



Autumn 2023 Partner Organisations

<p>ACET Northern Ireland Limited</p>	<p>ACET's vision is to promote health and informed choices in relation to Sexual Health, Drugs & Alcohol, Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing and Parent/Child Communication, by providing Community Education Programmes and accredited Training Courses. Our service users include Youth and Community Groups, NHS staff, Youth & Community Workers, employment programmes, AEPs, Further Education Colleges, Homeless Hostels, Addiction Recovery Groups, Parent Support Groups, churches and government training schemes. ACET Health Education & Training Services are accessible across Northern Ireland, in both urban and rural communities, and by all sections of the community, with priority given to disadvantaged young people including at-risk, NEETs, homeless, and care experienced young people. ACET's programmes for young people are designed to support them to develop knowledge and skills to improve and maintain their own wellbeing, and achieve their potential. ACET is funded by Department of Health and Public Health Agency among others.</p>
<p>Air Athletics Cheer & Dance CIC</p>	<p>Air Athletics is community club providing classes in dance stunt and tumble for children and young people based in Rochdale. We specifically engage with a small number of less advantaged athletes who may be under-achieving at school, have special educational or social/emotional needs e.g. body/weight issue and/or low self esteem, have disability (visible or invisible), vulnerable/from a vulnerable background, hard to engage, from areas of deprivation, black and ethnic minorities, low income families and looked after children all through the medium or sport. As Rochdale is ranked 15th most income-deprived area along with the cost of living crisis many of our members could follow the typical social demographic in our area which is anti-social behaviour and mainly drug use/involvement. Our club enables young people to not only learn how to care for themselves, improve their physical and mental fitness, well being, transferable skills/ begin on a career pathway coaching /performing.</p>
<p>Ambitious Lives CIC</p>	<p>We are a youth service provider called Ambitious Lives and our aim is to meet the needs of disadvantaged young people aged 11-25 with challenging behaviours. We provide tailored programmes for underprivileged young people who have fewer opportunities in poverty driven areas. Ambitious Lives helps young people by creating a safe space to learn, develop and achieve their creative ambitions, to become the best versions of themselves. We aim to inspire, encourage and create opportunities for young people to express themselves using our mentoring and learn through our modern educational & multimedia workshops. Our Mentoring, Training, Workshops, and Activity Programmes benefit: - Young people who are at risk of being (Neet), not in education, employment or training. - Young people at risk of criminal & sexual exploitation, Knife Crime, Safeguarding. - Young people who've experienced trauma and abuse. -Young people with behaviour needs. - Young people with ADHD, SEN and SEMH. - LAC (looked after child) - Ex-Offenders</p>
<p>ASK THE QUESTION C.I.C</p>	<p>At ATQ we work with young people between the ages of 11-25 in the West Yorkshire area who have been subject to adverse childhood experiences. Many of these student's education and confidence has suffered as a result of trauma, neglect and abuse. We offer one to one tuition and mentorship to these individuals in an attempt to help them reach their full potential. Research has shown that working one on one with students has vastly improved results as opposed to group settings. Our mentorship could involve anything from work experience, personal development/Life skills, help with applications, mental health referrals. Most importantly just having someone in their corner. In Calderdale 34% (2020/2021) of children are classed as "living in poverty", a figure significantly higher than the national average, moreover less than a third of Calderdale pupils claiming free school meals achieve 5A* -C at GCSE, with us that proportion is 95%.</p>
<p>bloss.m</p>	<p>bloss.m's mission is to empower every girl and woman to thrive in her personal, academic, and professional life by delivering evidence-based interventions at critical junctures of her life. We are a social enterprise that has been operating for 5 years, during this time we have impacted the lives of over 4,000 girls and women through our core programmes. blnspired: A career accelerator that connects young women to female role models within corporate organisations blossom Fest: A range of virtual and physical events aimed at developing, celebrating, and empowering girls and women blossom Scholars: Launching in October 2023 our leadership academy is focused on developing African and Caribbean girls,</p>

	<p>providing early interventions for their personal and professional growth This grant will support blossom scholars - African and Caribbean girls face various risks in the UK including but not limited to Socioeconomic Factors, Educational Disparities, Discrimination and Racism and Gender-Based Violence</p>
<p>Coaching for Unpaid Carers</p>	<p>We formed Coaching for Unpaid Carers to make good quality coaching available and accessible to as many carers as possible and to raise awareness of the needs of unpaid carers, and the many benefits that coaching has to offer this client group. We offer a range of interventions for individuals and groups of carers, both in the workplace and in the community. We work with unpaid carers of all ages, including young adult carers, and the member of our team who would lead this project has many years working with young people in community settings. Our approach is based on enabling clients to be empowered and feel valued for who they are, to build confidence and self-belief, to be proactive and manage change positively, so that they can find their own voice and look after their own needs, health and well being.</p>
<p>Community Bike Kitchen</p>	<p>Community Bike Kitchen (trading as Manchester Bike Kitchen) is a bike repair and training CIC. We help the community via repairs, advice, training and support. We have a programme where we work with young people from the care leavers service or other council directed community group to deliver a bike maintenance course where young people are trained to fix a bike over a period of time and they get to keep the bike at the end. These young people then become repair champions in their own local community and are able to help others with minor repairs and signpost them to us if the job is more complicated. In addition to teaching lifelong skills that benefit the community and the environment we also promote physical and mental wellbeing and tackle anti social behaviour too. We have another, older persons scheme that the young people support which improves inter generational understanding</p>
<p>Concrete Rose Collective CIC</p>	<p>We deliver innovative, trauma-informed care and support to the most vulnerable young people (16-25) with a focus on care leavers and those estranged from family. A particular emphasis of our work is to galvanise, equip and enable those within the community to provide this support. We run two main initiatives; a supported lodgings scheme in which young people are accommodated by individuals, families and couples with a spare room and a desire to make a difference and a mentoring scheme for care-experienced/estranged students at Cambridge University. Care-leavers do not thrive at university; they are twice as likely to drop out, more likely to need to 'intermit', and less likely to achieve a 1st or 2:1. Through our mentoring scheme (set-up in response to student voices) volunteers provide pastoral care, advice and guidance to students via weekly one-to-one sessions. Currently we support 17 students with a desire to double this number.</p>
<p>Construction and Engineering Opportunities (CEO)</p>	<p>Since its inception in 2022, Construction and Engineering Opportunities (CEO) has been a guiding light for marginalized youth. CEO's holistic approach addresses the challenges faced by young people, from disconnection from traditional education to involvement with the criminal justice system. CEO offers alternative educational pathways to those excluded from mainstream schooling. We don't just provide qualifications; we nurture future industry leaders among our learners. CEO also extends its impact to younger children and individuals with special needs, fostering practical skills and self-esteem. What truly sets CEO apart is its commitment to those at risk of criminal involvement. Through collaborations with local Youth Offending Teams and pre-release courses for young offenders, CEO will break the cycle of reoffending, paving the way for employment and rehabilitation. In a short time, CEO has become a beacon of hope, illuminating pathways to brighter futures for the overlooked in our society.</p>
<p>Contact Hostel</p>	<p>We support vulnerable and homeless teenage girls aged 16-22. Many come from challenging circumstances including relationship breakdowns, domestic violence, oppressive family regimes, forced marriage, threatened abduction or leaving care. Many have experienced neglect or abuse. Since we opened in 1970 we have supported nearly 1000 girls. Our overall aim is to support vulnerable teenage girls facing homelessness. Our main objectives are to A) Provide safe accommodation; B) Support our residents to return to education, find employment or training, enabling them to participate in society as</p>

	<p>mature and responsible individuals. Many of the girls who come to us have lacked the support of a loving family, so our support workers also help guide them on vital life skills such as cooking/nutrition, managing their finances and taking care of themselves.</p>
CSM Foundation	<p>CSM Foundation seeks to bring people together through football by focussing on marginalised groups and encourage physical activity whilst promoting social integration in a welcoming environment for all ethnic backgrounds. Our mission is to work other like-minded organisation in partnerships and collaborations to maximise resources and expertise for the benefit of the community. Since 2018 we have delivered community football projects enhancing physical, mental and social wellbeing of over 2,000 people in Redbridge, Newham and Hackney. All projects are tailored to meet specific target group needs, with many of our project leads coming through a full cycle model of once being a participant to becoming a project leader.</p>
Derry Mathews Academy CIC	<p>We are seeking funding to deliver a new youth-led social action project to 15 young people aged 16-23. We aim to build self-esteem; re-engage young people with the community and provide a creative outlet for young people to make a difference. The project will be based in Liverpool; across communities experiencing the highest levels of deprivation. Many of these communities suffer from a lack of funding; resulting in limited opportunities for young people to engage in positive activities. Our programme is youth-led; but a community effort; bringing young people; local residents; community groups and local businesses together to collaborate and deliver social action projects. The project will benefit: - Young people suffering from poor mental and physical health. - Individuals affected by the cost-of-living crisis. - Elderly People. - People from deprived communities.</p>
Dreamscheme NI	<p>Dreamscheme N.I. seek to make a positive difference in the lives of at-risk young people, especially those who experience deprivation or disadvantage. Our vision is to extend Dreamscheme across Northern Ireland, transforming young people's lives and making a positive impact in their communities and the world around them. Our objectives are to deliver activities that: empower young people to make a positive contribution to society; connect together in community, including those from different backgrounds and improve their physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. We provide Centre-based programmes, where we establish Dreamscheme centres in disadvantaged communities, to provide long-term programmes that promote the holistic development of young people; School-based programmes where we build partnerships with local schools to provide 1-to-1 mentoring and small group support to young people identified as having problems with their mental health, behaviour or motivation to learn.</p>
Drum Works	<p>We use drumming as a tool to achieve positive outcomes for vulnerable young people in east London. Approx. 600 people take part weekly - 85% under 25 - through our school, community and progression programmes. We work with partners to identify young people who will benefit most, including from low-income backgrounds/at risk of exclusion/living with disabilities or special educational needs/with behavioural, emotional or social difficulties. High-quality, engaging creative sessions led by experienced professionals develop participants' confidence, break down social barriers and build a supportive community where everyone can thrive. Participants consistently tell us it gives them a sense of belonging and improves their confidence/other transferable skills. "Drum Works has made me see life differently. It has given me purpose in life I didn't feel I had in school...it is not just about playing drums, it's about us developing as young adults and not giving up on our dreams." Participant, 14</p>
Friday Media Group Foundation	<p>FMG Project is a charity that aims to support and empower young people aged 14-16 with barriers to participation in sport and exercise, including those who are economically disadvantaged, care leavers, or associated with criminal backgrounds, through gym-based fitness and mindset coaching. We deliver a 10-week programme which develops important life skills through strength training and mindset coaching sessions, in a safe, fun and supportive environment. We introduce all participants to the fundamentals of gym-based training and, through 1-1 goal-setting, mentoring and coaching, seek to help</p>

	<p>them change their mindset so that they can overcome their barriers, as well as preparing them with tools to better their future. Funding received from this grant will go directly into supporting our Foundation Programme for 14-16 year olds, helping us to pay for high quality coaches to deliver each session ,safeguarding training for staff and the day-to-day costs of keeping our building open.</p>
<p>Fusion Family and Youth Projects</p>	<p>Fusion Family and Youth Projects is a charity providing weekly youth groups, holiday activities, youth volunteer programme, one to one sessions, a homework club and in school bespoke projects for young people aged 8-17(up to 25 with additional needs). By reducing boredom and providing a safe atmosphere we ensure that young people get the opportunity to learn new skills, make friends and are active citizens in their community. We help young people gain confidence allowing them to talk and get support from adults without feeling judged. We work to ensure that young people's voices are heard so they feel valued when decisions are made. The project prides itself on participation of young people and runs a scheme (Orange T-Shirts) where young people 14-17 can help us and the community as volunteers. Many of the current youth work staff at FUSION have attended FUSION as young people in the past.</p>
<p>FUTURE PATHWAYS CIC</p>	<p>Future Pathways is a not-for-profit CIC based in Doncaster City Centre. As an Alternative Provision, and since 2019, we've enriched the lives of 300 young people who, for a variety of reasons, don't excel as well as they might in their mainstream educational setting. We have an exceptional reputation for succeeding with the hardest to reach young people, engaging them through a variety of vocational qualifications including in catering, gym and fitness, beauty therapy along with English and Maths GCSEs for our Y10 and Y11s. We've built strong relationships with mainstream secondary school partners and Local Authorities based on our varied offering to learners, high levels of service, adaptability, trust and professionalism. We also operate a weekly foodbank for disadvantaged families in Doncaster and have worked annually to offer a Christmas Dinner to Doncaster's homeless community for the past three Christmas Days.</p>
<p>Gifted Women</p>	<p>Gifted Women, based in Plymouth, unlocks doors to employment for women experiencing multiple disadvantage (substance misuse, homelessness, contact with the criminal justice system). We have a proven track record of supporting women into work as a means to breaking the cycle of addiction and offending. We are now raising funds to create and deliver a pilot programme just for young women, with adjusted age-appropriate content and emphasis on life skills. 12 young women, aged 18-25, will benefit from: - 12 week group work employability programme - 1:1 support with employability for 12 months - work experience placements in local businesses - peer mentoring support - social opportunities to build confidence - a series of life skills workshops - support to access and sustain paid work Young women would be referred to the project by Youth Offending Service, youth charities, Social Services and Barnardos. We have already secured £4000 (of the required £10000) from the National Express Foundation.</p>
<p>Gloucestershire Nightstop</p>	<p>Young people are marginalised, experiencing inequality in accessing stable safe accommodation. Privately rented accommodation beyond salaries or housing rate leaving them in poverty generally and housing poverty particularly. In supported accommodation those who work fulltime, lose their benefits and most then face eviction because of rent arrears. Young people are doubly impacted as their rates of housing support is lower than older adults but face the same costs. A room in a shared house locally costs in excess of £550 pounds often with bills on top. More than a third of young people seen through NS generally have a diagnosed mental health issue that is or has been treated such as depression or anxiety, and another third are tackling issues with substance misuse such as alcohol, cannabis, or cocaine. A similar amount needs to improve their physical health. Homeless young people tend to use emergency facilities at hospitals.</p>
<p>Goals Beyond Grass</p>	<p>We enhance the lives disabled adults and children, by reducing social isolation and engaging the whole community in sport and physical activity using a variety of unique activities such as disability football, inclusive cycling and low intensity games as the catalyst. Our objective is to make social and physical activity available to all irrespective of gender, age, race or ability, to enhance their opportunities. We use physical activity to create an all-inclusive environment reaching out to all</p>

	<p>with a disability, also enabling their siblings to join in so they can enjoy experiences together on a level playing field. We aim to reduce social isolation by helping individuals have a healthy physical and mental wellbeing, being inclusive to everyone irrespective of ability or socio-economic background. We engage the whole community in a variety of sessions giving everyone a chance to achieve their goals and be the best version of themselves.</p>
Good Nugget Academy	<p>At Good Nugget we believe that effective social change needs bold action. Young people from disadvantaged backgrounds have very limited access to careers in the creative industries; which results in a lack of representation, cultural deficit and unconscious bias on our screens, stages and pages. The core of our work is inspiring and championing young people into creative roles. We support 18-25 year olds, who are NEET (not in education, employment or training) and from a low socioeconomic and minority background. Through a range of programmes we educate, mentor and connect these young people directly with the creative industry, boosting their confidence and skills needed for an entry level role.</p>
Grow Wakefield Ltd	<p>Grow Wakefield is a social enterprise aiming to turn unloved spaces to food growing places in the Wakefield District. As part of this, we work in the outdoor environments of educational settings helping young people engage with nature, improve their emotional health, gain knowledge and develop practical skills for the future. Currently, we create outdoor sessions linked to garden and wildlife areas for 11-16-year-old students with SEN and SEMH needs - many of whom are in a position of economic disadvantage. This benefits the young people by offering alternative learning environments that they feel calm and relaxed in. We help them explore new skills and develop their talents. The outdoor projects provide valuable experience and evidence towards qualifications to help them gain further education or meaningful employment opportunities. Examples include: horticulture skills and knowledge, environmental awareness; simple construction skills; social skills and experience of working with outside businesses.</p>
Hinckley Homeless Group	<p>Hinckley Homeless Group is a small local charity with a deep concern for young homeless people. We run a safe, friendly Supported Hostel, Lawrence House, for twelve homeless 17-25 year olds who can each stay for up to two years, and a 3-bedroom Move-on House for those ready for more independence. The young people at Lawrence House have become homeless due to deprivation, family breakdown, leaving Care, disability, or the death of a person significant to them. We understand that these young people need extra support in order for them to overcome their challenges and reach their potential. We employ skilled and caring Project Workers to support the young people, helping them to learn essential life skills, engage with education, training, or work and to grow in confidence. Our aim is for each young person is to move forward positively and make a successful transition into independent living.</p>
Home-Start East Sussex	<p>Home-Start East Sussex is a small, independent charity founded in 1996 affiliated to SafeLives and Home-Start UK. The charity offers East Sussex families Whole Family Approach early help and recovery services which improve safety, resilience and outcomes or reduce the chance of a problem getting worse or being repeated. Currently all our clients are victim-survivors of domestic abuse. Many young people experience domestic abuse in relationships (including financial abuse) but might not recognise it. We would like to offer a confidential, empowering on-line group that helps young people identify behaviour associated with health & unhealthy relationships to help them identify when they are in a harmful relationship. Young people will be able to turn off their cameras and give themselves a pseudonym for confidentiality. The group will enable young people to build a positive future by providing a safe and secure space that helps them to build life skills.</p>
Hope for the Young	<p>Hope for the Young is a small London-based charity with a big vision. We believe in a world where all young refugees and asylum-seekers in the UK are given every opportunity to access education and reach their full potential. Young people seeking sanctuary in the UK are determined to access education and make the most of their opportunities. Our mission is to support them in doing so by removing the obstacles to their education and well-being through mentoring, advocacy, and financial support. We run two core programmes: Our Mentoring Programme provides needs-based, one-to-one support to</p>

	<p>newly arrived refugees and asylum-seekers aged 16-25. Our Grants & Advocacy Programme supports young refugees and asylum-seekers aged 16-28 to access and complete further and higher education. We are applying for funding from the KFC foundation to support more young refugees and asylum-seekers aged 16-25 through our Mentoring Programme.</p>
<p>Inch Park Community Sports Club</p>	<p>Inch Park Community Sports Club is based in an area of high deprivation in South Edinburgh, where health and wellbeing inequalities are a major challenge and there are high levels of community crime. Following a spate of anti-social behaviour incidents at the nearby shopping centre, Police Scotland approached and partnered with us to host youth sessions during the summer. The Police Child Protection Team attended and built good relationships with young people. They broke down barriers, provided crime prevention guidance and identified vulnerable young people who may be at risk of committing crime. Places for People donated games consoles for youth club use. Drinks and snacks were provided. Attendance was good (25+ per session) and participants are keen to attend a youth club on a regular basis. Police Scotland will commit to being involved. £2500 from KFC will part-fund a weekly youth club for one year alongside another identified funder.</p>
<p>Kesoberi cic</p>	<p>Kesoberi CIC runs the Pz and Newlyn youth project which holds 2 open door youth club nights per week. Our vision is to create a warm, dry, safe space for young people aged 11-19 to be in the evenings - with enriching, inspiring, creative and physical activities on offer - which they can get involved with - but without pressure - as they can also just be in the space if they wish. We feel that many young people are at risk of poor mental health if isolated at home - and exploitation if on the streets - so want to provide for both of these groups. Free food and drinks are provided and there is no charge for entry or activities so that the offer remains truly inclusive. We support young people who are economically disadvantaged and those either already or at risk of experiencing the criminal justice system as well as several refugee children.</p>
<p>Life Connections Charity</p>	<p>Life Connections is a charity working in a deprived area of East Leeds since 2011. In partnership with Resurgo Trust, we launched the Spear Programme in 2019, an award-winning employability programme for disadvantaged local young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). We run 6 cohorts of the Spear Programme annually, to just under 100 individuals. Our Programme equips 16-24-year olds facing barriers to employment with the skills, mindset and attitude needed to secure work/training opportunities. In collaboration with local referrers, we seek out harder-to-reach individuals, including those with low educational attainment, mental health issues, or criminal pasts. Our intensive six-week coaching programme, focusing on building work readiness and a further twelve months of follow-on support, helps young people develop their long-term vision, resilience and create futures filled with hope. 75%+ who complete Spear, get into work or further training and are still there a year later.</p>
<p>Linx Youth Project</p>	<p>Linx was established in 1993 in the Hemlington Ward of Middlesbrough, one of the top 3% most deprived wards in this country. Middlesbrough is the fifth most deprived local authority area in England. Linx has earned a sterling reputation in the provision of excellent youth services that, without the work of this Project, would not exist in the area. It is currently delivering a diversity of programmes both diversionary, in terms of avoiding negative life styles, and developmental, in terms of increasing young people's life skills and strengthening their ability to progress positively into adulthood. Building on years of practical experience, Linx now has the capacity to target at a preventative level, capturing the attention of young people before they become influenced by negative external forces. Arming older primary age pupils with the tools they need to more confidently make a safe and progressive transition into secondary education</p>
<p>Local Village Network</p>	<p>"You can't be what you can't see." Local Village Network is a grassroots registered charity, set up to address 'network poverty', one of the key contributing factors that keeps young people in poverty. Increasingly, a lack of networks is being used as a new measure of poverty due to the effects that poverty can have on a young person's access to social networks and career options. We aim to empower young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and reduce the number that</p>

	<p>become NEET or enter the prison system. We do this by working to level the playing field by enabling at-risk young people aged 14-24 access to positive networks and mentors they otherwise wouldn't encounter. Our mentoring programmes focus on giving disadvantaged young people insight into employment opportunities and help them to think about what they have to offer. We run mentoring programmes in schools and colleges in boroughs across London.</p>
<p>London Basketball Association</p>	<p>The London Basketball Association supports vulnerable young people who are disengaged from education and at risk of anti-social behaviour, crime, and gangs. Basketball is used as a vehicle to engage diverse young people on the extreme margins of society – and then we present them with learning, development, mentoring and employability programmes. These programmes include Qualifications Training, Volunteering and Career Fairs. Our activities engage ethnic minorities and NEETs (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) youth from disadvantaged backgrounds – namely those who come from low-income households, lack transferable skills, and have low self-esteem. Our work is driven by an ethos of engagement and prevention, addressing specific issues that marginalised young people face which result in compounded difficulties in their adult lives. We have a proven track record of engaging vulnerable communities, providing them with mentorship, skills and opportunities to pursue viable careers both inside and outside the basketball court.</p>
<p>Make Build Grow C.I.C.</p>	<p>We help care leavers aged 17-25 take pride in their home, and ownership over their own space through DIY and up cycling projects. Completing the projects not only gives them new practical skills and confidence, it also improves their wellbeing, improves relationships with their landlord, strengthening their tenancies and meaning that they feel part of their community. We work side by side care leavers as we guide them through how to complete their projects, mentoring them as we go. By providing the knowledge and advice, we can support young people to complete anything from small home maintenance tasks or improve and up cycling a piece of furniture to larger decorating jobs like revamping their kitchen or bathroom. 'All your help and support means more than you know.' (young person who has recently had support with refurbishing her Kitchen – painting walls, up cycling cupboard doors and replacing handles.)</p>
<p>North Bristol RFC Limited</p>	<p>The Motto of our Club is Rugby for all. We are a Community Club that provide rugby to over 500 members including boys, girls, men and women from some of the most economically deprived areas in Bristol, keeping them off the streets and channelling that energy into something positive. We run over 20 teams at the club and have a huge diversity of people taking part from the local community. in 2022 we signed up as part of the STAR Scheme which aims to makes a difference in the lives of young people who are suffering or have suffered adverse childhood experiences, poverty or mental health issues, across the Southwest and UK, and have seen huge progress in those kids already. Through our partnership we will look to offer rugby and sport to those most in need of it and look to make a massive enhancement to their everyday lives.</p>
<p>Open House Community CIC</p>	<p>We are committed to enriching the lives of vulnerable young people aged 10-18 within a deprived community. The majority of the young people we engage with are at-risk of involvement with crime We provide weekly youth clubs, wellbeing workshops, mentoring with targeted intervention, sport mentoring, multiple sports and activities. All within safe spaces for young people to socialize, make positive friendships, build trust, build their self-esteem, develop valuable life skills. listening to young people's views and recognizing their ability to make a change. We have our very own outdoor growing allotment, situated in the heart of the Three Estates, where we want the young people to learn transferrable skills from experienced hands. Giving them practical skills for the future. Our ethos is to maximize every opportunity for young people. To support, inspire and excite them. Our long-term benefit is to motivate young people away from ASB and criminal activities.</p>
<p>Park Community Ventures</p>	<p>To improve the levels of educational attainment, resilience and autonomy of the school students and community. To prepare young people for work through practical skills, enterprise & work place training. To provide an assistance fund to provide financial support to Leigh Park children, and help address holiday hunger and cultural capital through programmes such as MUNCH, Connect4Summer and YES. Our project will be aimed at the 11 - 17 year olds supporting them to gain new</p>

	<p>skills through a range of opportunities supported by Youth Workers and mentors. We already provide opportunities for young people to learn skills through our work appreciation programme teaching skills in DIY, team building, communications, work ethic and application of effort. We also support teens through our HAF programme offering FSM children the opportunity to have 4 hours of activities along with a hot meal during Christmas, Easter and Summer breaks.</p>
Parkfield Equine Solutions	<p>We deliver TheHorseCourse - world renown evidenced based Equine Assisted Interventions with a clear theory of change. We target hard to reach CYP and adults with complex mental health issues, victims of abuse, ADHD, ASD, social isolation and behavioural problems. We are seeking this funding for a youth project taking groups of school aged children who are at high risk of exclusion, offending or risk taking behaviours. We teach and rehearse resilience skills embedded in horsemanship tasks using specially trained horses who give in the moment feedback. These skills eg calmness, planning, communication, empathy, confidence, focus etc are highly transferrable. We show 80% improvement across 4 outcomes: increased self belief, improved relationships, reduced problem behaviours and re-engagement with education/training/work. We have over 95% retention rate most of whom are NEET or disengaged from other services, We offer our fun but challenging Restart programme and Lighter Touch sessions free of charge to participants.</p>
People Empowered CIC	<p>We are a CIC working with community groups, Government Departments, public services, schools, businesses, charities, and individuals. We support people to improve themselves in all aspects of their personal lives, education, and employment opportunities. We have worked across the most deprived areas of St Helens, our main work is to listen to local communities to plan, find funding for, and deliver projects to help people improve their lives. Our projects normally consist of small to medium sized group workshops, training, education, one-to-one support sessions for people or groups who are disadvantaged. These projects tend to focus upon a particular group of people who are facing exclusion or disadvantage. Our work with young people often focusses on engagement of the young people through sports or the arts, we are then able to build trusted relationships with the young people and provide support, life coaching, and/or mentoring to improve their lives.</p>
Peterborough Police Amateur Boxing Club (PPABC)	<p>The Club's primary aim is to encourage disadvantaged youths susceptible to criminal influence and offending away from the streets and into a safe space - PPABC. The Club, which is at the heart of a heavily deprived community, currently hosts 120 youths and has a waiting list of approximately 100 more. PPABC welcomes youths from all social, cultural and economic backgrounds, no-one is exempt, the club is blind to prejudice - all are welcome. Through boxing, PPABC directly addresses criminal causation and its effects such as: antisocial behaviour, domestic abuse, drug related criminality, violence and gang related activities. The surrounding area attracts a Government Poverty Index of One - the lowest poverty ranking in the UK. Unfortunately this means that traditional methods of raising funding via local fund-raising initiatives and the raising of membership fees are not viable options for the Club hence our appeal for support.</p>
Priory Park Amateur Boxing Club	<p>A registered charity with 50+ years experience of working to advance education through provision of recreational and leisure time facilities for people in Dudley. We have a successful track record of working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 5+ within Dudley's most deprived estates. 70% of members are young people aged 24 and under. Castle and Priory Ward, where the club is based, is amongst the top 10% deprived wards in the country. In Dudley, 35% of children live in poverty. Many young beneficiaries are identified as at risk of exclusion or vulnerable; some have physical and learning disabilities. Support is provided through a range of activities, groups and mentorship programmes. We are respected locally and credited with fostering community cohesion and helping to reduce antisocial behaviour by diverting young people away from joining gangs. We partner with the Police, social workers, schools and colleges and Pupil Referral Units.</p>
Safe Strong and Free	<p>We are a children's abuse prevention program, delivering workshops to preschool children - proactive rather than reactive. We recently started delivering Emotional Wellbeing Workshops to older children, who find it difficult to deal with their</p>

	<p>emotions. These children are age 9 to 13. Through these workshops, we have identified a group in a local secondary school who are really struggling. They are missing school, using drugs, have been in trouble and struggling with relationships at home and school. We would like to work with these children, and the school have asked if we can do so, to give them skills and information to move them forward, and give them a better chance for their future. We want to support these children over a 6 week period, delivering Decider Skill training, mentoring, and supporting them so they feel more confident, and can better deal with their emotions and deal with school.</p>
Shooting Fish Theatre	<p>Shooting Fish is a vibrant and socially conscious professional new-writing theatre company deeply rooted in the diverse communities of Lincolnshire and Bristol. Established in 2002, Shooting Fish is dedicated to the transformative power of theatre, with a particular focus on engaging hard-to-reach young people in deprived areas. Shooting Fish works in Gainsborough with NEET young people, (yp) young carers, young parents, and those with mental health struggles. Many of our yp in Gainsborough live in areas of high deprivation and are stuck in cyclical unemployment with low future aspirations. Our work develops confidence, communication, time management, problem-solving, self-esteem, and literacy skills and provides them with employability skills. They gain real-life employment experience creating a new piece of professional live theatre. This programme has been running for 9 years and we have excellent evaluation feedback, many young people have gained GCSE English after our project and careers and increased soft skills.</p>
St Oliver Plunkett Youth Club, Crossmaglen	<p>St Oliver Plunkett Youth Club is a full-time voluntary youth organisation that delivers youth provision to children and young people aged 6-25 years in Crossmaglen and surrounding rural areas of South Armagh. The youth club operates five days a week offering a wide range of programmes and initiatives for 9-18 year olds including weekly core provision, thematic programmes (health and wellbeing, outdoor skills, young women's, young men's, good relations and diversity, living in safety and stability, environment and climate), outreach, volunteering opportunities and accredited learning. We also operate a junior club and a Youth4All group for those with additional needs. We have over 150 members, six locally qualified part time staff, one professional youth worker and eighteen volunteers who undertake a variety of roles including our management committee and support to the various groups.</p>
St. Michael's Youth Project	<p>We have been established for over 33 years, providing support for some of the hardest to reach children/young people aged 5-19 years old, in Hull (HU6 - identified as an area of high social and economic disadvantage). Our activities run 6 days a week from 3pm till 8pm-term time, and during the day-during school holidays, 50 weeks a year. We run a variety of sessions to enable young people to have a safe space that's their own, spend time with friends, learn new skills, access opportunities, and be themselves. Many are from households that are facing food and fuel poverty and face the risk of becoming involved in negative and anti-social behaviour. The peer pressure that exists in the area places a great deal of pressure on young people to conform to the negative expectations. Our activities range from creative arts, learning to cook, swimming, bike maintenance and outdoor/residential experiences.</p>
Steppingstones in the community	<p>Steppingstones in the community is an organisation targeting people from disadvantaged backgrounds; at risk of homelessness, young parents and young people at risk of falling into crime within the local community. Our organisation aims to empower people, from ages 11-25, to build on their leadership, teamworking and social skills by providing fitness and educational activities to get them more active and distract thoughts of crime. We encourage and support young people to get together and socialise, bringing the community together to form stronger friendships and connections, provide young people and parents access to our events and promote positivity. By creating a safe environment where young people may explore their talents, acquire life skills, and get mentoring and advice on getting employment/business plans, helping young people to get onto training courses, supporting them with educational outcomes, we enable them to realise their full potential and create a bright future.</p>
Success Club CIO	<p>We are a BME-led, delivering wellbeing and personal development interventions for vulnerable young people (YP) to equip</p>

	<p>them with the skills, beliefs and attitudes to succeed. We work mainly in Enfield, in partnership with schools, targeting disadvantaged pupils in KS2/3/4. All our work is underpinned by mindfulness practice. Over the past few years, we have successfully run several extracurricular behaviour management /mentoring programmes for YP (aged 11-14) at risk of school exclusion/criminal involvement (small group and 1:1 work). 80% pupils we work with on these programmes are from diverse communities and most are boys. These programmes provide safe and supportive activities that build skills for self-understanding, social and emotional development. We empower YP to make positive changes and choices in their lives, overcome challenges and fulfil potential. We want to expand these programmes and also pilot a new programme using sport to reduce the risk of school exclusion.</p>
<p>Surrey Clubs For Young People</p>	<p>Our charitable purposes cover the support and propagation of youth clubs in Surrey. Over the last decade we have provided business advice to independent groups launching or running youth clubs. That included DBS support, fundraising, and operational advice including Governance. With the clubs we run, we aim to co-produce a schedule of activities with the young people, reinforcing a sense of ownership of their club and improving confidence, which has a hugely positive impact on their mental health particularly at this younger age. We know that having a youth club to go to helps the young people with building resilience to the challenges of their lives, including the risks of becoming involved in criminal behaviour. We are asking for £2500 to help us with our youth work at the Edge Youth Club in Epsom. In our video, our chair talks through what this is for and why it makes sense.</p>
<p>Survivors Can Shine CIC</p>	<p>Our aim is to reduce the number of young people at risk of abuse, inside & outside the home, in Camden & surrounding London Boroughs. They say their voices aren't heard and want to use the arts to express difficult emotions and create change. They achieve change through our transformative 'I Shine, Speak Out' project, using the arts, including spoken word, poetry, and lyric writing, that provide platforms for young people to amplify their voices & rights. Enabling them to develop supportive networks and expand educational opportunities. Many become active 'Ambassadors for Change'. Poverty is a significant risk factor for abuse and most young people we engage experience poverty. We support young people aged 5-18 but mainly those aged 11 plus. Many are at risk, or already have experience, of the criminal justice system. KFC support will enable us to help more young people break this cycle & thrive instead.</p>
<p>Swan Youth Project (Norfolk) Ltd</p>	<p>The Swan Youth Project supports vulnerable young people based in Downham Market, Norfolk. We are based in a location of significant social deprivation, and we are the only local dedicated youth service in the area. The children and teenagers we help face significant issues, with more than a quarter having mental health needs. Our aim is to provide educational, social and emotional support to young people through our services which include, Open Access sessions, 1:1 mental health support, additional support for young carers, Bike Kitchen, employment support, family support sessions and a hygiene bank. Our Open Access sessions are the gateway to our project and allow us to build a relationship with the young people and identify if they need support via our other services</p>
<p>Take A Bow Development Trust</p>	<p>Take A Bow is a community anchor organisation which supports the people of New Farm and wider Kilmarnock. Within the centre we support people from all backgrounds and offer a range of different services including performing arts, musical theatre, children's parties, holiday programmes, lunch clubs, toddler groups, functions and a lettable space for other organisations. Within these services we support children and families and those that are elderly and/or vulnerable. A new service is the Youth Development Programme which seeks to support young people between the ages of 12-25 in their transition to adulthood through 8 week programmes. As part of this we are keen to start a Youth club to offer a fun, comforting space for young people to socialise, boost confidence and engage in informal learning.</p>
<p>Tamar View Community Complex LTD</p>	<p>Tamar View has run Youth Work drop-in sessions for the past 10 years, over this time we have raised the aspiration and confidence of YP on the Barne Barton estate by engaging YP in social action projects. We have through various projects and taster sessions given YP the opportunity to sample things that they would not normally expect. Barne Barton being one</p>

	<p>of the most deprived neighbourhoods in Plymouth (IMD). We work with all sections of the community but each project is run separately and should we be successful in our application to the KFC Foundation the funding would be used to benefit YP aged 10-25. Our projects are very much youth led and two of our youth workers started with us on our youth work project as YP themselves, so grateful were they that once completing their degrees they joined as volunteers before taking up part-time employment with us.</p>
Tameside Community Computers CIC	<p>We provide new and refurbished digital devices to those living in digital poverty, we have an ongoing project called 'Keeping Care Leavers Connected' this is to help those leaving care to be able to function in society providing them with a laptop, smart phone and 12 month data, text and call package completely free of charge. We have also been gifting the same devices to children in care, refugees, those that are homeless we have provided burner phones so they can keep in contact with local support services.</p>
Teen Action	<p>Teen Action empowers disadvantaged Orthodox Jewish Young women aged 16-19 in Hackney/Haringey through youth-led provisions, activities, and mentoring opportunities to improve their life skills, develop potential and improve their confidence, aspirations, and well-being. We target vulnerable YP who experience extreme urban poverty, come from large families averaging 6.7 persons, suffer social/digital isolation, have caring responsibilities, and/or experience early onset adulthood. We engage with OJ young people at grassroots level, using culturally-appropriate, single-gender learning/training programs, personal development initiatives, residentials, career guidance, and 1:1/peer mentoring to Provide relief, empowerment, and explore current difficulties. We provide them with accessible positive opportunities they haven't had before, giving them the necessary tools to transition to adulthood/independent living/employment, helping them fulfill their potential, and creating better futures. Teen Action has been impacting 200+ YP annually since 2006 and we have received the London Youth Gold Quality Mark in recognition of our superior work with young people.</p>
Temple Well-Being C.I.C	<p>Temple Well-Being (TWB) supports and promotes the physical, spiritual, social, emotional well-being and mental health of young people through youth work, mentoring, creative well-being workshops and support groups. Empowering young people by helping them unlock the gifts within, teaching positive psychology, mindfulness and relaxation techniques. Our person-centred, strengths approach enables us to provide early intervention and prevention strategies which help young people learn how to regulate their emotions & maintain good mental health and well-being. We provide bespoke support designed specifically around the young person as well as for professionals, schools and organisations who work with children and young people TWB recently completed a pilot project with Kirklees Youth Justice Service delivering our core programme, Chill Skillz. This pilot was a success, with positive feedback from the practitioners and the young people who engaged and participated, as well as 100% return after the first session, which has never happened before.</p>
The Brideg Centre Motorcycle Project	<p>BCMP works with young people aged 11 to 24 and is designed to support individuals who have a wide range of additional support needs by using off road motorcycles and team building games/exercises as mediums to engage them. BCMP Works with young people individually or in small groups to develop confidence, supporting them to challenge themselves and work towards exciting and achievable goals, while learning new life skills. The Project works with Secondary Schools and other partnering youth agencies/organisations in East Lothian to identify young people who would benefit from taking part in an Educational Support Programme. The Project also works with referred young people who are not suited to participating in group work on a 1-to-1 basis. In addition, BCMP runs an open access club for young people aged 11-16. The club enables self-referred young people to learn the skills and techniques of off-road motorcycling in a safe environment.</p>
The GAP Arts Project	<p>The GAP Arts Project is a youth arts organisation and cultural space based in Balsall Heath, Birmingham, established in 2014 to support young people in developing creative and cultural skills. We have grown into a community and cultural venue, built with and by young people across Birmingham. Our key beneficiaries include young people of Balsall Heath; young artists in the West Midlands; and young asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in Birmingham. Our programmes and</p>

	<p>development opportunities are carefully designed to reduce the impact of systemic barriers to access and engagement, prioritising the well-being, creativity and learning of these young people in all our work and strive to give them a voice and platform, as underrepresented and underengaged members of the local population. We centre relationships with our young people, founded on mutual trust and respect, and prioritise partnering with other trusted organisations that extend the possible artistic journeys for young people in our communities.</p>
The GINA Project CIC	<p>Led by young people with lived experience of sexual trauma, we provide immediate specialist counselling, bespoke resources and volunteering opportunities for young people in a position of economic disadvantage after being subjected to sexual violence (including young parents, carer leavers & young people with experience of the criminal justice system). We also support young people who experience additional barriers (in the ethnically minoritized, LGBTQ+ and disabled community) to accessing support and employment. This safe, secure, supportive counselling space helps to reduce impacts of sexual trauma on a young person's long-term mental health (especially with support offered at the earliest stage) to remove this potential barrier to employment. We offer volunteering opportunities, which facilitates the co-production of bespoke resources with young people in our community. This empowers young people to build on their strengths/skills and unlock talent, while subsequently enabling them to build a positive future and enhance employment prospects.</p>
theGKexperience SCIO	<p>theGKexperience journeys alongside and offers support to young people who face long-term challenges due to poverty, disadvantage, and inequality in Glasgow. We build long-term trusting respectful relationships with young people and their families over years, listening to their voices and being welcomed by them to offer support. We are persistent in our engagement, love, and support, even and especially if it becomes difficult due the barriers they face. We work alongside young people in their local settings and allow outdoor residential and wilderness experiences to help them soar. We provide an integrated model of support across 4 areas: Residential experiences, local community work, a young leaders programme and tailored individual support. They increase confidence and skills taking new steps and making positive decisions, create a strong voice towards decisions that impact them, build resilience against adverse childhood experiences, gain leadership skills and increase prospects and improve physical and mental health</p>
Their Voice	<p>Their Voice is a small charity making a big impact, it supports men, women and children across London and the Home Counties that have been processed through the National Referral System (NRM). In 2022 over 1,800 victims of modern slavery were supported by Their Voice and tens of thousands of essential items were gifted to individuals referred to Their Voice from organisations such as, The Salvation Army, NHS, Justice and Care, Medaille, Ella's and Hestia, with whom we work closely; all see the vital impact our service provides. We offer tailored, practical support packages to help relieve poverty, which in turn has the positive, vital impact of improving mental health and emotional wellbeing. Alongside this practical support we provide a 10-week empowerment program in a safe house. This helps survivors find their identity, build confidence and provides them with basic life skills.</p>
Thriving Spaces CIC	<p>Situated in Liverpool City Centre, Thrive is the only dedicated space for support workers and care-experienced young people to meet, build relationships and access intensive job search support. Thrive support is unique – we have built partnerships with employers who want to offer real, tangible support to our young people. They offer short sessions giving insight into sectors of work and individual job roles, as well as mentoring, work experience and job opportunities where appropriate. Alongside this, we have partners that wraparound the service and offer support for those with barriers to work. We work with young people to address their needs directly, giving a young person more confidence and access to more opportunity and importantly 16-24 years claiming universal credit old can attend Thrive to see a dedicated work coach, alongside access to our wraparound support.</p>
Training Cave Club Ltd	<p>Training Cave is a not-for-profit boxing gym that runs free sessions and programmes for people of all ages, especially</p>

	<p>underprivileged young people at risk of engaging in antisocial behaviour. We are based in a deprived area and our aim is to positively impact as many young people in our community as possible, as there are few opportunities for young people to engage in positive actions, socialise in safe environments or improve their wellbeing. We ensure that our gym facilities are accessible to all, including those with disabilities, those who would otherwise be unable to afford memberships, and those who are vulnerable to gangs and negative role models. Many of those we support face barriers to accessing services to improve their prospects, as they are known to the criminal justice system. We bridge the gap in services available and provide an alternative, using boxing to help young people realise their potential.</p>
Warnborough Foundation CIO	<p>Here at Warnborough, we aim to advance accessible education and training among marginalised and disadvantaged communities and individuals in East Kent and beyond. Our flagship programme, COMPASS helps individuals discover and build on their own capabilities and interests. Participants are supported by friendly and experienced Warnborough staff, employers, mentors and coaches to reach their maximum potential. On COMPASS, participants can self-discover skill sets and skills gaps while building confidence and healthy self-belief. Each iteration of COMPASS is tailored to the needs of the participants, many do not do well in a traditional school setting so our mentors meet with them wherever and however suits them, be that in a cafe, a farm or via video call. We work with other organisations such as Computers 4 Charity to ensure participants have the technology they require to get the most from the course and find their way into work.</p>
Young Carers' Crew (North Hertfordshire & Stevenage)	<p>Young Carers' Crew is a local charity supporting young people aged 8-16 local to Stevenage and North Herts, who are required to act as carers for a sibling or parent and take on these responsibilities at a young age. A young carer is someone aged 18 or under who helps look after a member of their family who is ill, disabled or substance dependent, and who regularly take on responsibility for things that would normally be done by an adult. We run a bi-weekly activity session in Hampson Park, Stevenage during term time for the young carers, and provide a safe space for play and creative activities for a few hours. A place where they can just be kids. Our vision is for all young carers to have the support they need to thrive, develop, and enjoy a positive childhood! Thank you for your consideration!</p>
You're Cherished	<p>You're Cherished is a charity based in Birmingham who are dedicated to supporting and empowering young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and are constantly striving to help improve the lives of vulnerable young people in our community. The girls we support are referred by various agents, including schools, local authorities and parents. We support these young people with their emotional and mental health needs and who are at risk of exclusion, risk of involvement in crime and behaviour issues. Our group work, 1:1 mentoring support and after school groups enables Cherished to help provide and equip the girls with the tools and strategies they need to help build their self esteem and self worth and unveil their true potential. Our trauma informed approach and our nurturing mentors ensure the girls feel safe, seen, soothed and secure. It is our mission to help each girl be the best version of themselves.</p>
Youth Matters New Mills CIC	<p>The young people we are planning to work with are of secondary school age and will be based in the Derby City area. They mainly come from areas of deprivation, financially and emotionally. They will be identified by the Police as being in need of intervention when all other channels available to them other than juvenile detention has been exhausted. The young people may have become involved in criminal behaviours, consuming alcohol and illicit substances putting their health at risk, they may be indulging in acquisitive crime to support those habits, become known to local police and involved in Knife crime. This project will deliver the following outcomes for 28 participants. Increased emotional and mental wellbeing for individual participants. Visible Reduced anti-social behaviour in schools and communities. Increased physical fitness for participants. De-escalation of possible drug and criminal pathways. Increased and repeated positive behaviours for participants.</p>
Youth Shedz Cymru	<p>Empowering the Future: Youth Shedz Cymru is dedicated to fostering a nurturing and inclusive community where young minds are inspired, skills are honed, and potential is unleashed. Through collaboration, mentorship, and hands-on</p>

experiences, we aim to provide a supportive space where young people can grow, learn, and thrive as they embark on their unique journeys toward personal and collective success.