

Wakefield District – Funding for Youth

Local Network Fund (ended)

The Community Foundation for Calderdale administered the national Government grant scheme Local Network Fund for Children and Young People in the West Yorkshire area. This programme and support for those who were funded has now ended.

Website: www.cffc.co.uk/

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Youth Opportunity Fund

Wakefield District Youth Opportunity Fund & Youth Capital Fund

Are you 13 to 19 Years old?

Well this money is for you!

What's this all about?

For the next two years the Government is giving 115m to local authorities for two exciting new funds designed to enable you the opportunity to become actively involved in funding and running activities and facilities in your neighbourhood.

So what are these funds for?

Youth Opportunity fund (YOF)

Each year this fund will divide 31m between all local authorities to be used for things you would like to do and places you would like to go in your area. This means you will be able to make decisions about how the money should be spent and you can apply for projects and activities that young people would like to do in your area.

Youth Capital Fund (YCF)

Like the YOF local authorities will share 26.5m per year BUT this fund is different because it could help you change and buy new premises for your projects or build a youth space within an existing community.

The two funds have been designed to work together, so you can use the YOF for your activity (project) and use the YCF to buy your premises and equipment needed to run the project.

What's in this for me?

- Improved facilities in your area
- You will be deciding what you will change in your area
- You can bring about positive change for young people
- You will be heard by the community
- Your efforts will be recognised by the community
- Working on these projects will help you gain develop skills.

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How do I get involved?

There are three ways you can get involved:

1. You can be a member of the decision making panel, who will assess the bids coming in and decide who gets the money.
2. You can come up with ideas of what you would like to do in your area and make an application as a project leader.
3. You can participate in the facilities on offer in your area as a result of the funds.

Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund

The Wakefield District has a YOF of 160,000 and a YCF of 140,000.

The Youth Opportunity Fund

It is an opportunity for the youth of Wakefield to make decisions about how this money is spent within the district. Any group of young people aged 13-19 can apply for projects and activities that young people would benefit from in the local area. Applications will reflect the 5 benefits of the Every Child Matters Policy of be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution and achieve economic wellbeing.

The Youth Capital Fund

This is to improve and purchase new premises for projects or to build a youth space within an existing community. For example Youth Shelters, or a skate park

Both funds are designed to work together, so YOF can be used to fund the project and use the YCF to buy premises.

For more information about the funds and how you can get involved please contact Richard Dent on Telephone 01924 306755 or email doshdonors@wakefieldyps.org.uk or visit the website

www.wakiesworld.com

Website: <http://www.wakefieldyps.org/Default.aspx?id=3938>