

Criteria for Youth Activities Fund

On 7 December 2015 the Councils Executive approved the establishment of a Youth Activities Fund with a budget of £30,000. The fund was designated to provide support for open access youth services in the Borough of Fareham.

The main principle being that the funding would be used to run informal open access activities for young people; these must provide a safe environment to meet with friends and participate in activities with help and support from a 'youth worker.'

Consideration will be given to all groups in the Borough who provide open access youth provision who meet the following criteria:

- Provide open access youth provision for young people aged between 11 and 19.
- There is a specific need that has been identified which is not being met within the locality.
- The activity will be coordinated by workers trained or experienced to be able to provide support and advice for young people and act as positive role models (details of training or experience of workers are required).
- An appropriate programme incorporating fun activities in a safe environment is provided (safeguarding and health and safety policies are required).
- No other alternative source of funding is available to fully meet the identified need.

Priorities

- Groups and organisations based in Fareham Borough Council owned premises
- Open access youth provision not duplicated in the same ward for the same age group.
- Provision supporting more disadvantaged communities, as determined by the 2015 Indices of Multiple Deprivation.
- Regular attendance levels of over 15 young people.
- Demonstrable commitment to applying for alternative funding sources.