

Outer West Community Committee - Youth Activities Fund

Project Summary

Project Name	Wild West at Pudsey Park
Amount applied for	£4,000
Lead Organisation	Leeds City council
Ward	All

Pitch to young people

Join the Zoo Education Officer at Pudsey Park for wildlife themed fun and games – every week during the school holidays. Work as a keeper at the West Leeds Country Park visitor centre and get to meet some of the beasties we have living here up close and personal; meet some of the nocturnal wildlife on a bat walk or moth trapping evening; or meet some of our feathered friends on a bird watching session; and give a bird a home on our nest box making day; create an artistic masterpiece out of mud, leaves and anything else you find in the woods; and discover what beasties lurk in the undergrowth.

All events are FREE with your Breeze Card and suitable for 8-12 year olds. All children are to be supervised by a parent or guardian.

Full details of the project

The project aims to engage with and involve children, families and young people in learning about their local parks, wildlife and green spaces, in a fun and very hands-on way.

The organisation would run a series of midweek family friendly events in the school holidays throughout the 2015/16 financial year. These events will be suitable for children aged 8-12 years and their parents/guardians. The organisation would also deliver an afternoon event for each week of the school holidays (Easter, Spring bank, summer holidays, October half-term, and February half-term), as well as occasional evenings for events, such as bat walks and moth trapping (all of which have been requested by children participating in the 2014/15 Go Wild! YAF project).

Events may include: keeper for the day; bat walks; moth trapping; small mammal trapping; bug hunting; bird spotting; trees, leaves and all things green; environmental art; and making animal homes, such as nest boxes, bat boxes and mini-beast hotels.

The equipment purchased for the delivery of the Outer West YAF, 'Wild West' project, will continue to be used by the Zoo Education Officer in future years to promote the zoo collection at the West Leeds Country Park (WLCP) Visitor Centre in Pudsey Park and wildlife in the WLCP, through an ongoing programme of public events for families, activities for children's clubs (such as scouts) and for the delivery of primary school visits to Pudsey Park and WLCP Visitor centre.

In previous Youth Activity Fund projects we have found it essential to use a booking system to prevent too many people attending the events. However, we usually expect some drop out after booking, so we do take extra bookings to ensure that we hit our target number of beneficiaries. The booking system basically involves phoning or emailing the Zoo Education Officer, who keeps a record of names and numbers.

All events and activities will be promoted via the Breeze Culture Network, and via the Leeds Parks Twitter and Facebook pages. Events will also be promoted in the Out and About leaflet (Leeds City Council's Parks and Countryside events leaflet, which has a distribution of 10,000 copies twice per year, indicating that these events are aimed at families in the wards of Pudsey, Calverley & Farsley, and Farnley & Wortley. Posters will also be sent to all primary schools in the Outer West Area and will be displayed at the West Leeds Country Park visitor centre, Pudsey Park and other local parks.

When will the project run?

FROM: April 2015 TO: March 2016

How many young people can attend?

The organisation hopes to attract up to 20 people to each of these events (a minimum of 10 of whom will be children).

12 events x 20 people (~10 children) = 240 people (~120 children)

Other organisations involved**Financial Information****How much funding is required?**

£4,000

Do the group have any funding from somewhere else?

No

Full Breakdown of Costs

Item	Youth Activities Fund	Other
Staff time (including preparation, site visits, travel and delivery)	£2,400	
Equipment/Materials (including bat detectors, kids binoculars, sweeping nets, timber and craft materials)	£1,420	
Field Studies Council wildlife identification guides	£180	
Total	£4,000	

Details of volunteers

50hrs @11.06ph = £553

Area Support Team Comments