

Local Youth Social Action Programme

[*A definition of youth social action: *‘Young people taking practical action in the service of others in order to create positive social change that is of benefit to the wider community as well as to the young person themselves.’*

Young Foundation]

The Local Youth Social Action Programme is offering grants to groups working with young people between the ages of 10 and 20 years old (or 25 for young people with learning disabilities) living in Cambridgeshire (including Peterborough). The initial money was put forward via the Youth Social Action Fund, as part of the Government’s ongoing support for the #iwill engagement campaign, run by national charity Step Up To Serve. Further sums have been made available to the Programme through a number of CCF donors.

Grants, of up to £5,000, are to fund additional social action opportunities for young people, whereby the young people contribute to their community and learn new skills.

The fund is NOT to cover general youth club provision nor to fund other activities /events that 'merely' have young people involvement. The fund is to cover targeted programmes of activities and support for young people all aimed at developing their skills and confidence as volunteers in their community. **Capital costs will not be covered by the grants**

Grants awarded in 2016 must be spent by 31st March 2017.

Applicants must indicate how many young people they plan to work with over the course of the funded project and arrange for their young people to fill in a standard fund questionnaire available on Survey Monkey before the start and on completion of their funded project.

Eligibility

The fund is open to applications from Charities/CIOs, Community Interest Companies and Social Enterprises. Applicants must demonstrate that their project can meet the following quality principles of great youth social action:

- Socially Impactful - having a clear intended benefit to a community, cause or social problem
- Challenging - stretching and ambitious as well as enjoyable and enabling
- Youth-led - owned and shaped by young people's needs, ideas and decision-making
- Progressive- sustainable, and providing links to other activities and opportunities
- Embedded - accessible to all, and well integrated to existing pathways to become a habit for life
- Reflective - recognising contributions as well as valuing critical reflection and learning

More details about the principles can be found on the [#iwill website](#)