

## Youth Social Action Project Recommendation for approval

A sum of £15,000 was allocated to a Call for Projects (C4Ps) to provide a Youth Social Action project within the Coalfield area. The Area Committee agreed that **one successful project** would be selected for the full amount available. Three applications were received and assessed against the project brief using a standard scoring method. Coalfield area Elected Members, Officers and relevant partners were consulted. Based on all information available, and in line with the project brief, the following project is recommended for approval.

### Youth Social Action in Coalfield - SNCBC

Youth Social Action in Coalfield will recruit 35 young volunteers (aged 11-19) to deliver social action projects, develop to be peer supporters and champions for young people services. Young people would be engaged by visiting schools, through existing youth provision, and working with additional groups including Air Cadets, Guides, etc. All volunteers will receive training including confidentiality, health and safety, first aid etc and would follow SNCBC's policies and procedures. Volunteers will be supported by qualified youth workers and will receive regular supervision and mentoring.

Examples of projects include: an environmental project involving the YP taking part in a litter pick and planting, so leaving a legacy within their community; YP undertaking a football coaching qualification so they can then deliver sessions to children in their community; intergenerational work to support older residents within luncheon clubs, with computers skills etc; peer supporters within sessions assisting with homework clubs, reading etc; encourage YP to engage with Youth Parliament to ensure their peers and their views are represented; YP could visit groups to promote positive images of youth and breakdown stereotypes; YP will work with VCS Representatives to understand what local groups/organisations exist and to signpost residents, children/young people to these.

The project will develop a young people's forum and fundraising committee from within the volunteers and would use this mechanism to gather YP's views and feed into such as the VCS network and project planning meetings.

To introduce the project we propose to hold workshops to increase engagement in the scheme and to inform YP of the benefits of being involved in social action and volunteering which will be advertised within our marketing and branding strategy. An annual young volunteer event will take place within the locality to celebrate the YP's achievements and giving recognition of individual/group accomplishments.

### Recommendation: Approve

The project meets the project brief and is clear about how outcomes will be achieved. Evidence of similar work and support from partners is provided. Working knowledge of the local area and issues faced are identified. There is a good balance between staffing and activity costs.

Applications also received, and not recommended for approval based on scores allocated and all other available information, are listed below.

### #The A Team – Fencehouses YMCA

### Wellbeing Challenge Days – Youth Focus North East