

Commissioning young people's activities via districts

Criteria updated for FY2017

These criteria have been updated for FY2017 but have not substantially changed from FY2016.

Outcome: The investment is designed to achieve

- a programme of activities in each district that makes a positive difference to young people and mitigates the impact of reduced public sector provision of universal youth work.

Criteria: Districts use the funding to achieve the above outcome, using locally appropriate mechanisms, on the agreed criteria that they:

- consult with partners, including local county council members, on what activities are needed by 11-19s in their district
- fund VCS organisations to maximise the number of activities on offer for young people across the district
- involve young people in decision making
- ensure due consideration is given to equalities issues
- monitor the programme to evidence the levels of young people's engagement and satisfaction.

Duration: The investment in FY2017 is £50,000 per district. Districts wishing to commission activities or developments for longer than one year accept that this is at their own risk.

Scope: The following definitions clarify what is eligible within the criteria.

- Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) is defined to include community, parish and social enterprise organisations as well as voluntary ones.
- 'Activities' is defined to include 'provision that delivers activities' (but excludes funding of any specific posts in Districts or VCS organisations). Delivery costs of running programmes of activities (venue, equipment and staffing) are eligible expenses.
- Involvement of young people can be bespoke and appropriate to the district programme, not only through a youth forum.

- Equalities issues include urban, rural and cohesion issues as well as ethnicity, disability, gender etc.
- Where appropriate, activities for young people will be advertised through WhatNowGlos and the GloSFamilies Directory.
- While the funding is for direct delivery of young people's activities, Districts can use up to 10% of the total allocation (i.e. up to £5,000) to invest in developing and improving the quality and sustainability of VCS organisations as providers of youth activities.

Process: GCC will continue to keep the process to the minimum needed for accountability.

- District plans and programmes must show that they are following the criteria
- Annual monitoring will cover the level of young people's engagement and satisfaction, on the same basis as 2015.

Timeline: The GCC investment for FY2017 is available from April. Please include your plans and programmes when you send me your £50k invoices. Payment will be made in full for the whole year.

Celebrations: Please remember to invite your local county council members to any launch events of your programmes or celebrations of young people's achievements.

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