

Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal
Inner West Area Committee

Appendix 1

Project Name: Linking Lives

Lead Organisation: Bramley Elderly Action

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

The project will be delivered by the Bramley Elderly Action Support Services Coordinator, who will work closely with other community organisations e.g. B.A.R.C.A Leeds, Moorside and Fairfield Community Centres and local councillors, to identify adults who would benefit from the scheme.

Project Summary (include a brief description of the main activities, why the project is needed and links to key priorities):

Bramley is historically an area whose residents are almost all White/British. Recently this situation has changed with a number of economic immigrants and political asylum seekers settling in the area. Older people in the area do not generally have an understanding of other cultures. This project is an opportunity to share knowledge, skills and ways of life. Bramley is also an area of youth unemployment and we feel this project will provide training and experience leading to paid work and to a closer understanding of each other, achieving better community cohesion. We would recruit volunteers of all ages, nationalities and cultures.

The main activities would be as follows:

- International Food Fuddles
- Support for our new Equality and Diversity Group
- An I.T. Facility in the B.E.A Drop In
- Conversational Classes
- Using cooking and food as an intergenerational and intercultural activity
- Information hub for the community
- 1:1 support to enable older people to get out and about
- Internet and Mobile Phone Taster Sessions
- Gateway to New Improved Aids and helpful Technology

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

- People of all ages, disabilities and cultures will be linked together, in order to share skills and build a more integrated, stronger and vibrant society.
- People of all ages in Leeds 13 will start to overcome prejudices especially in relation to age, culture and religion, which are mainly due to lack of understanding.
- Young people will gain skills that could lead to employment e.g. language, practical skills, local information and care of older people.
- People who are socially isolated will gain companionship and friendship.
- More older people will be able to access modern technology with aim to improve their quality of life, especially those with disabilities.

Project Cost. Please indicate

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

The project will cost £27,400 for 4 days per week.

Contributions:

Opportunities for Volunteering (BASSAC) have contributed £13,700
Bramley Elderly Action Core Funding - £6000

Therefore we are asking the Area Committee to contribute £7,400 for one year 2008/09.

Please note: Opportunities for Volunteering (BASSAC) are funding the full cost of the project for 5 days per week at a cost of £35,000 for 2009/10.

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:

Leeds 13.

Approved Date

Not Approved Date

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