



MANCHESTER EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL 2019

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Manchester European Youth Capital 2019

Dear Youth Organisations,

My name is Sam, I'm one of the young people on the team bidding for Manchester to become European Youth Capital in 2019. We have had some really positive feedback from our draft bid and Manchester is now one of the five shortlisted cities.

The bid is centred around three themes, which we firmly believe will result in positive changes for Manchester's young people. As part of the bid we want to...

...**challenge** the city to tackle the housing crisis and homelessness, to provide better and cheaper transport, and to improve employment opportunities for young people.

...**change** the status quo and make sure that the opinions of young people are valued more. This means changing perceptions of young people and giving them a platform to influence the decisions that matter to them.

...**celebrate** the wonderful diversity of cultures that makes Manchester so special and make a greater effort to get rid of all forms of bullying and discrimination.

We need your help!

Support

In order for our bid to be successful, it is massively important that we have the support of the youth organisations in Manchester. We really hope that all youth organisations across Manchester will support the City in becoming the European Youth Capital in 2019, so unless we hear otherwise, we will include your organisation in the list of supporters. We also need as many people as possible to follow,



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like and share our approach and progress on social media. You can find us on Facebook at MCR European Youth Capital and on Twitter @mcreyc2019.

DIY ideas

If we are successful, we plan to create a DIY event scheme. We want to empower young people to create events of their own design which promote at least one of our three themes. EYC staff will provide advice and support along with access to potential partners and funding opportunities. As part of the bid, due to be submitted in October, we want to include DIY event ideas from Manchester's young people. Individuals will be able to apply for up to £500 of funding while applications from NGOs and Youth Organisations are eligible to receive up to £5000.

This is where you come in! If anyone between the age of 12 and 30 has any ideas for a DIY event, we want to hear them. Please tell us what the event would be, how it fits within one of our three themes and how you would spend the money. It doesn't need to be the finished article – a rough idea is fine – no more than a paragraph or two.

European links

We have a feeling that many of Manchester's youth organisations already have links to other groups across Europe and if we are going to win this bid, we need to know about them. If you work or are partnered with youth organisations in Europe, please tell us who they are, what links you have with them, and why you might like to strengthen those links if given the chance.

Get in contact

The final deadline for the bid is approaching fast and we need all the help we can get, ideally before September 30th.

If your organisation and its members have any ideas for DIY projects and examples of existing links with Europe, please let us know. We are also happy to answer any questions you might have about the bid. Please contact us via email using mcreyc2019@gmail.com and a member of the team will be in touch.

Kind regards,

Sam



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