

FLVC Youth Led Grants Guidance Notes 2023-24

Youth Led Grants is a Welsh Government initiative enabling young people to develop skills and gain experience in youth leadership by leading local volunteering projects.

FLVC Youth Led Grants are available for young people to start volunteering projects in communities across Flintshire. Grants of £250, £500, £750 or £1,000 can pay for equipment and resources needed to kick start projects which lead to worthwhile volunteering activities.

- ❖ **All applications for grants must be for a project that is youth-led**
All groups asking for money from us should be for projects instigated and led by young people. Young people should be fully involved in the project from the beginning to the end and should have their say in exactly what happens.
- ❖ **The project being set up by the young people must include voluntary activity**
The project should have young people involved who are willing to take part. No one involved should make profit for themselves from the activities.
- ❖ **The majority of young people involved in the project are aged between 14-25 years old**
Most of the young volunteers in the project should be between the ages of 14 and 25. If your group is worried about this point, please contact us to talk it through.
- ❖ **The project taking place is in Flintshire and will benefit people from Flintshire**
The project taking place must be shown to benefit the young people and the communities in Flintshire
- ❖ **We welcome applications that support one or more of the following 'Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)' goals:**
 1. ***A Prosperous Wales*** – tackling poverty and improving life chances
 2. ***A Resilient Wales*** – preparing and planning for the future
 3. ***A More Equal Wales*** - giving everyone an equal chance whatever their background
 4. ***A Healthier Wales*** – encouraging healthy lifestyles
 5. ***A Wales of Cohesive Communities*** - helping create happier communities
 6. ***A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language*** – creating opportunities in Wales and celebrating the Welsh language & Culture
 7. ***A Globally Responsible Wales*** – looking after the environment and considering others

- ❖ You may also wish to strengthen your application by creating a short video (2 - 3 minutes in length) that explains your idea. This is not essential.

Stuck for ideas?

Here are some examples of projects that youth led grants have funded before:

- Creation of **Community Garden**, eco-friendly & mindfulness garden for the Parkfields community to enjoy
- Care & Craft boxes – covid lockdown treat **parcels for older people** – containing handmade items, such as lavender bags, fudge, soap, fruit-cake, scented candles, and memory journals
- Wild Tribe project to rehouse and care for injured **hedgehogs**
- **Sports Activity Days** – Young Ambassadors running sport taster sessions
- **Pantomime** group sound project - equipment for the young volunteers to do the Sound Engineer roles in their annual pantomime performances.
- **Litter picking project**. Volunteering activity keeping coastal path and public walking areas free from litter.
- A project for young musicians to give a series of **concerts** in care homes / gardens to entertain the older residents who have been isolating
- **Diversity project** – A peer support project led a diversity campaign within a school, to promote values such as respect, responsibility and diversity, as part of LGBTQ+ History Month.
- Creation / **re-decoration** of tranquillity community room in a hostel for young parents
- Young volunteers created a garden for individuals with complex needs in supported living, to **grow fruit and vegetables**. Greenhouse and poly-tunnels were acquired.
- Upcycling project for young people giving them skills **recycling** old waste pipes and turning them into copper sculptures and other things of benefit for the community
- Woodland management project – Scout project to coppice and **plant trees** in a FlintShare community garden in Cilcain
- Flintshire Fest **Hair and Beauty** project, helping young people gain the skills needed to volunteer behind the scenes at community events

These are just some of the wide varieties of possibilities – we'd love to hear your ideas!

The grant must be spent by 1st March 2024

After your project has finished, we need you to fill out a Monitoring form to tell us how your project went and send us some photos. The end of project monitoring form must be completed and sent in by 15th March 2024.

If you require an application form or need any advice or help in completing the form, please contact: Email: Heather.Hicks@flvc.org.uk or Tel: 01352 744004