

Rural North - proposed youth activities and projects

Proposed projects to be jointly funded by GreenSquare Group

Timescale: April 2015 – March 2016.

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: £16,728.50

Menu of Proposals for projects April 2015 - March 2016:

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 4 between April and May, 17 between September and March = 21

Junior sessions 36 (6 x 6 half terms)

Total 57 sessions

Staffing required

1 paid lead project worker

2 volunteer assistants or agency workers

2 Peer leaders

What are the costs for this Project:

57 x 2 hour sessions at St Bart's Hall = 57 x £20 = £1140

Staffing (allowing for set up and evaluation) 142.5 hours @ £15 hour = £2137.50

Programme money = 57 X £10 = £ 570

Total cost of project = £ 3847.50

Project 2

Friday Night Alternative in Royal Wootton Bassett (October – 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:

20 sessions between September 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:

20 x 1 hour sessions at Lime Kiln = 20 x £27.30 = £546

Staffing (allowing for set up and evaluation) 30 hours @ £15 hour = £450

Total cost of project = £ 996

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 = 42
October to March in Teal house
April to September in Slessor Park

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

What are the costs for this Project:

Premises: 21 sessions FOC (21 sessions in the park)
Staffing (allowing for set up and evaluation) 105 hours @ £15 hour = £1575
Programme money 42 sessions X £10 = £420
Total cost of project = £ 1995

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 Bart's 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 event and visits, Cake making, Basic Cooking, Community involvement, Gym introduction and Dance.

This selection may change or increase.

Number of sessions between = 36 max
6 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:

12 x 2 hour sessions at Cricklade Leisure Centre meeting room = 12 x £25 = £300

6 x 2 hour climbing session with instructor = 6 x £90 = £540

6 x 1 hour fitness gym group use = 6 x £25 = £150

6 x 2 hour astra court = 6 x £25 = £150

6 x outside skate session FOC

Staffing (allowing for set up and evaluation) 90 hours @ £15 hour = £ 1350

Programme money = 12 X £20 = £ 240

Transport for Purton YP 36 X £20 max = £720

Total cost of project = £ 3450

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

22 sessions between October and March

Staffing required

2 paid lead project workers

1 volunteer worker

4 peer leaders.

What are the costs for this Project:

22 x 2.5 hour sessions at St Bart's Hall = 22 x £25 = £550

Staffing (allowing for set up and evaluation) 132 hours @ £15 hour = £ 1980

Programme money = 22 X £20 = £ 440

Total cost of project = £ 2970

Project 7

Project in the park

Evidence of need:

Many agencies and residents have identified problems with groups of young people congregating in residential areas during the summer across the locality.

Description of the work involved:

Responding to local community need, this team aim to locate and engage groups of young people in meaningful activity and as a diversion from possible anti-social behaviour.

Number of sessions:

16 sessions in 4 x 4 week projects in 4 separate parks

Staffing required:

1 paid lead project worker

1 voluntary assistant or agency worker

2 peer leaders

What are the costs for this Project:

Staffing (allowing for set up and evaluation) 48 hours @ £15 hour = £ 720

Programme money = 16 X £20 = £ 320

Total cost of project = £ 1040

Project 8

Dreamscheme

Evidence of need:

A tried and tested project enabling targeted young people to take an active role in the community.

Description of the work involved:

Targeted young people identified by local schools and agencies to undertake community work in their local area working alongside Greensquare staff. As a reward these young people will earn a day trip experience.

Number of sessions:

3 work parties of 4 sessions = 12 sessions

1 x 2 session trip

Total = 14 sessions

Staffing required:

Work parties. 1 paid Lead project worker , 1 Greensquare staff member or sub contractor

2 peerleaders

Reward Trip. 1 paid project worker, 1 volunteer assistant or agency worker

6 peerleaders.

What are the costs for this Project:

Staffing (allowing for set up and evaluation) 60hours @ £15 hour = £ 900

Programme money = 12 X £20 = £ 240

Transport for work party 6 x £20 = £120

Reward trip budget (for 24 YP) = £960

Total cost of project = £ 2220

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.

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