

Dundee Partnership **Community Regeneration Fund**

Grant Application **2024/25**

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Connect Youth/Music Menzieshill Parish Church
Activity Title	Connect Youth Drop Ins
Grant Requested (£)	1842.97

- The Physical & Environmental Improvement Fund is to provide financial assistance for community initiatives aimed at improving the local area through Capital expenditure. Capital expenditure is something of a physical nature including the acquisition, improvement or structural enhancement of an asset valued at £6,000 or more.

- The Youth Inclusion Fund is to provide financial assistance for community initiatives aimed at working with Children and Young People. Applications should be for an activity (or activities) focused on including children & young people in activities, diverting young people from an existing undesirable activity or preventing them joining in with such activity. This should reflect a need that children and young people have been consulted on.

- The Small Grants Fund is for other applications that contribute towards achievement of the Dundee City Plan / Local Community Plan, usually up to £5,000, but there may be lower local restrictions on the amount. Therefore, it is important to check with the relevant Community Worker as listed on page 8 for any local restrictions or other requirements.

This application should address needs in one of the below Wards within which the Dundee Partnership supports activity. If an activity covers more than one Ward then an application is required for each Forum, but it is essential that each application can stand on its own if agreed and that the application is not for a city-wide activity, but a local activity that is to take place in more than one Ward.

TICK THE WARD WHERE YOUR PROJECT WILL OPERATE	PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR
Coldside	Small Grant
East End	Physical & Environmental Improvement

Lochee	Youth Inclusion
Maryfield	
North East	
Strathmartine	<p>Please note that communications regarding this application will be sent to you via email unless you indicate otherwise. All communication for this application should be made to dundee.partnership@dundeecity.gov.uk</p>

Checklist for the DP Community Regeneration Fund Application Form

Before submitting your application form to the Dundee Partnership Team, please use the below checklist to ensure that your form is as fully completed as possible. Please also note that submitting an incomplete form can cause delays in processing or rejection of your application.

Have you:

Read the guidance sections of the form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fully completed the information on the front of the form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Provided a response to all sections of the application form (including indicating a section as 'N/A' where relevant)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Checked that your budget adds up properly?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Checked that your start date is after the date at which funds could be available, (see page 6) and that your end date is within the financial year?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Included appropriate, measurable outputs & outcomes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Provided your groups accounts, or other appropriate financial information?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sourced and attached all relevant quotes? (multiple quotes are required where >£5,000 is being applied for to ensure value for money is being considered)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Checked that the bank details or financial code are correct / complete?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Signed the form, given accurate contact details and ticked the GDPR box?

X

Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)	Connect Youth		
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2023-24? (If yes, list all grants below)			YES / NO
Title of project funded	Amount granted	When	Was it fully spent?

Please give a description of what you want this grant for - (please limit your answer to 500 words or less)

This funding would be used to upgrade some of the equipment used at our weekly drop in as requested by the young people who attend the drop in.

We have consulted with our members and asked what activities they would like to see at the drop in.

We are also looking to repair and replace some of the well used instruments in our music studio which is opened weekly for young people to try music and receive tuition from a professional tutor.

Which City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome(s) will it address?

Improve Health and Wellbeing Outcomes for Children and Young People who Experience Inequalities

Improve Physical, Mental and Emotional Health for Children and Young People

How many people will benefit from this project?	
<p>Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)</p> <p>50 – 60 young people aged 10 - 17 benefit from our drop ins providing a safe, cosy space that provides fun, learning opportunities and food.</p> <p>We have a core group of older boys who love to come and use our sports hall for football and basketball.</p> <p>We also have a group of younger girls who love to take part in crafts and also take advantage of our music tuition offered during the drop in.</p> <p>These are 2 core groups but we also have others attending the drop in less regularly who go between different activities depending on what is on offer from crafts, sports, music and gaming consoles.</p>	

Please say why the project is needed (please limit your answer to 500 words or less)
<p>Connect Youth is a free youth provision that aims to provide support to disadvantaged young people and adults through drop-ins, one to ones, small groups, schools work and responsive detached sessions.</p> <p>The Menzieshill and Charleston areas of Dundee are some of the most deprived areas in Scotland with high rates of unemployment, crime and addiction. Our project aims to address these issues, and associated needs arising, through the creation of safe, cosy space youth drop-ins.</p> <p>The Scottish Governments research shows that in general, children living in poverty have lower educational outcomes compared to those from more affluent families. As a project we are hoping to run extracurricular activities for children from low income households including Foodwise Short Course which provides opportunities for young people to learn about, healthy eating, cooking on a budget, planning meals and basic food safety which all contribute towards a healthy lifestyle and the young people's health and wellbeing.</p> <p>We have funding in place for a Youth Worker who will be expected to take on this project in the future, a job pack is currently being created for this role.</p>

Our project now has a coordinator funded by the Church of Scotland meaning there is not a need to find funding for this post freeing up hours to obtain funding focussing on our young people and not staffing costs.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

During our drop in we consulted directly with our young people to ask what activities they would like to see at the drop in.

We have also consulted with volunteers and our music tutor to see what equipment is required to deliver a high quality service to the young people that attend Connect Youth.

What evidence do you hold that the local community supports this application?

(For example, was it proposed by members of a particular group? Does it directly address need identified by community members?)

Connect Youth has been running in the community for 10 years, we have a proven success of providing excellent youth work in the community. We deliver universal youth drop-ins to 50 – 60 individual young people each year, with up to 32 attendees at each drop in. Parents are happy that youth work is being provided along with learning opportunities. Some of the members of the community highlight best what Connect Youth offers the community.

Connect Youth has been offering innovative Youth work with some of the most vulnerable young people in the Menzieshill Community for the last ten years. This work helps to counter the effects of living in an area of multiple deprivation which can lead to poor life outcomes. The Church of Scotland Go For it fund provided three years of funding to help the project grow and it has been good to see their work being valued by other funders as well as their forming partnerships with other agencies and community bodies for the good of the local community.

David Williams
Church of Scotland
Funding Manager

Unfortunately, there are limited services to support young people out of school in an area where deprivation is devastating to local people and over half of the population live in the worst 10% of areas in Scotland. I would support the development of Connect Youth as a valued partner in the Lochee area and feel its contribution would support the LCPP in its aim to improve the lives of local young people.

Mike Welsh
Communities officer
Lochee Ward

How will the project / activity tackle deprivation or benefit those experiencing deprivation?
(Refer to Section 1 of the Guidance Notes)

Connect Youth provides all the work it does for free, this provides young people with endless opportunities for being creative, making friends, having a safe, cosy space, free food, free opportunities such as free trips and meals out, learning opportunities as well as a space to be themselves and get support or be signposted to services if they require it.

In a deprived community such as Menzieshill and Charleston these services are paramount, especially with the current cost of living crisis, young people need safe spaces to be, to hang out and to have a warm space where they can get food if they need it.

For Physical & Environmental Improvements (which must be Capital worth at least £6,000 in value) the following questions must be answered:

Have all relevant permissions been agreed? (please state what these are)

N/A

How will the planned project be maintained? (please state who will be responsible for this)

N/A

What is the expected 'life' of the improvement? (e.g. before it will require replacement)

N/A

Could a plaque indicating the Community Regeneration Fund as a source be added on location for this award? (If there would be additional costs for this, please indicate this in the budget section) N/A

What other sources of funding have you secured / tried to secure for this project?

- **If none, please state why this is the case**

(Detail below, including applications that are pending or that have been turned down. We may ask for further evidence of an application for other funding)

Source of Funding (detail if this funding is for more than 1 year, if applicable)	£
Presbytery of Perth Mission Fund – Youth Worker Salary	£10,000
Royal Victoria Fund – Youth Work Salary	Pending

What are the costs of your activity and how much money is required? Please give specific details (expand list / use an additional sheet if required) and provide all quotes (good practice for applications for over £5,000 is to provide three quotes to ensure value for money is received, and we will require to see these where relevant).

Cost Heading	Full Costs (£)	DP Aid (£)
Playstation 5 + Controllers + Charger + Case + Games	820.87	820.87
Nintendo Switch Joy-Cons + Game	151.93	151.93
2 x Kickster Portable Goals 3x2m + 2 x Footballs	253.54	253.54
2 x Alcohol Marker Sets + Various Colouring Books	132.35	132.35
Ibanez Bass Guitar + 2 x Cables + Strings	280.95	280.95
Percussion Starter Kit + Drumsticks + 2 x Mallets	151.45	151.45
Various Board Games	51.88	51.88
Totals	1842.97	1842.97

- **All applicants are required to submit a copy of the group's most recent annual accounts with this application. These will be used to help determine eligibility for funding, and WITHOUT THEM AN APPLICATION WILL NOT PROCEED**

- **If reserves held are less than three months operating expenses please confirm this below**

Note that if you have already submitted your accounts within this financial year, further copies may not be needed - please check with the Dundee Partnership Team if unsure

What other documents are you attaching to evidence the budget costs for this application?
(e.g. quotes, estimates, projected income and expenditure)

Quote file attached

How do you intend to monitor the project Outputs and Outcomes?

Throughout the year we carry out various evaluation activities with all the young people to understand where we can improve, what we can change and what we can continue doing and we love to hear new ideas too.

We record attendance at each session and debrief all sessions, including examples of good and bad practice, due to our understanding of the importance of quality recording for team development and learning.

What is the planned start date of the event/activity?

Please note turn around on applications is 6 - 10 weeks and funding cannot be retrospective (*see section 2 of the guidance notes*)

The project is ongoing

What is the planned end date of the event/activity?

Funds spent by 31st March if successful

Outputs & Outcomes

It is expected that applicants will have evidence to support performance information when completing returns on the performance against target. Consideration of this should be given when outputs and outcomes are set out.

Applicants will usually refer to one [City Plan](#) / [Local Community Plan](#) Outcome, but the opportunity is given for up to two, if required. **Please refer to section 3 of the Guidance Notes** for examples of outputs and outcomes / indicators.

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:

Improve Health and Wellbeing Outcomes for Children and Young People who Experience Inequalities.

Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:

	Target 2024-25
Outputs	
The youth club has equipment to offer recreational activities at our weekly drop-ins i.e., table tennis, basketball, football, games consoles and crafts.	75 per year
Young people are able to participate in a wide range of activities which promote a healthy lifestyle.	75 per year
Young people are able to attend weekly music tuition to develop new skills	30 per year
Outcomes / Indicators:	
The activities at Connect Youth are free and therefore accessible to any young person (aged 11-14 years old) who lives in the	75 per year

Lochee ward. Providing more opportunities for young people to enjoy quality/local services.	
Opportunities to carry out different activities and roles in a variety of settings enable young people to identify their achievements, skills and areas for development which helps prepare them for the next stage in their life and learning.	75 per year
Young people have an increased awareness that positive friendships and relationships can promote health and the health and wellbeing of others.	75 per year

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome: Improve Physical, Mental and Emotional Health for Children and Young People.	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2024-25
Outputs	
Young people are able to understand and develop their physical, mental and spiritual health and social skills through our services.	75 per year
Young people are able to learn about where to find help and resources to inform choices at our weekly youth work drop-ins.	75 per year
Through our weekly youth work drop-ins young people understand how active they are and how decisions they make about their behaviour and relationships affect their physical and mental health.	75 per year
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Young people's wellbeing will be improved, self-esteem and education. Giving equal opportunities to all young people in the community to learn new creative skills.	75 per year