

Application Pack



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The Youth & Children's Development Fund 2011 (YCDF)

In 2010 the Education Department parish advisers gave the opportunity for youth groups across the diocese to bid into the National Youth Evangelism pot. This eventually enabled youth groups to access £23,000 for positive evangelistic activities or events. As a result of this, the advisers have worked with the Fund for Church Growth to offer something similar on a local scale and to widen the fund to youth and children's groups. There will be approximately £10,000 available and it will be for encouraging youth / children's groups to "**share the Christian faith in relevant ways with others**". We will also be recruiting a panel of young people who will help to decide where the money will be awarded.

Grants will range from £50 - £500. Applications must come directly from children / young people for initiatives that impact other children / young people. Each group will need an adult sponsor to facilitate the process and support their application. (Unfortunately the fund will not pay for youth worker salaries or for labour costs).

Here is the Application Pack to help you through the application process, for advice contact **Tony Cook** 01749 685134 or tony.cook@bathwells.anglican.org

Applications in to Bath and Wells by Friday May 27 2011

The Diocesan Youth Panel decide June 7 2011, you will know by June 10 2011 how much you have been awarded

Successful applicants receive money June 28 2011 at a celebration to give out cheques, in the Old Deanery in Wells 7.00 – 8.30pm

The Youth & Children's Development Fund Application process.

1. Applicants will need an **application pack** (Word/PDF file), available to download from www.bathandwells.org.uk or from sarah.lockie@bathwells.anglican.org telephone: 01749568134. Each application will need to clearly show the involvement of Children / Young people and be supported by an adult sponsor such as a youth / children's leader or church leader.

2. Here are some questions young applicants will need to consider.

- What do you want to do?
- Why do you want to do it?
- How much money do you need in total, and how will it be spent?
- How much of this do you want as a grant from the YCDF?
- How will you know that your plans have worked?

A helpful tip is to interview children / young people when filling in the application.

Answer all the questions.

3. Additional material can support accompany applications, written or audio-visual.

4. Applications need to be sent to the Bath and Wells Youth Adviser (Tony Cook) by **May 27 2011** who will:

- Place it on file ready to be submitted to the youth funding panel
- Offer suggestions to strengthen the application before submitting it
- Filter it out because it doesn't fit the aims and criteria of the YCDF or because it has been obviously written by an adult leader without consulting with children / young people (you will be informed if this happens)

Only applications that fit the criteria and have been written in consultation with children / young people will be considered by the Youth Funding Panel.

5. Applications that show the group have tried to raise some funds themselves will be looked on more favourably. This shows funding initiative rather than a total reliance.

6. If information is partial or unclear Tony Cook may contact the applicants to find out more information.

7. At the meeting of the Youth Funding Panel **June 7 2011**, the application form, together with any additional material / information will form the basis on which a decision will be made.

8. Once a decision has been made applicants will be informed if they have been successful/unsuccessful and the amount if any to be awarded.

9. There will be a celebration gathering to present cheques to the successful groups in Wells at the Old Deanery on **June 28 2011** 7.00 – 8.30pm

10. On project completion, each group receiving funds will need to submit a brief report. This can be in any medium.

11. As funding is limited, not all projects applying will receive funding. Where funding is not awarded, we will continue to offer advice and support on where you might access other sources of funding

Criteria

Applications should:

- Be made in full consultation with children / young people, and clearly show their involvement / participation
- Have clear aims and objectives, and be able to explain why this project is being suggested, what it hopes to achieve, and how
- Learn from recognised good practice.
- Involve careful and appropriate consultation – for example with local children's / youth leaders, church leaders, diocesan specialists, relevant authorities (such as schools, colleges, local authorities)
- Be aimed at outreach work other children / young people (0 – 19)
- Be clear how the proposal fits into the mission strategy of the Church locally
- Fit into an overall pattern of work with children / young people, and show how children / young people will be nurtured in their faith journey
- Be grounded in a sound understanding of equal opportunity and safeguarding of children procedures

Priority will be given to:

- Initiatives in areas where the Church is weakest in its outreach to children / young people (for example in very rural settings, in small and struggling churches or marginalised groups)
- Projects that show initiative by raising some costs themselves
- Projects which involve a partnership with other local churches, communities or Christian organisations

Successful applicants will:

- Normally receive only part of the total cost of the venture, depending on the circumstances of the project and its needs
- Be expected to share their insights and experiences with other groups and churches, so that lessons and good practice can be shared
- Take particular care when relating to people from non-Christian faith traditions
- Ensure that evangelism is not manipulative or aggressive, and respects the freedom and integrity of young people
- Encourage the development of local creative prayer support

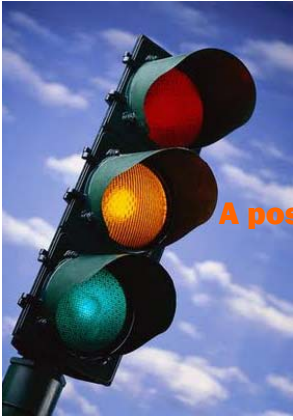
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A strong request that will be seriously considered

- Follow up literature for a youth / children's event
- A set of youth / children's bibles that can be used in discussion groups
- Materials or resources to set up an all age café worship congregation or Messy Church
- Resources for a creative activity morning for children and families or for a holiday club
- Resources or refreshments for a mid-week church based after school
- Worship resources for a preschool, pips praise, parent and toddlers type group
- Drapes and bean bags to create a 'chill-out room in the church crypt to use for discussions as well as a safe space for young people to come, share & grow regardless of faith
- Resources for reflective / prayer stations or a Labyrinth that can be used by children / young people to explore faith or express themselves
- Song books or music sheets to set up a youth / children's choir or music group across the deanery for times of worship that is focused on children / young people
- Money to subsidise hot chocolate and toasties at a monthly Sunday evening youth outreach café, where young people to drop in and chat to us
- Publicity, food or refreshments for an evangelistic outreach event, Christmas party, alternative Halloween party or for a series of youth Alpha sessions
- Costs toward subsidies of a youth / children's camp / residential where Christians are taking non Christian friends (only the guests will be funded, additional subsidies may be considered)
- A purchase a set of NOOMA or story letting DVDs for the deanery (that can be loaned to local youth / children's groups or schools)
- For a project that raises awareness about how Christians can better look after the world or be involved in campaigning about global issues
- Hire of an all weather court to run an interchurch outreach five-a-side football, netball or basket ball tournament. A guest speaker will give a brief evangelistic talk as part of the presentation ceremony
- To hire a coach or mini bus for a trip to an evangelistic youth event where young Christians take their non Christian friends
- Money to host a series of awareness sessions so that church based groups can be more accessible to children / young people with disabilities or from other minority groups.
- Money to produce an Easter or Christmas youth / children's production that can be shown in schools, secular youth groups or in the town centre as part of the seasonal celebrations.
- Materials to make some new youth related banners that can be hung up in the church to show how children / young people relate to God and worship
- The subscription costs to run a Rock Solid type club in a group of small village ecumenical churches so that the few children / young people can their friends
- To do a hot chocolate and pizza evening on a cold winter evening, so the young people in the church can invite other young people that hang out in the local area into their group

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A possibility but there will need to be very convincing evidence

- A Wii or X-Box because it might make the youth group more attractive to young people outside of the church
- A new 52 inch wall mounted plasma screen in the youth building to show clips of films on because the existing one is old and takes up lots of room. (there is usually a Christian message to the clips shown)
- A drum kit or new guitars for the youth worship band that plays occasionally during worship in an individual church
- A portable keyboard and hymn sheets so a group of young adults can set up a monthly beer and Hymns night in their local pub
- To buy a new digital camera for a photography project based on creation and show the photos in an exhibition
- To set up an ecumenical youth web site for young people in the deanery area with, blogs, a prayer request page and testimonies etc. with password access
- Gardening equipment, a water feature and plants for young people to develop a Christian based reflective garden in a school or in the corner of a church yard so people can use the space to reflect on God, life and faith
- Acoustic guitars, African drums, shaky eggs and a small PA for our monthly outreach Acoustic Café so anyone visiting can join in
- To set up a parent and toddler group that has a loose connection with the church



Rarely funded / almost never funded

- Support for individuals' or for gap-year projects
- To pay for the costs of a well known Christian band or speaker at our school CU
- Additional Game Boy "because it's boring having to wait for the one we've got"
- A set of mobile skate ramps for outreach to skaters
- Labour costs for building work to convert the crypt into a new youth / children's venue
- A data projector that can be used for church worship and occasionally for outreach youth / children's events

Unfortunately the YCDF will not be given for youth / children's workers salaries