

Positive Engagement Programme

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To ensure that the city's children and young people are able to grow up safe, happy, healthy and successful, they need to feel that they are part of safe places and communities. We have teamed up with One Manchester and Manchester Community Safety Partnership to launch a programme for the city aimed at a positive and sustained approach to improving opportunities for young people and reducing anti-social behaviour (ASB) – based on the values, principles and practices of good youth work.

We are looking for organisations who can mobilise local partnerships, experts in detached youth work, with a focus on linking and encouraging young people in to quality provision and other positive opportunities. We want bold and creative ideas, a track record in delivery and a willingness to work with us to create a sustained positive difference to both young people's lives and the communities in which they live.

Key Information

- Funding is available for the delivery of location specific, detached youth work with young people aged 8 – 19 years.
- Call for applications: Thursday 31st May 2018
- Closing date for applications: 5pm Friday 29th June 2018
- Organisations will need to attend and contribute fully to monthly multi-agency information sharing meetings.
- For voluntary and community sector organisations working with children and young people.
- Organisations must be based in Manchester and/or mainly working with Manchester residents.
- There are two lots, focussing on different areas of the city. You may apply for one or both lots.
- We are looking to fund a partnership approach, with lead and supporting partners, to ensure both coverage and ability to signpost to local activities.

A local context

We want to work with youth sector partners in Manchester to build a visible presence in those areas where there are gaps in provision and issues of youth nuisance. We want to engage local young people in positive activities and build trusting relationships, offering early help and further support for those young people that need it.

We have chosen to focus on key wards for a sustained period, so that strong relationships can be built with young people, where they are, enabling longer term positive behaviour change.

The wards of focus for Lot 1 are Hulme, Clayton and Openshaw, Gorton and Abbey Hey.

The wards of focus for Lot 2 are Harpurhey, Miles Platting and Newton Heath, Cheetham, Burnage, Sharston and Woodhouse Park.

Lots of hard work has been done by the Community Safety Partnership and One Manchester to combat ASB and youth nuisance. We have created this programme to explore a new approach to tackling the issue over a sustained period, working with those out in communities who have the correct skills, attitudes and opportunities to support young people who may be at risk of, or already taking part in, anti-social behaviour, and may not be aware or connected to opportunities in their area.

Whilst we appreciate that ASB is by no means an exclusive issue to young people, we are confident that by engaging with individuals at an early age, building relationships and helping young people to engage with positive activities, supporting them in to education, training and employment – the longer term benefits will be apparent.

We see increases in ASB during the spring and summer months and a significant spike around Halloween and Bonfire Night.

1. Purpose and Aims of the Fund

The purpose of this fund is:

“to engage young people in positive activities in their own environment and on their own terms, with the wider purpose of contributing to the reduction of youth ASB in key areas of the city and to enable young people to progress in to quality mainstream services, ensuring a sustained impact.”

The aim is that this will be done through a youth work approach – supporting and enabling young people through building positive relationships with youth workers and signposting them to high quality activities and projects that help them to further develop.

The successful provider will be required to attend and contribute at multi-agency meetings once per month, per ward, to input on the issue locally, share findings and discuss how we can support to make an even greater impact.

There is an expectation that where specific needs are highlighted for individual young people, an [Early Help](#) assessment will be offered or appropriate referrals in to other services.

The funding will be used to support the delivery of the city's [Valuing Young People Strategy](#) and the vision set out in [Our Manchester, Our Children](#) "Building a safe, happy, healthy and successful future for children and young people". It also aligns with [One Manchester's](#) strategic aims.

By supporting these strategies, it is hoped that children and young people in the city will:

- Be able to achieve their aspirations and expectations
- Be able to lead healthier and more active lifestyles
- Be able to participate in decision making processes
- Be ready for work and lifelong learning
- Be involved in meaningful, enjoyable positive activities
- Be safer from harm

The Fund will also contribute to the priorities laid out in the [Manchester Community Safety Partnership strategy](#) 2018 – 2021 and the Police and Crime Plan:

- Tackling crime and antisocial behaviour
- Keeping children, young people and adults with vulnerabilities safe
- Protecting people from serious harm
- Reducing the crime impact caused by alcohol and drugs
- Changing and preventing adult offender behaviour

We value local partnerships which enable sharing of resources and expertise, and ultimately bring more value and impact to the children and young people you work with. Through the Positive Engagement Programme, we aim to commission a lead partner, who can mobilise and direct formal partners who have the links and expertise in their local communities.

2. Fund Objectives

Grant applications must demonstrate how they will meet the following objectives:

Objective 1: To increase numbers of young people engaging in universal activities, including; education, employment, training, volunteering and universal youth provision.

Objective 2: To increase numbers of young people involved in positive social action, as a way of giving back to their communities and benefitting themselves.

Objective 3: To contribute to the reduction of youth anti-social behaviour in identified areas by working directly with young people through detached work.

We are looking for the following from your application to The Fund:

- The proposal of high impact, creative models to working with young people out in communities, where they are.
- Partnerships that can maximise the reach and impact of the work.
- Regular provision during evenings, weekends and school holidays.
- A range of diversionary, positive activities to supplement detached youth work – whether organised by your partnership or already happening that you can link in with.
- An ability to link in with the universal Youth and Play offer in local areas.
- In the region of 6 hours of delivery time per week, per ward.

3. Funding available

Lot 1 – Detached youth work project to engage young people in positive activities in the following ASB hotspot Wards:

- Hulme
- Clayton and Openshaw
- Gorton and Abbey Hey

Funds available: Up to £80,000 over 18 months (beginning July 2018)

Lot 2 – Detached youth work project to engage young people in positive activities in the following ASB hotspot Wards:

- Harpurhey
- Miles Platting and Newton Heath
- Cheetham
- Burnage
- Sharston
- Woodhouse Park

Funds available: Up to £170,000 over 21 months (beginning July 2018)

Both funding Lots require the commissioned organisation to report back after 6 months on 'the local picture'. We want to understand what trends you have found, numbers of young people you have engaged and what has and hasn't worked.

Specific area focus for each ward will be discussed as part of multi-agency meetings and in partnership with the funders.

4. Activities and organisations we will fund

This funding is for the delivery of new activities and equipment that enables delivery of services. Some examples of the types of things we will and will not fund are listed below.

What we will fund:

- Equipment and resources
- Staff salaries including both delivery and project management – any new posts to be agreed with the funder.
- A contribution to core costs, clearly explained as to how they link to the delivery of the project

What we will not fund:

- Purchase of vehicles or property
- Building renovation/repair costs

All costs must be reasonable and it must be clear how all expenditure directly meets the needs of children and young people.

To be eligible for funding your organisation must:

- Have a constitution
- Be a not-for-profit organisation – this includes voluntary, community and faith organisations, co-operatives and mutual societies, non-governmental organisations which are value driven and which principally invest their surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives
- Be an established provider of youth services based in Manchester, or mainly working with Manchester residents
- Provide opportunities for children and young people to be involved in the management and or decision-making processes in your organisation.
- Demonstrate a commitment to equality and inclusion.

You cannot apply if you are:

- A private sector, or “for profit” organisation
- A public sector organisation i.e. Local Authority, education institution, health authority etc.

5. Monitoring and Evaluation

We want to work with you to monitor and evaluate the success of the programme. Below are some of the key areas that we require reporting on, but regular multi-agency meetings and information sharing will be of paramount importance for making an impact in each ward. For this reason, as part of these meetings, we expect, where possible, updates on specific issues, groups and individuals – to be able to offer a joined up approach to improving opportunities and outcomes for young people.

We will provide a template for case studies. We will also be looking for examples of challenges and what hasn't worked, as well as what has.

The below table outlines the monitoring requirements of The Fund:

Monitoring Requirement	Frequency
<p>1. Attending and contributing to multi-agency meetings to feed in to wider strategic discussions and decisions about ward issues and priorities.</p>	<p>1 meeting per month, per ward</p>
<p>2. Ward by ward data of Young People (YP) engaged with – including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Numbers engaged - Ages of participants 	<p>Monthly</p>
<p>3. Information on activities/services offered to YP and uptake:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No. of YP who have started engaging in positive activities and which activities? - No. of YP not engaging in positive activities? - How many YP engaged with are attending school? How many YP are not? - No. of referrals to Early Help or other related services - No. of YP engaging with Social Action/volunteering activities? 	<p>Quarterly</p>
<p>4. Case studies of examples where approach and delivery has worked for creating positive and sustainable outcomes for a young person.</p>	<p>Quarterly</p>
<p>5. Financial Expenditure</p>	<p>Quarterly</p>

We will work with you closely to evaluate the project – with a view to understanding key learnings and how these can be applied in the future.

6. Funding

Ideally, we want applicants to maximise the impact of a grant through combining it with their own resources and/or using it to attract external funding.

Funding will be paid quarterly up front upon completion of due diligence process.

You will be required to provide a breakdown of funding share with formal partners.

7. How to Apply

You can apply for this funding by completing an application form and sending it to applications@youngmanchester.org

- Please make sure you read the guidance notes carefully
- Organisations may apply for Lot 1 and Lot 2.
- Please clearly title the attached application with your organisation's name.
- The deadline for applications is **5pm on Friday 29th June 2018** – applications received after this time will not be considered.
- You will receive an acknowledgement of our receipt of your application.
- Decisions will be made and notified to all applicants on or before **10th July 2018**.

8. How decisions will be made

All applications will be read, scored and ranked by a panel comprising a mix of experienced individuals aligned to the objectives of The Fund and those who have come together to create The Fund. The panel will be independently chaired.

In the event that several applications rank highly, or that panellists would like further assurances and discussion on your proposal, they may ask you to meet in person. This will be requested by email and you will be given at least three working days' notice of a meeting.

9. After decisions have been made

All applicants will be notified by email as to whether their application has been successful or not and we will provide written feedback, on request. There is no appeals process.

Successful applicants will be required to submit the documentation set out in the application form – with specific focus on your Safeguarding policy.

We will send you a grant agreement with our terms and conditions for you to sign and return.

Funding will be paid quarterly, up front, after the grant has been awarded. All payments will be made by BACs.

Successful organisations will be expected to start the programme of work at the beginning of the summer holidays, week commencing 23rd July 2018.

10. Support with your application

For support in putting together a strong application, the following websites may be of use:

Manchester Community Central

<https://www.manchestercommunitycentral.org/>

Directory of Social Change

<https://www.dsc.org.uk/>

Big Lottery

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/funding-guidance/applying-for-funding>

Know How Non-Profit

<https://knowhownonprofit.org/funding>

For any questions you may have about the fund, please contact Tim Knappett at Young Manchester on t.knappett@youngmanchester.org or by phone on 0161 631 2881.

We look forward to receiving your applications.