

June 2025

Application 1

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project
Address Line 1	271-273 Southwick Road
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR5 2AB
Project Details	
Project Title	Southwick Illumination Switch On Events 2025 & 2026
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	This project will deliver the Annual Christmas Light Switch-On event in Southwick for the next two years, transforming the heart of the community into a festive, welcoming space that brings people together during the holiday season.
Total Project Cost	£8,600
Match Funding	£1,000
Total NF Requested	£7,600
Project Start Date	01-Nov-25
Project End Date	31-Dec-26
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	SNYP & Southwick Green
Assessor's Notes	
Project Description	
<p>What the project will deliver and what difference it will make</p> <p>This project will deliver the Annual Christmas Light Switch-On event in Southwick for the next two years, transforming the heart of the community into a festive, welcoming space that brings people together during the holiday season. The project will:</p>	

Organise two, family-friendly events featuring a light switch-on ceremony, live music, local performers, children's activities, and festive activities. Involve young people from SNYP (Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project) in all aspects of planning, organising, and compering the events—developing their confidence, leadership, and event-management skills.

Create a sense of community pride, belonging, and celebration, combating social isolation during the winter months.

Boost the local economy by supporting small businesses and local traders participating in the event.

The difference it will make:

Strengthen community ties by bringing residents of all ages together to share in a festive celebration.

Empower local young people by giving them a leading role in organising and running the event, fostering ownership and transferable skills.

Enhance the local area's identity and spirit, encouraging ongoing community participation and pride.

Provide accessible, free, and inclusive activities for families, children, and residents, ensuring that no one is left out of the festivities.

Where the project will be delivered:

The event will be delivered on Southwick Green, a central, well-loved community space in Southwick, utilising the green and surrounding local venues to host activities, performances, and activities. This ensures the event is visible, accessible, and welcoming for the entire community.

When delivery will take place

The Christmas Light Switch-On events will be delivered annually in late November each year, aligning with the start of the festive season. Each event will run from tea time into the early evening to maximise accessibility for families and residents.

Year 1: Friday 28th November 2025

Year 2: Friday 27th November 2026

Preparation and planning with SNYP and community partners will begin approximately three months prior to each event to ensure a well-organised and inclusive celebration.

Who are the beneficiaries

Young people from SNYP who will be directly involved in planning, organising, and hosting the event—gaining valuable skills and confidence.

Families and children from Southwick who will enjoy free, inclusive festive activities in a safe, local environment.

Local businesses and traders who will benefit from increased footfall and the opportunity to showcase their products.

The wider Southwick community, including older residents and isolated individuals, who will experience a renewed sense of belonging, pride, and seasonal joy.

FUNDING BUDGET	
Budget Heading/Item	NF
Resources (Equipment, Materials, Refreshments, Out of Centre Activities, Entertainment/Performers, PA Hire, PPE etc)	£ 7,200
Management Costs (indirect costs associated with the management of project- not covered by any other budget headings)	£ 400
NF Funding Total	£ 7,600

OUTPUTS		Overall Target Total
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
306	number of volunteers participating	6
307	number of volunteer hours delivered	30
309	number of cultural, heritage and community events supported and delivered	2
310	number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events	300