

**Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal**  
**Outer West Area Committee**

**Project Name:** Serious Fun – Activity challenge

**Lead Organisation:** Serious Fun

**Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project):**

This scheme will be delivered by Serious Fun, a charity set up to deliver activities for young people in the West Leeds. If funded, Serious Fun will deliver work with up to 66 young adults over a one year period. The young people, will be targeted through key partners such as the neighbourhood Policing Team, Youth Service and Looked After Children's / Children in Care services. The charity also has strong links with the three local high schools.

The work of Serious Fun is managed by a nine member committee. In addition, the organisation has four Trustees. All of the committee, Trustees and associated volunteers are qualified as youth workers, teachers, community development officers or young person focussed support workers. The young people and young adults who will be engaged with on these activities will have a connection with one of the partner groups.

**Project Summary (include a brief description of the main activities,):**

The main goal of Serious Fun is to engage with young people and give them life skills to better themselves in the future. The majority of the project will be carried out on the canal barge that the group own. Activities will include managing daily life on a boat, working as a team, cooking, cleaning and operating the boat as skipper (steering and organising routes), watch leaders (organising team activities) and operating bridges and locks. The skills gained through this process would be difficult to replicate in a class room scenario and the hands on nature of the course allows for a very effective engagement method.

**Outcomes (summarise the main outcome/output/benefit the project will achieve):**

- promote and encourage community cohesion particularly between different groups of youngsters from different target areas
- To educate young people on areas such as health issues so that they can make informed choices and positive decisions about their lives
- Specific targets for the young people include improving:
  - Confidence and self belief
  - Their skills base around specific learning that is linked to the day to day management and use of a canal based facility ; coordination, management and the use of finite resources (water, gas and electricity) team work, skippering of the boat and being watch leaders (in charge of others)
  - Management of food and healthy eating, hygiene management, management of accounts and finite resources and budgets
  - Personal developmental and educational aspirations
  - Chances of becoming valued and valuable members of society.

**Project Cost. Please indicate**

**How much the project will cost? (List all partners and their contributions)**

**The total cost of the project is £10,000 (Revenue)**

Match funding of £5,000 will come from volunteer staff time.

**The total amount of funds requested for this scheme from the Area Committee is: £5000 (revenue).**

**Identify which geographic areas will benefit:**

Pudsey, Calverley and Farsley, Farnley, and Wortley