

### **DARLINGTON YOF/YCF GRANT CRITERIA**

In order to be eligible for a grant from the Youth Opportunity or Youth Capital Fund it is important that you read and understand the grant criteria listed below. They set out what your application must include in order to be considered for funding.

#### **Applications:**

- Must be by young people aged 13-19.
- Must be for groups/young people from Darlington Local Authority Area.
- Must demonstrate that young people have been involved in planning and leading the application.
- Must contribute to at least 1 of the ECM outcomes.
- Must contribute to the key areas highlighted in the Darlington Children & Young People's Plan.
- Must be between £2,000 and £10,000.
- Must have a sponsor organisation which has its own bank account and is prepared to hold funds on behalf of the project group.
- Must be countersigned by an adult sponsor/mentor/facilitator and a group member.
- Must have a completed budget.
- Must have completely answered all the questions on the form.
- Youth Capital applications must state what will happen to any equipment/materials etc when the project is completed e.g. usage, maintenance, storage, ownership etc.

#### **Priorities for grants will be given to:**

- Projects that involve or benefit disadvantaged, vulnerable groups will be given additional weighting in the decision making process.
- Projects that support and compliment an incremental learning process and will support the progression, key skills development and learning of participants and beneficiaries.
- Projects that are youth led and involve young people as project leaders and decision makers.
- Can clearly show the impact and benefit to the wider community.
- Projects that will have greater numbers of beneficiaries.
- Groups can apply for more than 1 large grant or capital grant per year, but priority will be given to new groups applying.
- Projects showing that they build on skills developed through Keyfund projects?

## FUNDS CRITERIA FOR YOF/YCF

- Projects aimed at groups- though we will not discount individuals leading a project, they are expected to demonstrate how they will develop the wider involvement of others within the community.
- Applications that meet the ECM outcomes most effectively.

***N.B. As the fund progresses, we anticipate that the local Youth Board will review and develop these criteria. Any changes will be communicated as they occur in amended guidance notes***