

**Outer West Community Committee
Wellbeing and Youth Activity Fund - Project Summary**



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| Project Name | Inner West Youth Community Committee |
| Amount applied for | £870 (£290 per ward) |
| Lead Organisation | Leeds Youth Service |
| Ward/Neighbourhood | Inner West (Bramley , Armley , Kirkstall) |

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| Community Plan Objective | <p>Best City for Children and Young People :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support activities that make people and places feel safer. -Support children and young people to be engaged, active and inspired <p>Best City for Health and Wellbeing :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Improve access and engagement in cultural activities |
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| <p>Inner West Youth Community Committee</p> |
| <p>The WNW Locality Team continues to demonstrate youth participation in many forms including young people’s involvement in decision making events, programme planning, fund raising events, park design, recruitment, mystery shopping and peer inspections.</p> <p>The aim is to embed youth participation in the design, delivery and evaluation of youth provision aimed at them. Participant led youth work delivers more positive and meaningful outcomes compared to a prescriptive delivery which has had little or no input from the young people it is designed to help.</p> <p>Recent examples of projects and programme development that young people have been involved in include the New Wortley Transition Project and the West Leeds Sexual Health Mystery Shopping Project. Working in line with NYA ‘s Hear by Right Participation framework and The Department of Health ‘Quality criteria for young people friendly health services’, which is referred to as ‘You’re Welcome’, young people brought about real change to services aimed at them.</p> |

Teenagers go out on a 'mystery shop' testing city's sexual health services

YOUNG people who helped to assess the quality of sexual health services in west Leeds and the city centre have shared their findings with council and health officials.

Those taking part were aged 15-18 from the Farsley Health and Wellbeing group. They carried out 44 mystery "shops" across seven young people's sexual health services.

The quality and detail of their findings now means the group have been commissioned to deliver a peer education training session to new recruits and help undertake a repeat 'shop' this summer.



● 'PROJECT BENEFITS': Coun Lisa Mulherin

A formal presentation of the mystery shop experience and their findings was delivered by members of the original group

earlier this week, to key council and health officials.

Young people were trained to act as mystery shoppers assessing services including pharmacies, Contraceptive and Sexual Health clinics for under 25s and C-Card sites providing a community based sexual health drop-in provision.

Councillor Lisa Mulherin, executive member responsible for health and wellbeing said: "This project is a great example of the benefits of young people as partners in service improvement. The mystery shopping experience has helped look at how we support young people."

Currently The WNW team has no specific 'Youth Participation Group' but strives to embed youth participation in all of its sessions. More recent examples include young people from the Café Lux Youth Project being involved in the recruitment process of youth workers and the Welcome Inn Youth Club organising an intergenerational event.

The aim of the Inner West Community Committee would be to involve young people in the early stages of decision making around services and projects aimed at them.

What / When / Where

- Establish an Inner West Participation Group that meets bi-weekly
- Initially form a group of 6 yp (2 yp from Bramley, Kirkstall and Armley)
- Young people aged 12 – 16
- Unit 11 Community Hub
- Venue : Kirkstall Valley Development Trust Kirkstall Bridge Shopping Park, Unit 11, Bridge Rd, Leeds LS5 3BL
- Thursday evenings 4:30 – 6:30 (time tbc)
- To commence January 2021

Session Format

- 30 minutes – welcome / general catch up/ re-cap on previous meeting
- 60 minutes - issue based topic/discussion consultation exercises/funding bids/ community and social action projects/ guest speakers e.g Ward Cllr Visits, Volunteering opportunities etc
- 30 Minutes – fun activity / arts and crafts/ team building etc

Cost/Contribution

- X 2 qualified youth workers per session
- Room hire at KVDT @ £15 per hour = £30 per session x 25 weeks = £750
- Refreshments £5 per session = £120

Purpose of IW Youth Community Committee

- Young people are involved in the decisions about services and priorities for the local area.
- Young people have the opportunity to be involved in the design, delivery and evaluation of services aimed at them
- Young people have the opportunity to be involved in a series of workshops which consider issues that concern them and explore how they can influence decisions on things such as environmental improvements, community safety, health and wellbeing and employment.
- Young people can develop social action projects that will benefit their local community.

When will the project run?

Bi-weekly Thursday evenings 16:30 – 18:30 (time tbc)

How many people can attend?

6 young people (2 from each ward) initially due to Covid restrictions with the aim of opening it out to 12 young people.

Targets for the project and how success will be measured

- Feedback from young people/parents/community
- Young people's involvement in decision making
- Representation at forums and community meetings
- Impact of social action projects
- Level of yp engagement
- Continued service engagement

How the project will be promoted and/or participation encouraged

Balanced and carefully thought out approach adhering to Covid – 19 guidelines. All participants will need signed parental consent. The Youth Service currently has expressions of interest from young people to be part of the participation group. The Group would be promoted to schools and on Social Media e.g Facebook

Exit strategy/How the project will continue after the funding

As part of the project it is hoped that young people will plan and deliver a social action project that could raise enough funds to pay for future venue hire. The intention would be to embed youth participation and for the group to continue running after the funding.

Other organisations involved

Kirkstall Valley Development Trust / Schools/ Community Organisations

Financial Information

Revenue funding requested

£870

Total cost of project

£ x 2 qualified youth workers x 25 sessions £2500 plus £870 = £3370

Full Breakdown of Costs

| Item | Wellbeing | Other (with funding body) | Date of Decision |
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| Venue Hire | £750 | | |
| Refreshments | £120 | | |
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| Total: | £870 | | |

Details of volunteers

Volunteer role

Communities Team Comments