

Education, Children and Families

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Choose Youth Work

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 The Education, Children and Families Committee is asked to:
 - 1.1.1 note the awards in Appendix 1.
 - 1.1.2 note that a further report detailing awards in North West locality will be reported to Committee at a later date.
 - 1.1.3 thank the young people for their work and support to help make Choose Youth Work happen.

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Report

Choose Youth Work

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report is to inform Committee of the process of the third and final year of the Choose Youth Work programme and the outcome in terms of awards granted to the organisations listed in Appendix 1 for the citywide and North East, South East and South West localities' programmes for 2019-20. The awards in North West will be reported at a later date.

3. Background

- 3.1 The [Youth Work Funding 2017-19](#) report was presented to the Education, Children and Families Committee on 13 December 2016 outlining a strategy of funding open access youth work in the city.
- 3.2 The report included recommendations to run participatory budgeting grant programmes from 2017-18 onwards with increasing budgets.
- 3.3 The first programme was run in 2017-18 with a budget of £60,000 and 11 awards were made
- 3.4 In 2018-19, the second programme was run, made up of a citywide programme and a separate programme in each of the four localities. The total budget available was £166,000. The budgets available were as follows:
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| Citywide | £60,000 |
| North East | £23,758 |
| North West | £24,035 |
| South East | £27,555 |
| South West | £30,652 |

4. Main report

- 4.1 Following evaluation of years 1 and 2 of Choose Youth Work (CYW), Education, Children and Families Committee approved, in May 2018, the recommendation that the voting element of the programme be discontinued. Instead, it approved the use of a 'participatory mechanism' that would emphasise the meaningful engagement of

young people in shaping CYW and its priorities, including the questions in the grant programme application form, and in making decisions on funding.

- 4.2 The chosen mechanism for the citywide programme was to link CYW to priorities identified through consultation with young people by Young Edinburgh Action and which featured in the Edinburgh Youth Work Strategy. These were: Equal Opportunities for All Young People; and, Stress. The mechanisms chosen to consult with young people in each locality was either Youth Talk, a tried and tested approach to identifying the priorities of young people, or engagement with young people based around the priorities for children and young people in the respective Locality Improvement Plans, originally identified through local consultation.
- 4.3 Following feedback from previous applicants, the maximum award in the citywide programme was raised to £15k (with a minimum of £10k). In the localities, the maximum was raised to £5k (with a minimum of £2,500).
- 4.4 For the programme in 2019-20 the total budget available remained the same as in 2018-19, i.e.:
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| Citywide | £60,000 |
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| North West | £24,035 |
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| South West | £30,652 |
- 4.5 The application period for the citywide programme opened on 5 December 2018 and closed on 1 February 2019. Two briefings were held for organisations interested in applying for funding.
- 4.6 Applications were received from a total of 24 organisations in the citywide programme. The total value of the applications received was £327,800, meaning the fund was almost six times over-subscribed.
- 4.7 Applications were jointly assessed by young people and officers working together. Six young people were involved in the assessment.
- 4.8 Responsibility for the localities programmes was devolved to each locality. This required them to set their own priorities following consultation with young people. Central support was available with developing the application process and training assessors.
- 4.9 The application period for the NE programme opened on 5 December 2018 and closed on 1 February 2019. Two briefings were held for organisations interested in applying for funding. The themes chosen, identified through Youth Talk, for the NE programme were: health and wellbeing; access to learning activities; and improving participation in youth activities. Applications were received from nine organisations to a total value of £40,173. Six applications were assessed as successful, to a total

of £23,758. Three were rejected because they did not meet the funding criteria. Nine young people took part in the assessment process.

- 4.10 The application period for the SW programme also opened on 5 December 2018 and closed on 1 February 2019. Young people across the South West were engaged across seven locations to determine their most important priorities. Over 120 young people contributed to setting three priorities: safety; accessible activities; and sports. Applications were received from 10 organisations to a total value of £38,513. Awards were made to eight organisations to the total value of the available fund (£30,652). Four young people were involved in the assessment process.
- 4.11 The application period for the SE programme opened on 23 January and closed on 8 March 2019. The themes identified for the SE programme were: addressing anti-social behaviour and violence carried out by young people; tackling bullying, stress, social media pressure and its effects; creating a better, healthier community environment to live in. Applications were received from seven organisations to a total value of £29,750. All were assessed as meeting the criteria. Awards were made to a total value of £27,555 including a partial award. Eight young people were involved in the assessment process.
- 4.12 Applications were assessed by a total of 27 young people working with Council officers.
- 4.13 The successful organisations from each programme and a brief description of the activities to be provided are listed in Appendix 1.
- 4.14. In the North West locality, the available budget is being used against the outcomes from three YouthTalk processes. The first of which has been completed in the Kirkliston / South Queensferry area where young people have identified a range of initiatives they feel could help improve activity and participation. A call for interest in helping to support delivery of universal work for young people aged 14+ years has been circulated where any applications received will then be assessed by a panel of local young people.
- 4.15 The YouthTalk programme is currently underway in the Clermiston / Drumbrae / Corstorphine / East Craigs area with over 2,000 young people having been involved to date. The YouthTalk event is planned for 21st June where the outcomes from the process will then be identified which will then lead to a call for interest in helping to support a chosen outcome.
- 4.16 In North, planning is underway to begin the development of the YouthTalk process and it is intended that the outcomes will be identified late summer. Thereafter organisations will be invited to support the delivery of agreed activity.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 This will be the third and final year of Choose Youth Work. From 2020 onwards, the budget for CYW will be incorporated into the Main Revenue Grant programme and awards made will be for three years. The proposals for the Main Revenue Grant will be reported to Committee in May 2019.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The total figure for the Choose Youth Work grant awards recommended in Appendix 1 is £141,965 from a total budget available of £166,000, which is the allocation agreed by Committee on 13 December 2016. The £24,035 devolved to NW is still to be allocated (see paragraph 4.14).

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Young people from across the city have been involved in deciding priorities, designing the application form and questions, and co-assessing applications.
- 7.2 The awarding of grants to third parties enables the Council to meet Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 Public Bodies Duties as well as contributing to the city's Sustainable Edinburgh 2020 objectives.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [Youth Work Funding 2017-19](#) report to Education, Children and Families Committee 13 December 2016
- 8.2 [Choose Youth Work Participatory Budgeting - phase 1](#) report to Education, Children and Families Committee 15 August 2017

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1: Choose Youth Work Grants to Third Parties 2019/20

Appendix 1

Choose Youth Work Grants to Third Parties 2019/20

Citywide	Project Summary	Award
Equal Opportunities for All Young People		
The Yard	Fun and Friendship Clubs for disabled teenagers	£15,000
Media Education	Free filmmaking club for young people aged 13-20. The club brings together young people with and without disabilities and additional needs to make films together.	£10,899
6VT	Inc U: a new youth support service for young people who need extra help to get involved in youth services	£12,335
Stress		
Edinburgh Young Carers	It's ok not to be ok: with HOT, run two health and wellbeing programmes - Social Education Plus (SE+) and Turn Around for young carers aged 11- 14 based in Edinburgh	£11,100
Venture Scotland	The Etive Awards – Personal Development in The Outdoors. A 12 month long outdoor-based personal development programme which empowers young people to develop the skills to make positive and lasting changes in their lives.	£10,666 (partial award)
Total		£60,000

North East	Project Summary	Award
Citadel Youth Centre	The North East Youth Ambassadors: a new project to create a blog/social media platform which will promote activities to ensure that more young people have access to services across the North East.	£4,771
People Know How	Outdoor Journeys project for young people aged 11-15. Outdoor Journeys is an alternative education approach that enables young people to connect with nature/learn about the place where they live.	£2,933
Pilmeny Development Project	Girls' Health and Wellbeing Group providing a tailored gender-specific group to allow them to explore topics such as body image and sexual health	£3,615
Jack Kane Centre	This programme will provide sessions focusing on young people between 12-18	£5,000

	years olds' physical and emotional wellbeing through sport, leisure and educational activities.	
Multi-Cultural Family Base	Improve mental health and wellbeing for BME young people S2-S5	£4,971
RUTS	Improve participation for young people to participate in activities through the themes of motorbikes, bicycles and boxing	£2,468
Total		£23,758

South East	Project Summary	Award
Canongate Youth Project	INSTA V REALITY-creative digital project aimed at 11-16-year olds looking at social media pressure and its effects -covering topics such as on-line safety, image sharing, mental health and wellbeing	£3,800
Dunedin Canmore Housing	YOUTH CAFÉ /DROP IN-to further develop a youth drop in /café at Valleypark CC -as well as offering a safe space to come to, the themes of violence/gangs/bullying and antisocial behaviour will be explored	£5,000
Inch Sports Hub	LET'S GET ACTIVE -this will focus on working with 11-13-year-old girls from the Liberton Gilmerton area who are not involved in physical or sporting activities - looking at the negative experiences that they are facing in relation to body image, bullying, low self-esteem and reasons why girls tend to drop out of sports post primary transition	£4,200
Goodtrees Centre	BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS-focus will be on looking at the divides in the community and reasons behind gangs and territorialism in the Moredun/Gilmerton area -using football and associated activity to work with a group towards a multicultural sporting event	£5,000
Edinburgh Book Festival	CITIZEN-DELIVER A CITIZENSHIP PROJECT -looking at local community, city wide and international citizenship and working with young people in Moredun and Liberton areas	£4,000
Tollcross Community Action	UNDERSTANDING AND COMBATING HATE CRIME-offering a series of workshops for young people across the SE locality in schools and community centre settings -challenging young people to look at	£2,750

	hate crime/discriminatory behaviour and their roles as citizens in combating this	
Gilmerton Community Centre	LIVING OUT LOUD- A new group based in the centre focussed on 11-15 years olds looking at combining a safe place for young people to come and explore issues such as body image, gender, sexual health, safe relationships and positive mental health	£2,805 (partial award)
Total		£27,555

South West	Project Summary	Award
CHAI	Expansion of activity agreement. Working with highly disadvantaged young people through group work and individual sessions that focus on increasing their employability skills, overcoming their personal barriers and supporting them towards personal development.	£3,120
About Youth	Youth group for young people P7 to S2 in the Calder and offering a range of activities and opportunities	£4,481
Tynecastle Parent Council	Mindfulness project: an active approach to supporting our young people's mental health and wellbeing, including extending this even further by commissioning a series of workshops and other resources on mindfulness.	£5,000
Big Hearts	Our T.E.A.M ('Together Equality Achieves More') Project uses football as an engagement tool to improve the wellbeing and social connections of local (South West Edinburgh) young people from multi-cultural communities. Delivered by a team of trained youth workers and a community football coach	£2,930
RCCG Open Heavens	Youth club: The purpose of the Youth Haven Project is to provide a place where youngsters can learn, develop new skills, meet new people and have fun. The funding will be used to provide free: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT programming course • Games Room • Interactive discussions (facilitated by relevant specialist) 	£4,890

Whale Arts	Digital skills programme: WHALE Arts will build upon ongoing work around the Digital Sentinel, a community news website for Wester Hailes, and digital inclusion and job search drop-ins, to work with young people. The work would be framed around how to create content for the Digital Sentinel using different technologies (making videos, podcasts, conducting interviews etc.)	£4,995
Edinburgh Napier Knights	Youth American Football: to enable 20 more young people to play organised sport on a regular basis	£2,500
Dunedin Canmore	Young people attending our Youth Cafes in Gorgie/Dalry and Oxfords have chosen to work towards two residential projects, this summer, with Benmore and Lagganlia Outdoor Centres being two of the most popular options, with projects taking place during the school summer holidays (2019).	£2,736 (partial award)
Total		£30,652