

# Report of the Director of Children's Services to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014.

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## Subject:

Youth Opportunities Funding 2013/14

## Summary statement:

The report informs Bradford South Area Committee of the applications for Youth Opportunities Fund for the area and the recommendations of the Area Youth Opportunities Fund Panel.

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**Portfolio:**  
**Children and Young People's Services**

**Overview & Scrutiny Area:**

**Children's Services**



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## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.0 The report informs Bradford South Area Committee of the applications for Youth Opportunities Fund for the area and the recommendations of the Youth Opportunities Fund Area Panel.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF) is part of the Early Intervention Grant held by Children's Services. As part of the remodelling of the Youth Service to demonstrate commitment to the approach to devolution YOF funding of £20,000 was allocated to each Area Committee.

- 2.2 It is available to increase 'things to do' for young people organised from within their local neighbourhood. Applications have been made to each Area Committee's panel of young people and Councillors.

The broad aims of the Funds are to:

- Give a voice and influence to young people, particularly those facing disadvantage, in relation to things to do and convey a powerful message to young people that their needs and aspirations are important;
  - Change the way local authorities and their partners commission and provide activities for young people, especially in deprived neighbourhoods, and to increase the responsiveness of providers to what young people want;
  - Improve things to do in line with what young people want in their neighbourhoods and thereby increase participation in positive activities;
  - Provide opportunities for young people to develop their confidence, knowledge, skills and abilities
  - Enable young people to gain recognition and accreditation for their participation.
  - Increase the well being of young people through their engagement in activities that have a positive impact on their development;
  - Increase young people's engagement with services and with decision making processes at local level.
  - Offer young people the opportunity to develop projects that promote and increase entrepreneurial skills
- 2.3 Applications must be from organisations working with young people aged between 13 and 19 (up to 25 years for young people with disabilities). The young people will need to have been heavily involved in developing the proposals with the support of an experienced adult within that organisation. This is to ensure that there is adequate support for the implementation of any successful application. Organisations must be working with young people in the constituency area to be eligible to apply. Applications from organisations and services working with the

following groups are particularly encouraged: Looked after young people, vulnerable young people and those at risk and NEET young people.

- 2.4 Information on the application process was publicised through a wide range of networks by the Youth Service, the Voluntary Sector and Neighbourhood Services in mid September with a closing date for applications of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013. A total of three applications were received by the deadline.
- 2.5 The process to determine Youth Opportunities Fund in each area involved the development of a Youth Opportunities Fund Area Panel to consider applications and make recommendations to the Area Committees.
- 2.6 The panel consisted of a group of young people acting as volunteers drawn from across the Constituency who have been trained as decision makers, working alongside local Councillors from the Area Committee. The panel assessed the application forms and shortlisted applications that meet the criteria and whether they:
- Meet the needs of young people identified through the recent ward planning process
  - Contribute to the Constituency priorities for young people
  - Have involved young people in the writing of the bid
  - Engage with disadvantaged/hard to reach groups of young people
  - Will have a positive impact
  - Encourage partnership working
  - Enable young people to gain outcomes and accreditations
  - Are considered good value for money.

There may be applications for District Wide provision or for provision across more than one constituency area and these have been assessed by the YOF Panel in the constituency area in which the organisation is based.

- 2.7 The details of applications received including the amounts applied for are contained in Appendix 1.
- 2.8 The recommendations of your YOF Area Panel are contained in Appendix 2.
- 2.9 The YOF Guidance notes are contained in Appendix 3

### **3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no "Other Considerations"

### **4. OPTIONS**

- 4.1 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 4.2 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.

4.3 That Bradford South Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

## **5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

### **5.1 Financial**

£20,000 has been allocated to the Area Committee to determine which projects should receive funding from Youth Opportunities Fund. A total of £13,748.29 was successfully applied for in the first and second round leaving a remaining budget of £6,251.71.

### **5.2 Staffing**

Support for the development and implementation of the process to determine the YOF through Area Committees has been provided from within the existing resources of the Youth Service and Area Coordinator's Office.

## **6. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

6.1 There are no significant risks arising out of the proposed recommendations in this report.

## **7. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

This work relates directly to statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education and came into effect in June 2012. The Local Authority has a duty to secure services and activities for young people aged 13 to 19 (and up to 24 years for those with learning difficulties) to improve their well-being. The duty is to practicably secure equality of access for all young people to positive, preventative and early help needed to improve their well-being. This includes youth work and other services and activities that:

- Connect young people with communities so they have a voice in decisions which affect their lives
- Offer safe opportunities in a wide range of activities, to develop a strong sense of belonging, socialise safely, enjoy social mixing, spend time with older people, and develop relationships with adults they trust
- support personal and social development of young people so they build the capabilities they need for learning, work, and the transition to adulthood
- improve young people's physical and mental health and emotional well-being;
- help young people at risk of dropping out of learning or not achieving their full potential to engage and attain in education or training; and
- raise young people's aspirations and build resilience

## **8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

### **8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

8.1.1 The reporting of this funding is the responsibility of the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council and that those projects and schemes supported will promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Bradford South Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all.

## **8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

8.2.1 It is anticipated that the resources available to local organisations will support priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14 and the District's Sustainable Community Strategy.

## **8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

8.3.1 It is anticipated that greenhouse gas emissions and wider environmental impacts will be a consideration in assessing activities.

## **8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

8.4.1 Community safety issues are acknowledged as a key contributor to the quality of life in neighbourhoods. It is anticipated that activity generated through these resources will have a positive impact on community safety issues across the area.

## **8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

8.5.1 Local authorities must take steps to ascertain the views of young people and to take them into account in making decisions about services and activities for them, in line with Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

## **8.6 TRADE UNION**

8.6.1 There are no implications for Trade Unions.

## **8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

8.7.1 The area covered by the recommendations of the YOF panel falls largely within the following wards: Tong, Royds and Queensbury. Applications were not received by Wyke, Wibsey or Great Horton during this round.

## **8.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

8.8.1 The process for determining projects includes a requirement that successful applications will contribute to addressing priority issues within the Bradford South Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

## **9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

9.1 None.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts, adopts with amendments or does not accept the recommendations of the YOF Area Panel

10.2 That Bradford South Area Committee thanks the Bradford South YOF Area Panel for assessing applications and making their recommendations.

10.2 That the Youth Work Team continues to work with the YOF Panel to monitor the development and implementation of the YOF projects.

10.3 That the Youth Work Manager presents reports to future meetings Bradford South Area Committee on the implementation of projects who receive YOF.

## **11. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – The details of the number and type of applications including the amounts applied for in Bradford South

Appendix 2 – The recommendations of Bradford South YOF Area Panel

Appendix 3 – The YOF Guidance notes and Application Form

## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None

## **Appendix 1:**

### **YOF Bids December 2013 – a summary of the bids using direct text from applications written by young people.**

#### **The Edge Project (Holme Wood)**

##### **What does the project aim to do?**

'There are 10 of us boys who have all been referred from school to join this after school project. We have been learning about relationships, responsibility and the law and will continue to do so.

##### **How will the project improve 'things to do' for young people?**

They want to do a residential activity and state that: This experience will merge the learning we have been doing in our boys group (and help) develop new skills such as; learn responsibility and supporting friendship skills.

The activity is a: Residential 2 nights (3 days) inc Rock climbing, Camping - fire building, Orienteering, Mountain biking.

##### **How many individual young people will benefit from the project and how?**

10

##### **How much money is requested from YOF?**

£1,806

#### **Queensbury Scout Band (Queensbury)**

##### **What does the project aim to do?**

We are a youth band playing brass, drums, tuned percussion and have a dance section. We have 40+ members aged from 8 yrs, with the average age being 15. We teach children from scratch how to play a musical instrument. We let children chose what they want to play & also provide an instrument for them to learn on, so we keep the cost to an absolute minimum removing the barriers to join. We are one of the last marching bands in the area, we do a lot of concert and competition's, and community events such as Remembrance Day & St Georges Day parades in the local community.

##### **How will the project improve 'things to do' for young people?**

Junior members will be involved helping new members' through teaching music theory and how to play. Each member will have an experienced instructor and a mentor to help build skills, ask questions and be given support.

We will also run members meetings to get feedback off the members and organise team building events, with the supervision of adult leaders.

**How many individual young people will benefit from the project and how?**

40+

**How much money is requested from YOF?**

£1,972

**Woodside Community Neighbourhood Group**

**What does the project aim to do?**

Our project will provide a safe place for vulnerable young women in the estate to be engaged in a safe and warm environment – to take part in recreational activities and education workshops to promote well-grounded and aware young people. The grant will pay for continuing and expanding this 3-hour fortnightly provision to available to the young women who use it. This will include resources necessary to run the session: food, make-up resources etc and a female support worker.

**How will the project improve ‘things to do’ for young people?**

The sessions will include a lot of different activities that engage the estate’s vulnerable young women. Many are purely diversionary - arts & crafts, film nights, makeup, hair and beauty, cook & eats etc. but we would also like to have more informative sessions on sexual health, personal safety and streetwise skills – Sandale already offers drop-in sexual advice, condom distribution and STI testing so longer sessions for group advice would be a good compliment. For many girls who come to these sessions, this can be the only place they feel safe and comfortable to talk about it. We would like to make sure everyone who attends these informal advice sessions to be given certificates of completion

**How many individual young people will benefit from the project and how?**

Not stated

**How much money is requested from YOF?**

£1,370

**18<sup>th</sup> Bradford South Scout Group (Queensbury)**

**What does the project aim to do?**

20 Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) members unanimously decided that horse riding would be a key activity for qualifying for their DoE module. They have approached a local stable and negotiated a group rate price and a course to tailor fit the individual needs of the groups learning.



**How will the project improve 'things to do' for young people?**

The group felt that the activity will allow them to develop new skills and assist with 'character building'. The DoE group was supported by YOF 6 months ago and has allowed the group to grow from 6 to 20 people. There are no facilities or activities through school or in other parts of the community that will allow them to develop such skills and try new and adventurous activities.

**How many individual young people will benefit from the project and how?**

20

**How much money is requested from YOF?**

£900

**St Christopher's Youth Project (Holme Wood)**

**What does the project aim to do?**

20 young people would like to go a residential activity in late March 2014. Providing an opportunity to get to know one another better, take some time away and chill out and do something different. This will be especially good for those preparing for exams.

**How will the project improve 'things to do' for young people?**

The activity will provide a range of new experiences for many of the members to experience.

**How many individual young people will benefit from the project and how?**

20

**How much money is requested from YOF?**

£683 (Workers will work for free as a contribution towards the residential costs).

## **Appendix 2 : The recommendations of Bradford South YOF Area Panel.**

**It was the recommendation of the panel that all 5 applications be approved. Details on the reasons behind these decisions are outlined below.**

### **The Edge Project (Holme Wood)**

#### **2.1**

The Bradford South YOF Panel recommended that the application be supported. We have listed the reasons for the recommendation below.

The activity was thought to be good value for money and would help the y.p. involved to:

- Develop both personally and socially
- Draw together the learning achieved so far
- Provide a valuable and positive experience

### **Queensbury Scout Band (Queensbury)**

#### **2.2**

The Bradford South YOF Panel recommended that the application be supported. We have listed the reasons for the recommendation below.

The activity was thought to be good value for money and would help the y.p. involved to:

- Support new members to learn how to play music
- Be part of one of the last marching bands in the local area
- Improve the range of things to do in the area on a Friday evening

However, the panel decided to fund 30 sessions out of 34 due to the constraints of the budget. It is recommended that the group receive a £1,740.

### **Woodside Community Neighbourhood Group**

#### **2.3**

The Bradford South YOF Panel recommended that the application be supported. We have listed the reasons for the recommendation below.

The activity was thought to be good value for money and would help the y.p. involved to:

- Feel safer in their local community
- Develop personal safety skills and increase self esteem and confidence
- Increase their knowledge on a wide range of health and personal issues through positive diversionary activities

However, the panel decided to not fund the full amount of 'hair and make up products' due to the limitations of the budget. It is recommended that the group receive a total of £1,122.71.

## 2.4

### **18<sup>th</sup> Bradford South Scout Group (Queensbury)**

The Bradford South YOF Panel recommended that the application be supported. We have listed the reasons for the recommendation below.

The activity was thought to be good value for money and would help the y.p. involved to:

- Build upon the work that they have already achieved through setting up a DoE project
- Enjoy a positive activity that they will use to further accredit their learning through DofE

## 2.5

### **St Christopher's Youth Project (Holme Wood)**

The Bradford South YOF Panel recommended that the application be supported. We have listed the reasons for the recommendation below.

The activity was thought to be good value for money and would help the y.p. involved to:

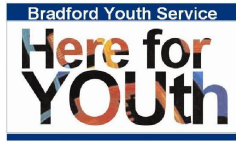
- Provide a valuable and positive experience
- Offer a chance to relax before the stress of sitting exams
- Encourage positive community relationships and foster friendship within the community.

## 2.4 Recommended Expenditure and Future use of Budget

In summary the total amount recommended to be supported from the YOF is £6,251.71 which brings the total expenditure of the fund to £20,000 for 2013/14.

**Appendix 3 : The YOF Guidance notes and Application Form.**

**3.1 New YOF Application Form 2013/14 & Guidance**



**Bradford South - Youth Opportunities Fund**

**Application Form and Guidance**

**2013-2014**

**Closing Date:**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**All application forms need to be submitted by 4.30pm to:**

Pete Sims  
Area Youth Work Manager – South  
Unit 7/8 Mitre Court,  
Cutler Heights Lane,  
Bradford,  
BD4 9JY  
Pete.sims@bradford.gov.uk

**Applications received after 4.30pm will not be considered**

**Bradford South - YOF Application Form**  
**Section 1**

**Contact Details**

**Name of Organisation/Activity:**

*(Please provide your registered name, as it appears on your constitution/governing document)*

**Your details and a named adult**

**Your Name:**

**Your Address:**

**Telephone Number:**

**Mobile Number:**

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**E-mail Address:**

**Named Adult & Position: (from the organisation)**

**Address:**

**Telephone Number:**

**E-mail Address:**

***ALL CONTACT DETAILS NEED TO BE ENTERED***

## **Section 2 Project Details**

- 1. Description of your activity: (for example, what is your activity all about? Who will be involved in your activity & how; what will they get out of it? Is it educational, do you/they get an award? Why is this a good activity?)**

- 2. How will you be involved in the activity? What will your roles be; how will other young people be involved? Consider the roles and responsibilities of yourself and others throughout the process.**

3. When will the activity start and end? .....

4. How will you achieve this? (For example, you need to think about dates, times, cost effectiveness, getting people involved, support & evaluations)

### **SECTION 3**

#### **Financial Breakdown**

Please provide a breakdown of what the funding will be spent on (inc. research for best value and if prices are estimates etc)

<b>Item/activity</b>	<b>Month when this is going to be spent</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Totals</b>		

## **SECTION 4**

### **Bank Details**

**Please provide us with your Bank Details** (this is where payment will be made if your bid is successful)

Bank Name	
Bank Address	
Account Name	
Account Number	
Sort Code	
Council code (internal or BACS)	

**Monies cannot be used for Capital Expenditure and are for Revenue use only.**



## What now....

### Submitting your Bradford South YOF application

Please check your Application and make sure all questions are answered with as much information as possible. If you need any support speak to a worker and they will guide you and support you in filling out the application.

Once all information has been checked, you **must** submit the following documentation along with your application. (The organisation that is working with you/supporting you will need to provide you with these documents)

- Last audited accounts (**must be submitted**)
- Equal Opportunities Policy (**must be submitted**)
- Safeguarding or Child Protection Policy (**must be submitted**)
- Partnership agreement form (**if applicable**)
- Any other supporting documentation which you may feel will help your funding application.

Then... either email or post to the following by 4:30pm 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013:

Pete Sims  
Area Youth Work Manager – South  
Unit 7/8 Mitre Court,  
Cutler Heights Lane,  
Bradford,  
BD4 9JY  
[Pete.sims@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:Pete.sims@bradford.gov.uk)

Mitre Court admin tel: 01274 435360

## YOF Guidance Notes

### Guidance on how to complete the application form

Application area	Explanation/Prompt
<b>Section 1.</b>	
Name of organisation/Project	Fill in the organisation & activities full name and contact details
Named Contacts	Write in your details, then the adult & their details that is supporting you in your activity.
<b>Section 2</b>	
1. Description of your activity.	This is most important point of putting your argument across of why your activity should be funded. You need to consider all details of your activity, including what its about, who will be involved and what will they get out of it, why is your activity unique, why should your activity be funded? You can get creative with your description and show pictures or other things to explain or support your activity.
2. How will you be involved?	This section needs to consider the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved, break this down as to who is doing what and when to achieve what you need to achieve.
3. Activity start date and finish date.	Write down when your activity will start, give an approximate date if you need to. Then write when your activity finish, is it a day activity or longer. Write this down.
4. How will you achieve this?	This section needs to show you have considered everything and planned out your activity. In this section explain/show how you will achieve your activity considering a timescale of what needs to happen when and who by. Consider where and when you will need support from others, dates and times, booking in certain activities, when and how; who is involved when and how, what will they achieve or gain from the activity, show how you have been cost affective; why is it value for money?, maybe some quotes and reasons why you chose the one you did; did you go for the cheaper option? If not why no? If you are struggling with this section and you need some support filling this out you can contact Pete Sims(Details on the front)
<b>Section 3.</b>	
Financial Breakdown	Please show a detailed breakdown of what the money you are applying for with a maximum amount of £2000.00 in total. In each item or activity specify when you intend on spending the money.
<b>Section 4</b>	
Bank details	This section should be filled in by a supporting worker for your activity. Money cannot go straight to a young person but can be access through an organisation & person of an organisation.

#### **Data Protection Regulations and Guidance**

The Project Deliverer confirms that they understand and accept that they must work in partnership with the Area Committee, Area Co-ordinator's Office (ACO), the Youth Service and Young People's Audit Panels and other Partners during the contract period and data collected about this work can be shared with internal and where appropriate - external partners and the projects funded through the Bradford South Youth Opportunities Fund can be publicised electronically and publicly in the media.

Project Deliverers are reminded that expenditure should not be made against this Bradford South Youth Opportunities Fund application until Bradford South Area Committee has given approval and a signed contract is in place to cover the works between the Council and the Project Deliverer.

The Project Deliverer confirms that they willing and able to deliver the project.

Project deliverers should be aware that ongoing revenue funding is not available through the Bradford South Youth Opportunities Fund.

**Bradford South Youth Opportunities Fund 2013/14**  
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