

A review of the Young Persons' Funding Pot 2008



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Our Young Persons' Funding Pot reached its positive conclusion in October 2008 when we delivered all the cheques to the groups whose applications were successful.

What was the Young Persons' Funding Pot?

The funding pot was established in June 08 through an anonymous donation to Berneslai Homes and a matched donation from Inspace partnerships. The pot was set up so that young people involved in community groups across the borough had an opportunity to apply for grants of up to £500 to be used for things such as trips, activities or equipment.

One of our strategic objectives is to deliver sustainable communities which are safe, healthy, and attractive neighbourhoods which are accessible to all. The Young Persons' Funding Pot is about engaging with the young people in our communities and helping them make a difference in their communities for now and the future.

We're really proud to be able to support these young people working together in our communities. We feel that it's been a great success and will achieve a positive impact on young people and their communities across the borough.

Berneslai Homes would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who applied to the 'Young Persons' Funding Pot'.

How did people apply?

We promoted the Funding Pot in the local press and sent out over 250 application forms to a variety of youth groups, schools, youth clubs and individual young people.

We received a great response and received over 70 applications.

How did you assess the winning bids?

With the help of a panel of young people from across the borough we looked through the bids using a scoring system to decide who had been successful.

Whose bids were successful?

Nine bids were successful with seven of these receiving the grant of the full £500. Here's details of the successful groups and what they will be spending their grant on, and how it will make a difference to the young people and their communities.

Brierley Church of England School Council



The school council were awarded the full £500 grant. After a school trip to the Pinfold Garden Centre the school wished to buy the equipment and materials to grow their own vegetables which the whole school can enjoy eating afterwards and which will also be part of the healthy schools initiative. The grant will help the school set up their own productive school garden for the benefit of current and future pupils.

Birkwood Primary School Council - Cudworth

The school were awarded the full £500 grant. They wanted to create a quiet area on the school field so that young people can talk to school counsellors if they have any problems. They also wanted some benches around the field so that young people who want to, can sit and read, talk, or just sit quietly. These benches will encourage peer support from the school counsellors. The benches will also be beneficial and enjoyed by current and future pupils.



Doncaster Road Primary School play ground leaders



The group that runs within the school were awarded the full £500 grant. They wanted the grant to make their playground more exciting and provide all pupils with more fun play. They held a competition in school to design some games to paint onto the playground and there were two successful designs that were picked by the young people in the school. They have their designs ready to begin the work to transform and improve their playground and break times for all current and future pupils at the school.

High View PLC - Wombwell - After School Gardening Club

This well established after school gardening club was awarded the full £500 grant. They wanted the grant to buy seeds, plants, and compost, for the forth coming year and they also plan to buy a shed to store their growing number of tools and equipment. They also wanted to buy some compost bins so that in winter they can make their own composts which will be beneficial for the next growing season, and will be cost effective for the group's future and also good for the planet. The group will also use the grant to cover transport costs to visit other allotments so that they can get ideas for their own gardens, make friends, and build



working relationships, and share their good practice. They are planning to develop some joint work with Wombwell High School involving their garden. This will be good for peer mentoring and for the pupils involved in the gardening club who will soon be attending Wombwell High. Although the gardening club has a number of members, all school pupils can access it, learn from it and experience it. The club is supported by local residents which is very beneficial and helps community cohesion in the area.

Great Houghton Youth Group

This bid was only for £315 and the group was successful in being awarded this amount. The group wanted to be part of a local fun day/gala type event and they wanted to offer activities such as a bungee run. They wanted to do this to provide something for the community. The youth group are aware that a lot of people in the community see young people as problem. The group want to show that they are part of the community and part of the solution to youth nuisance issues in the local area.



Greenacre School Council - Barnsley



The school were awarded the full £500 grant and they wanted the grant so that all their pupils can enjoy the outside play areas. This will include wheelchair users, pupils who have difficulty walking, and the hearing and visually impaired pupils. This will also benefit pupils who need help from staff members. The grant will increase the pupils' interaction during their free time. The decisions for the spending of the grant are to be made by the young people involved at the school. It will be used for the benefit of current and future pupils of the school.

New Lodge Youth Club

The youth club were awarded the full £500 grant which they wanted to spend on a trip of their choice (they haven't decided where to yet). The trip is a reward for all the young people who attend the youth club and their ongoing work in their local community. It will also encourage the young people to continue their efforts. The New Lodge Youth Club is regularly attended by large numbers of young people of all ages from the local estate. Since the youth club opened they have been involved in weekly litter picks and the monitoring of the park and the multi-use games area in the middle of the estate. They have taken part in the Mayors parade and were even invited to tea with the Mayor! They have been involved with an arts project that focused on the regeneration that is to be completed on the estate and their input and ideas have been taken into consideration. They hosted their own 'Lodge Factor' talent competition for all young people in the area and regularly organise seasonal events such as Halloween or Christmas parties and discos.

All the youth group's efforts involve young people of all ages on the estate and promotes good community cohesion and respect for their local community.





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Kings Oak Primary Student Council - Wombwell



The school council's application was part funded and they received £185. They wanted to organise a school fair in the near future. They will

use the grant to help pay for things like, bouncy castles, penalty shoot outs, sponge throwing, competitions, food and craft stalls, and face painting. The pupils from the school will choose together what activities they have at their event. The event will be good for the school and will bring the pupils, their families and the community together.

The Hill Primary School Council - Thurnscoe

The school were awarded the full £500 grant which they wanted to develop the access to their school garden for the benefit of disabled pupils so that everyone can



enjoy the school garden named 'The Quad'. The children have said "We grow flowers and vegetables in The Quad, we also have a pond and we eat our dinners in their in the summer and sometimes have our lessons out there. The grant will enable us to be able to put access ramps in so that all pupils at present and in the future will be able to access The Quad equally".

Congratulations to all the fortunate winners of the grants and we will look forward to coming out and seeing what you have achieved with the grant in the future.

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