15 hour = £ 540
Programme money = 6 X £20 = £ 120
Transport for Purton YP 18 X £20 max = £360
Total cost of project = £ 1860

Project 6

Royal Wootton Bassett - Winter evening social sessions with a programme of activity

Evidence of need:

Large groups of disengaged young people with various issues frequenting the High St and local parks. There is little opportunity to meet socially in a safe dry and warm venue and limited support from trusted and skilled adults. Some of these young people have little or no opportunity to be involved in other activities that cost money.

Description of the work involved:

To create a safe, warm and dry evening space where young people can access a skilled and trusted adult and have the opportunity to participate in a programme of activity determined by the group. The programme will have a health bias challenging some of the issues around sexual and mental health.

Number of sessions

18 sessions between November and March

Staffing required

2 paid lead project workers

1 volunteer worker

4 peer leaders.

What are the costs for this Project:

18 x 2.5 hour sessions at St Barts Hall = 18 x £25 = £450

Staffing (allowing for set up and evaluation) 108 hours @ £15 hour = £ 1620

Programme money = 18 X £20 = £ 360

Total cost of project = £ 2430

Partner Agencies:

Wiltshire Council, GreenSquare Group, local Police, Area Board and local councillors.

Who will manage the Projects:

Lead Project workers

Supported by Pete Smith – Community Youth Officer

Projects will be monitored by the GreenSquare Community Involvement Adviser and the local LYN and Area Board.

What are the Outcomes:

Increase in youth contacts and participants, especially in targeted areas.

Young people given increased opportunity to have learning outcomes and accreditations.

Targeted groups will be receiving more opportunity and support.

Young people given more responsibility in the management of the projects.

Access to several projects for young people

What are the benefits and impacts to the residents:

Young People, including those who are GreenSquare residents, aged 13-19 will have increased access to Youth projects, especially those at risk, resulting in increased opportunities and support.

Young People, including those who are GreenSquare residents, will have increased awareness of employment and training opportunities available to them.

Increased community safety for Young People and other residents.

Increased support and access to support services and organisations.

Reduction in antisocial behaviour related to Young People.

How will you evaluate the projects:

Number of young people contacts.

Number of participants

Number of hours of provision delivered

Number of hours or programme sessions delivered in school holidays.

Programme or project feedback from young people.

Number of young people showing a learning outcome.

Feedback from local residents and the community

What other funding have you applied for:

Proposed bids to:

Wiltshire Police Authority Fund for support with the Friday project

What are the risks and how we counteract them:

Lack of interest from Young People from targeted area

Tackled by good publicity. If continued lack of interest, then re-evaluate, and retarget.

Lack of young people outside in the winter

Tackled by indoor project work in the winter and more street based activity in the summer.

Lack of volunteer staff

Tackled by good publicity, professional support from the CYO, accreditation and training.

What is your exit strategy:

Young People will be signposted to other services available to them in the area and will have increased opportunities to participate in projects run or funded by GreenSquare.

Young People will be encouraged to get involved in their communities, including volunteering opportunities.

New volunteer adults to be recruited involved and trained.

Possible future funding from other agencies e.g. churches

Pete Smith, Community Youth Officer

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