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Youth in Focus



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- young carers
- young people leaving care
- young people leaving youth offenders' institutions

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We are committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. To find out more about our equality principles, mission and values, visit our website.

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What's it all about?

“Someone to care and make me a cuppa”

About this guide

This guide is for organisations that are thinking of applying to our Youth in Focus programme. The guide will help you decide if this programme is right for you and tells you what you need to do to apply.

We've also included some of the things young people told us when we discussed this programme with them.

About Youth in Focus

As they become adults most young people get support from their family and friends and have a good experience in education or work.

But there are certain young people who need more support at this important stage in their lives. Youth in Focus will help some of these young people.

About us

Big Lottery Fund currently gives out half the money raised by the National Lottery for good causes.

Our mission is to bring real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need.

Since 2004 we've given over £425 million to young people's projects.

What's our aim?

Youth in Focus aims to help vulnerable young people to lead active and fulfilling lives

Our research and consultation has shown that young people have a range of complex needs.

But we have limited funds available – up to £30 million in total.

So we've decided to target this funding on some specific groups, where we think it can make a big difference.

The groups we've decided to target are:

- **Young carers** – Helping these young people between the ages of 10 and 25 to be heard and get better access to practical advice and the services that can support their day to day lives.
- **Young people leaving care** – Supporting these young people between the ages of 15 and 25, so they get better access to education, housing, healthcare and employment advice and services.
- **Young people leaving youth offenders' institutions** – Helping these young people between the ages of 15 and 25 to develop their life skills and get better access to services, particularly young men with learning difficulties and young women.

So Youth in Focus won't fund projects working with young people more generally

If this programme isn't right for you there are others that may be suitable, for example, our Awards for All and Reaching Communities programmes. But we won't support services or activities that public bodies have a legal obligation to pay for.

- Find out about our other programmes at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
- Or visit www.lotteryfunding.org.uk which covers all Lottery funders.



Getting a place of my own and the right kind of support to move to be independent is really important to me



What are we looking for?

We want to fund projects that work with these young people to:

- improve their confidence, skills and knowledge – so they can deal better with the life events that affect them
- provide more effective support that is joined up with other services – so they can tackle challenges better.

To bring about these changes we'll expect applicants to:

- target one or more of the groups that our Youth in Focus programme aims to support
- involve the young people who will benefit throughout, from the earliest stages
- form a partnership of voluntary, public or private sector organisations with relevant expertise, led by a voluntary sector organisation
- make sure that the benefits of the project carry on after our funding ends; and
- share what they have learnt with us and others.

“
Being in a youth network helps me feel involved. I feel I can have an influence
”

“
The key workers who support me don't always seem to talk to each other. I'd like to see a project to get them working better together
”



“Money issues are the key thing for me. I’m in control of my budget but I don’t know how to manage it properly”



How much is available?

We expect most applications to be for between £500,000 and £1 million

We'll consider applications for less than £500,000 too but you must talk to us first, as smaller projects may find it more difficult to meet all the requirements set out in this guide.

We also want to award three grants of up to £1,500,000

These will be for England-wide projects that raise national awareness of the issues affecting the young people Youth in Focus is targeting, share learning and inform policy and practice. If you're thinking of applying for one of these larger grants you must discuss your ideas with us before you apply.

What we'll pay for

- Some or all your project costs for between three and five years.
- A contribution towards your organisation's overheads.

What we won't pay for

- Building or refurbishment work.

Find out more

“ **Forming relationships can be a problem. This can lead to falling in with the wrong crowd and trouble with the police** ”

Come to a briefing event

We'll probably only be able to fund about 30 projects across England, which means just a few in each region.

So we're holding some briefing events in September 2010 where you can find out more and ask questions.

If you think Youth in Focus may be right for you, please come to a briefing event.

There's a booking form at the end of this guide.

Contact us

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- If you have a hearing impairment you can contact us using a textphone on 0845 6 02 16 59.
- We can send you this publication in other formats, such as large print or audiotape.
- We will also try to help with other communication needs. Just let us know how we can help you.

Timescales

July
2010

Youth in focus launched

Our website includes questions and answers, which we'll update regularly. Visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_youth_focus

September
2010

Briefing events held and application forms available from our website

If you're thinking of applying you should come to a briefing event.

November
2010

Deadline for applications

We won't consider any applications we receive after 2pm on 30 November 2010.

May
2011

Decisions announced

We're involving a group of young people in our decision-making.

What happens next?

If we decide to fund your project we'll ask you to send us a business plan. If you need it we'll give you up to £25,000 from your grant to help with this.

You'll have up to six months to produce a business plan and we'll need to approve it before your project can start.

So you'll be able to start your project between June and November 2011.



“Coming out of YOI, help getting a job, support, counselling. A plan in place when you come out and somewhere to stay”

Think BIG!

Application forms will be available to download from our website in September.

But there's a lot you can be doing in the meantime to start preparing your application.

B Build your evidence

I Involve young people

G Get organised

Build your evidence

You'll need to provide evidence that your project is needed and will bring about the changes we're looking for. So keep checking this as you develop your ideas.

Involve young people

You'll need to show us how you'll ensure that the young people who will benefit from the project are involved in its development, design, learning and on-going sustainability. So get young people involved at the very start.

Getting organised

You'll need to explain the role of each organisation in your partnership and why they are supporting the application. So decide how you'll work together to achieve a common goal.

Briefing event booking form

You can download this form from www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_youth_focus

Name	<input type="text"/>
Job title	<input type="text"/>
Organisation	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>

I would like to attend the following Youth in Focus briefing event.
Tick one box.

- Birmingham: Wednesday 15 September 2010 – 10am to 12.30pm
- London: Wednesday 15 September 2010 – 10am to 12.30pm
- Bristol: Thursday 16 September 2010 – 10am to 12.30pm
- Newcastle: Friday 17 September 2010 – 10am to 12.30pm
- Warrington: Tuesday 21 September 2010 – 10am to 12.30pm
- Cambridge: Friday 24 September 2010 – 10am to 12.30pm

We're expecting a high demand for places, so numbers are limited to two people per organisation. We'll confirm bookings and send joining instructions before each event.

Please return your booking form by Tuesday 17 August 2010 to:

Youth in Focus briefings

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