

Application No.1

Name of Project	Thornhill School Community Cohesion
Lead Organisation	Hendon Youth Initiative (HYI)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£12,285	£0	£12,285
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	March 2012	February 2013

The Project

To deliver a structure youth session in Thornhill School, over a lunch time period, 5 days a week. The project will involve 4 qualified youth workers working from ‘The Base’ (purpose built youth room, with access to table tennis, computers, information and advice, etc) working with young people from the school, who come from different communities and cultures to develop their personal, social and spiritual wellbeing. The project enables individuals to continue to develop friendships and enjoy social inclusion, which will help create a friendly environment and atmosphere of mutual respect for each other, in addition to, promoting and encouraging individuals to progress and access external services to the school, to encourage integration outside of the school environment.

Need for Project

Several years ago there was a problem within the City Centre with high volumes of local school pupils walking around the Centre during a lunchtime period, although this helped local businesses i.e. food outlets, it brought with it concerns from local residents, for example, litter on the streets, low levels of youth related anti social behaviour problems. Since 2010, Thornhill School, are one of the local Secondary schools who made the decision to encourage pupils to remain on school grounds during the lunchtime, since then HYI have been working in the school with individuals and groups of young people over a lunchtime, evening and weekend to tackle a range of issues from offering information and advice on accessing other local provision, to more sensitive issues, for example, racism.

It was recently discussed at an East Crime Task and Finish Group that since the decision was made to keep pupils on school grounds over a lunchtime and HYI project starting, that the community and statutory services have seen improvements in terms of the behaviour of the pupils and their willingness to interact outside of the school to improved satisfaction levels with how statutory services deal with service requests, e.g. litter, ASB concerns.

At the request of the Crime Task and Finish Group the original project has been reduced to cover a lunchtime period only, outlined below.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Target 2011/12				Target 2012/13				Total
	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	
L7: Number of additional youth sessions delivered per week	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
L8: Number of additional young people engaged and participating in youth provision	0	0	0	0	150	50	150	0	350

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	SIB
Salaries: 4 workers, 1.5 hours per day, 5 days a week @ 52 weeks	£12,285	£12,285
Total	£12,285	£12,285

Milestones and Key Events

Description	Forecast Dates
Project commences	March/April 2012
Potential external funders identified	May 2012
Funding bids submitted	June 2012
Decision on bids	December 2012
Evaluation of project	December 2012

Recommendation **Approve, at the reduce rate of £9,450**

- Discussions have been held with Thornhill School, Hendon Youth Initiative, Northumbria Police, Sunderland Partnership and Sunderland City Council. Following these discussions, four options were circulated to elected members proposing different levels of funding amounts, as it was felt that members would like to support HYI, the school and the project to continue.
- Out of the four options consulted upon, option 2, had the majority of support. This was to award £9,450, to enable HYI to continue the project for a further 30 weeks, from 19 March up until the end of Dec 12, providing 10 months to enable external funding to be secured from January 2013, or if this was unsuccessful, allow time to deliver an exit strategy to the young people.