



Trowbridge Area Board Youth Funding Application 2012/13

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1. What do you want the funding for?

Following a consultation with children and young people (C&YP) in the Community Area, both members and non-members of TYP, a need was identified to develop young leaders with the potential to become active citizens, influencing their peers and others, leading by example.

One opportunity for the C&YP to help them to achieve this goal will be through enabling them to gain an understanding of local and national democratic processes and structures, through visits to the Houses of Parliament and the Town or County Councils.

A visit to the Houses of Parliament would provide the opportunity for the C&YP to:

- Witness debate in a unique, positive and inspiring environment
- Develop their understanding of democracy and Parliament and their relevance
- Be informed about the role, work and history of Parliament
- Hopefully meet their MP and question him about the qualities and skills needed of a good leader

A visit to the Town Council or County Council would allow them to:

- Understand the distinction between local and national government
- Understand the nature of local democratic leadership

The C&YP have decided that they would like the visits to involve democratically elected representatives (50 in total) from across the 21 schools. This will help relationships to be built across the area

The visit would be organised and co-ordinated by Collaborative Schools which will take responsibility for:

- An introductory workshop
- Organisation of the visits and accompaniment providing the necessary level of care
- Follow on development work, to enable the knowledge gained to be translated into practical skills
- Assist in sharing the learning more widely with others

2. Where will the project take place?

Main visit will take place at the Houses of Parliament and the Town Council/County Hall

3. When will the project take place? (cannot be before 21 March 2013)

4. How will the project benefit young people in the local community

We anticipate the benefits, whilst a challenge to quantify, will be far reaching.

The gains to attending children and young people, who will be our future adults, are vast, inclusive of raising self-esteem, increasing knowledge of local and national government, realising the benefits of positive debate, making new friendships, all underpinned by the development of new skills.

It is our intention to encourage chosen students to share their new skills and knowledge within school environments and wider community groups that they attend. Utilising the structures of school systems (pupil councils, assemblies etc) we will support our young leaders, encouraging their passion, to achieve the practical embedment of democracy into everyday activities, personal choices and lifestyles and positively aspire their peers by example.

- It will give them a greater understanding of the importance of effective public participation and empower them and encourage their active participation in society. It will help them understand the tools and skills necessary to be agents of change in their own lives and in the wider community
- They will become more politically literate, with some knowledge and understanding about the skills needed to make positive informed, contributions as active and responsible citizens
- It is the intention that they will gain greater respect for, and engagement with the formal political process. They will understand who represents them and how they can ask for issues to be changed if they so desire.
- It will help show them how they can have a **voice** and see and feel the effectiveness of getting involved
- It will help them see the importance of making informed choices as voters and community members. They will gain an appreciation of the leadership skills needed to guide and motivate others to take action to address issues of concern in their neighbourhood and wider society and inspire them to become young leaders.

We will work with core students to create a culture of democracy which we hope, and those children and young people we consulted with believe, will have impacts both immediate and into the future on our community.

5. How much will your project cost in total? (please list the expenditure items and their costs)

£300 coach hire for transport to London
£300 lunch and refreshments
£150 resource packs for each child attending
£100 additional transport to ensure every child can attend follow on workshops
£1100 staff cover to accompany the trip, and develop and deliver follow on workshops
£300 co-ordination cover
£50 printing costs – parent letters, workshop resources and leader delivery pack

6. How much funding do you want from the Area Board

£1000

7. Additional information

Please return your application to Rachel Efemey, Trowbridge Community Area Manager.
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If you would like any advice on completing your form please contact Rachel Efemey on 01225 718608

