

Young Achievers – Participatory Grant Giving

Partnership Briefing – Host Organisations

The aim of the funding is to provide small grants for young people aged 11 -18 during the autumn/winter term.

Aims: Voice, Choice, Control

- Shifting decision making power to young people.
- Enabling young people to choose what looks like **participation, creativity, being heard and having fun**.
- Giving young people control of the change that they want to see through an activity/initiative/project.
- Young people learning new skills.
- Transforming young people into social change makers.

Funding Allocations:

- **Individual applications: £250**
- **Group applications (up to 3/group): £750**

Funding will be allocated through a host project i.e. paid to the host organisation to hold and support the young person/people to spend. Young people are encouraged to apply either individually or in groups of up to 3. In the latter case, young people can apply for up to £750.

Theme: *Enabling young people to participate, be creative, be heard and have fun.* Increased participation / collaboration are just as important if not more so than money, this process will enable young people to develop skills in both the design of an activity and it's delivery. Young people will have a chance to plan a project and make decisions on how the funding is allocated. The entire process is designed to shift the power to young people.

Eligibility: Open to young people living in the five wards of North Kensington: (Colville, Dalgarno, Golborne, Notting Dale and St Helens).

Design and delivery: Young people are invited to explore an idea for an activity/project they would like to run within the community. Upon submitting their interest online they will be provided with more information on the application process. If the young person is not already signed up with a host organisation they will be asked to contact an organisation working within the remit of the activity proposed. The host organisation and young person then come together to develop that idea.

Steering Group: 10 young people from a range of youth organisations have come together to shape the design of this pilot project. Collaboratively they have set the desired project outcomes, amounts available and voting methods for the funding day.

Application process: **1)** after receiving information on this participatory grant giving pilot, the young person will be asked to submit a short application, no longer than 150 words. **2)** Once the deadline is reached applications will be screened by a steering group of young people. **3)** Once applications have been screened, applicants will receive and prompt to create a short video 3-5 minutes describing what they aim to undertake and how they will implement it.

The Funding Day: Once all the application videos are received, they will be stitched together and uploaded to the Westway Trust Participatory Grant Giving micro-site. Each applicant will be given login information and asked to vote on the applications they see as offering the most benefit in line with the pilot theme. Applicants will be restricted from voting for their own projects. The results will then be announced on the following week, with funds being released to host organisations.

Host Organisation Support: Westway Trust will provide each host organisation with a £150 administration fee to cover; time spent supporting young people (approx. 1 hour/individual or group



application), creating a short video application with the young person, receiving the funds, supporting the young person in spending the money and supporting young people to produce an impact video.

Westway Trust is committed to providing young people in North Kensington with every chance to develop their skills and learn new things. We welcome all ideas no matter what stage in the development process those ideas have reached.

The inclusion of host organisations to this pilot is crucial to ensuring the money is kept safely, spent correctly and young people retain a level of pastoral care on their journey.

We appreciate the time commitments involved with this pilot project. Our community engagement team remain committed to supporting your young people in developing and implementing their ideas every step of the way. For more information, please contact Osama El Amin at Osama.elamin@westway.org