

# **Youth Work Grant Fund Proposal to Stanley Town Council**

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## **Stars Youth & Community CIC**

Stars Y & C are a community interest company formed to give local youth workers a vehicle to continue working with young people after the cessation of open access statutory provided youth work and clubs at the end by April 2017. There is a core of well trained and engaged youth workers who have decades of experience, a wealth of local knowledge and a clear understanding of the issues young people face. To lose these people, their skills and the benefit they bring to this community was unthinkable and very likely unreplaceable. So Stars Y & C was formed to seek funding and to manage youth work delivery using the very people who have worked so hard to build engagement with young people in the Stanley area. Stars Y & C have an ongoing commitment to seeking funding to provide youth work and positive activities for young people.

## **Year One**

Stars Y & C were fortunate to have secure initial funding from Stanley Town Council the project has been a resounding success with 393 youth people accessing some form of youth work, advice and guidance via the Stars youth project.

## **Project Focus**

While all youth projects thrive by addressing the needs of the young people who access the service there is also a core focus that runs alongside any expressed need:

- Tackling anti-social behaviour
- Sexual health/relationship advice and guidance
- Well-being, self-esteem and mental health awareness
- Healthy and active lifestyles
- Promoting positive activities and good citizenship
- Basic Life skills

## **Project Target Range**

Young people aged 10-21 (or up to 25 if young people have additional needs or a disability)

## **Project Delivery**

It is planned to continue to deliver youth work throughout the Stanley Town Council area, once again joining the wards into three distinct areas, 1) Annfield Plain/Catchgate 2) South Moor/Craghead/Stanley Hall and 3) Tanfield/Havannah. While each of the three areas will continue to have a weekly session over the equivalent of 48 weeks of the year, we'd like to structure our application to apply for a bank of youth worker hours that can then be used as and when necessary throughout the year. This will give more flexibility in delivery and allow workers to address extra needs, support young people attending extra events and community days and combat any issues that may arise during the delivery year.

Delivery will still be primarily via detached youth work throughout the Stanley Town Council area weekly, being able to reach out to areas that often are overlooked for youth work provision, be reactive to local issues and support positive change in young people's habits and behaviour.

## **Direct Local Provision**

Stars want to provide Stanley Town Council with a directed youth work programme with grassroots links to ward members, community groups/partnerships, police/warden, local businesses and service providers, utilising local knowledge and intelligence to meet and engage with young people. Being reactive to needs as they arise, having the flexibility to respond to unpredicted issues.

## **Monitoring**

Stars Y and C will provide quarterly reports to Stanley Town Council, detailing information on youth work sessions, contacts made with young people, evidence of activities and young people's development through engagement.

## **Partnership Working / Linking In**

Stars Y and C would like to help make known the views of local young people to Stanley Town Council, to create a route young people feel comfortable in being able to contribute to how they see their community and what needs they would like addressed.

Stars Y and C link directly into the Stanley Area Action Partnership Suicide Prevention Information for Young People Project, will be willing to support the AAP youth worker training initiative by offering practical experience and work placements to students, strong links are in place with One Point Team around the Child and Family workers, Social Services, Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) as well as the local Police and Neighbourhood Wardens.

## **Budget**

	Costs
Staffing including trips, planning and prep-work	17074
Activity Budget / Venue Hire	5000
Resources / Engagement Tools	900
Insurance	500
Promotion/printing	400
Communication/Web/Media/Telephone	300
Weekend residential activities and travel	1500
Admin/Payroll/Project Management	2500
TOTAL	28174

## **Project Security**

Whilst this proposal is for one year, Stars would like to ask the Town Council to consider a three year commitment. This gives the project, youth workers and young people accessing the service at comforting level of security and longevity. With a three year core commitment Stars could then bid for additional funding using the Town Councils commitment as match funding to deliver more youth work at greater value in the local area.