



Youth Action Board (YAB)

Introduction

Following the generous donation of £40,000 by the Dewhirst Charitable Trust the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Youth & Family Support (YFS) service is able to establish with partners a new Youth Action Board to oversee the distribution of funding.

Key Purpose

- To ensure that funding is directed by young people to improve the quantity and quality of diversionary positive activity for young people aged 9-25 across the East Riding.
- To support the commissioning of services and activities by young people that help community cohesion, intergenerational understanding and build local community capacity to meet young people's needs, especially those more vulnerable young people.

Outcomes

Securing positive outcomes for young people and local communities depends upon a wide range of factors, a number of which will be beyond the remit of the Youth Action Board. It is expected that Youth Action Board will help to ensure that:

- Enable young people and which recognise the positive contribution that the vast majority of young people make to the community, and young people are able to feel positive about the communities in which they live and feel that their positive contributions are being recognised and valued by others.
- A good capacity exists within each community to respond to and meet the needs of more vulnerable young people including providing a range of positive activities and opportunities that help young people to remain engaged and have aspirations for themselves and their communities through developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to make a successful transition to adulthood.
- Delivery of provision, reflecting local needs and priorities, contributing towards improved outcomes for young people. These could include:
 - Increased access to leisure time activities.
 - Improved health (including obesity, drug and alcohol use, mental health).
 - Volunteering opportunities for young people
 - Environmental Projects
 - Improved Life Skills or Training
 - Improved community cohesion projects that promote greater intergenerational understanding.
 - Activities that reduced levels of anti-social behaviour.



Key Tasks of the Youth Action Board:

- 1 To oversee the application process and distribution of funding from the Dewhirst Charitable Trust.
- 2 To allocate the funding as determined by young people's needs and wishes.
- 3 To monitor and review outcomes secured for young people and impact upon local communities of activities commissioned by young people.
- 4 To support local partnership approaches and agreements to enable joint working, pool resources and secure additional funding and support for meeting young people's needs.
- 5 To collaborate with other Children's Services commissioners and other organisations supporting local communities who seek to meet young people's needs.

Youth Action Board Membership

- Young Person,
- Dewhirst Charitable Trust representative
- Police or Health representative,
- Business Sector/Employer representative,
- Voluntary and Community Sector representative
- YFS representative.

Awarding Criteria

- **There is clear evidence of need for the project /activity.**
- **That the project / activity meets the YAB key purpose and outcomes.**
- **That young people are clearly leading the application, if there is evidence that young people are not leading the application it will be rejected.**
- **Applications will not be permitted that benefit an individual young person.**
- **Applications will not be considered if the proposed activity / outcome is found to be statutory responsibility of a public body or other organisation.**
- **Funding for a project/ activity will only be awarded once, evidence of sustainability will be required.**
- **The maximum award is £5,000.**

Frequency of meetings

To be determined however it is envisaged that the YAB will meet bi-monthly.

Application process

An application form will need to be completed by all applicants and a short presentation to the YAB will be required.

Reporting Mechanisms:

Overall there will be accountability to East Riding's Children's Trust and a reporting line, via the Youth Board.

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