

Cardiff Youth Led Grants

Application Guidance

Cardiff Youth Led Grants are small grants offered by young people to young people to support community action projects that encourage youth volunteering.

If you are a young person involved in volunteering or a social action project or have a great idea for a project but need funds to make it a reality, Cardiff Youth Led Grants could be the solution for you!

This guidance provides details about your eligibility, our criteria, and how to apply.

Click [here](#) to see past examples of funded projects – which have included volunteering to support health and wellbeing, sports and activities, and other schemes provided by and for young people.

Up to **£1,000** is available for each successful project in this round.

We are committed where possible to support funding that enables longer term outcomes. Additional funding may be available from April 2027. Applicants are invited to outline your longer-term plans for the project and explain how you would use any additional funding from 1 April 2027.

Please note -

- C3SC is currently awaiting final confirmation that funding will be available in 2027-28, any further funding applied for will be subject to approval by the Youth Led Grant Panel and the Coordinator.
- Any funding that is unspent by the end the current reporting year – **by 31st March 2027** for this funding round - must be returned to C3SC.
- C3SC may at our discretion release unspent monies to projects who successfully apply for further funding.

Eligibility

Applicants **must** -

- Be aged **14 to 25 years**; if you are applying and are under 18 years of age, your application will need to be supported by an individual **over the age of 18** who is linked to the group.
- Apply for the funds on behalf of a **voluntary or community group** you are a part of or are setting up.
- Be **based, working and/or studying in Cardiff**.
- If you are applying as a voluntary group or organisation, you must:
 - Be legally constituted with a governing document that is signed and adopted, and the project objectives must fit with your constitution.
 - Be independent of government and private sectors.
 - Have a bank account, in the name of the organisation, which requires at least two signatures.

If you wish to apply but you are not connected with a voluntary group or organisation, please let us know – we will be happy to discuss how C3SC or another member organisation can act as the supporting organisation.

Criteria

Applications will be assessed by a panel of young people aged 14-25. The panel will prioritise funding applications that have youth volunteering as a focus and that support the Wellbeing Goals set out in the [The Ways of Working of The Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#), as well as local priorities.

- **Long-term** - projects should think about the sustainability of their activities and to spend funds on items that they can use beyond the initial funded project.
- **Integration** – projects should consider how they can complement, rather than undermine, other activities. For example, find out what other similar projects are already happening in the area and if you could do something together or if there is any learning that could be shared.
- **Involvement** – projects should involve as wide a range of people as possible in helping shape the project and activities that will affect their lives.
- **Collaboration** - Working with others, both from within or outside your project, so that as many objectives as possible can be met by sharing the resources and expertise available.
- **Prevention** - projects are encouraged to reflect on the problems in their community their grants will help solve and how they can tackle the root cause of problems before they arise or get worse.

More information on the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act can be found [here](#).

Some of the **Local Priorities** your project might help address include

- **Tackling poverty:** for example, providing young people with access to training, education and employment directly or by increasing confidence, experience and skills
- **Education and access to opportunities:** some examples include mentorship schemes and other opportunities that provide young people with the resources and chances to pursue entrepreneurship and employment opportunities that reflect their interests and passions – whether music, creativity, science, technology, youth work, photography, sports, etc.
- **Social justice and equality:** including projects that divert young people towards productive and creative outlets, create safe spaces for marginalised groups and/or aim to promote diversity and challenge harmful stereotypes
- **Physical and Mental Health:** for example, providing access to activities that promote positive physical and mental health – through sport, activities, support groups, good food and nutrition, etc
- **Environmental action:** through climate activism, upcycling, reclaiming green spaces, creating a community garden, for example

Reporting and Monitoring

Project reports for 2026-27 must be completed and submitted **at the latest by 12 noon on 30th March 2027**. Project report templates will be sent to you in advance and your submission should include.

- Case studies/stories of the differences you were able to make with the funding – please include satisfaction surveys, photographs, videos, quotes and/or numbers of previous and new volunteers involved to help illustrate the outcomes of your project.
- A brief numerical report of volunteer involvement and engagement in your project.
- Evidence (such as receipts and invoices) on how the money was spent.

Youth Volunteer Inclusion Fund

There is a section of the application form titled '**Youth Volunteer Inclusion Fund**', where you can provide details of how you may wish to use up to **£150** in additional funding to support young people who may face barriers to volunteering on the project. For example, this could include carer costs for young parents or carers, reasonable transport costs, or communications such as translation services or British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation. These are just examples - the fund is flexible and can be used to support a range of inclusion needs.

How to apply

Want to apply? Great! Please apply here using our online form. **The deadline for applications is Monday 6th July at 5pm.**

- We recommend that you read through the questions first before you start to complete your application. You are welcome to download, print and submit a hard copy of the form if you prefer.
- Please fill in EVERY field before submitting your application. Incomplete applications may be returned to you and will not be able to be considered until we have received the missing details.
- **Successful applicants** will be required to send us confirmation of acceptance of the grant by signing our offer letter and sending us an invoice for the amount granted.

If you have any questions about the application form and process, or have an idea you would like to discuss, **please contact our team at the Cardiff Volunteer Centre at volunteer@c3sc.org.uk or 07973 725569** - we will be happy to help.