

Saltash Town Council Youth Work in Saltash

FAO Whom it May Concern

Please accept this as our Bid Proposal in relation to the Saltash Town Council Youth Work in Saltash available funding.

Regarding the Outline Specification we are looking to both continue the current work we deliver and build on that in order to provide and deliver an enhanced offer to Young People.

We continue to liaise with Groundwork in relation to Saltmill Skatepark working with and interacting with the young people who continue to congregate down at Saltmill despite other youth provisions being available to them. We are seeing an increase in our numbers attending Junkyard Skatepark, these have followed our presence down their particularly over the summer and with the event in September.

We will continue to use Saltmill as a venue for Youth Events as well as engaging with the local Secondary School regarding the hosting of our Mobile Ramp, using this as a tool to engage young people and then undertake a piece of work with them, perhaps focussing on bullying or teamwork or any other required and beneficial topic.

Having secured match funding we will also be looking to be more accessible to young people given our mobile ramp taking the ramp to young people and working with them at locations that they are and can access easily. This may be both the outskirts of Saltash and Saltmill. By taking Junkyard our skills and our staff mobile we can engage with and provide positive activities more Young People within our Community.

We will continue to offer 2 nights a week for our youth night sessions, currently we average 35 young people to each of these sessions and around 12 of those are non-riders who use our space as a safe place to meet and be with their friends and socialise. These sessions are delivered via DBS Checked volunteers and our JNC youth worker. It is becoming increasingly necessary that we provide a third Youth Night due to our increasing numbers.

Having already delivered single issue work including Healthy Relationships and Drugs and Alcohol we are intending on both building on these sessions as well as looking at Bullying both online and face to face and communication and interaction skills. Our

JNC youth worker is qualified to both delivered and explore these issues with young people within an informal and safe environment.

We hold regular 'Youth Council' meetings whereby our young people can direct different aspects of our service, more so now they will also be able to have a voice relating to Saltmill as well as Junkyard Skatepark having already expressed views on the shelter, the litter and the safety of Saltmill. From our Youth Council meetings and the young people's wants and needs we have since repainted Saltmill, sourced funding for a useable bin and Safety Sign and regularly attend for Sport Checks on the area relating to the safety and cleanliness.

An area such as Saltmill requires much in the way of management and safety and this continues to be an ongoing conversation between Junkyard Skatepark and Groundwork.

We encourage positive behaviour via The Vault and our young people again have a voice in what that looks like, what positive behaviour means and how to be involved across the local community and community events. Our young people represented Junkyard exceptionally well at the local event held in Saltash through both organising and volunteering at the event as well as being polite, courteous and considerate throughout the day.

We continue to provide opportunities for our young people to both coach younger members, attend local competitions and develop their holistic skills all the time.

Having secured match funding for last year's Money, we have explored this ready for the next year and believe that we can already match just over one third of what we are requesting for the upcoming 12 months.

Our provision is safe, accessible and utilised via young people in Saltash in high numbers. We use Sport as our vehicle to engage with young people who respect our staff, rules and boundaries. Our young people at all times are encouraged to be polite, courteous and considerate and yet are provided the space to be young, have fun, learn new skill and above all else be safe, secure and happy.

As per last year we can report on all required Service Performance criteria and will continue to submit regular reports and updates as requested/required.

For the next 12 month, given our continued link with Saltmill and our need for a third Youth Session (which we will potentially deliver at Saltmill) we this year would like to submit our bid for £13'500. This will be to cover our costs for; 2/3 Youth nights with an added presence at Saltmill Skatepark, Detached work, The Vault, Staff Training, Youth Events, continued involvement with Saltmill and taking part in Community Events

We await you response with high anticipation.

Many Thanks,

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