

## Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2020/21\*

\*Please note this is a fund of last resort – you will need to demonstrate to the Common Good Fund Committee that you have tried to secure funding from other sources.

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| <b>Applicant Group/Organisation:</b>                              | Tweeddale Youth Action |
| <b>Name of your project:</b>                                      | Fit for purpose!       |
| <b>The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:</b> | Peebles                |

### What does your organisation do and who does it support? If appropriate. (max. 100 words)

We are a Tweeddale based youth project, delivering universal youth work and structured programmes from our youth clubs in Peebles and Innerleithen. We are open to all young people aged between 12 and 25 but we particularly target those who are disengaged, disenfranchised and disadvantaged. Our current programme includes:

- Evening youth club sessions
- School holiday programme of activities and trips away
- Summer transitions project for Primary 7's moving up to the High School in conjunction with Peeblesshire Youth Trust.
- Targeted 1:1 support for the most vulnerable young people within Tweeddale.
- Volunteering opportunities and participation in our youth management teams,

### Summarise what you want to use this funding for (max. 100 words)

(i.e. will it increase access, improve quality of life etc.)

Our Peebles Youth Club is tired, in poor decorative order and needs refreshing and updating.

Investment in the building will help create a safe and fit for purpose youth work space that young people can take ownership of and pride in.

Specifically we want to:

Replace carpets in the main space

Replace the old fuse wire fuse box with a modern fuse board with trip switches.

Paint the main space and hall

Install outdoor electrical sockets

Install a canopy in our garden space.

### Summarise how the outcomes of the project will be measured/evaluated (max. 100 words)

If we are successful in our application, we will be able to demonstrate the improvements we have made through photos, quotes and reactions of young people attending the project.

Many of the young people we work with have low self-esteem and aspirations. Our aim is to create a vibrant, fit for purpose space that shows young people that they are valued.

**Tell us how your activity/project will make a difference to your organisation and how it will benefit the residents of the current/former Burgh (max. 200 words)**

Tell us what activities you plan to carry out and how you will deliver it

Young people in Tweeddale have been hugely impacted by Corona virus restrictions with reduced opportunities for face to face conversations and a very different looking youth work service.

Feelings of social isolation and loneliness have been common, and our young people have been looking forward to the return of face to face youth work, activities and opportunities that TYA represents.

Anti social behaviour has been an issue within Tweeddale, in common with many communities across Scotland. Young people we work with are fed up of being tarred with the same brush and being castigated on social media just for being young people.

We want to show these young people that they are needed and valued within our community and a good starting point is a vibrant, aspirational space that they can take ownership of and pride in.

As restrictions start to ease we look forward to welcoming larger cohorts of young people into our youth club and a safe and attractive space will be more inviting, reducing the numbers of young people on the street and keeping some of our most vulnerable young people safe.

**Tell us how your project will be sustainable in the future (max. 100 words)**

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Our youth club building is owned by Peebles Common Good Fund (Old Corn Exchange- School Brae).

Investing in this building and making it safer and more attractive will benefit future cohorts of young people that need access to high quality, innovative youth work.

TYA have been tenants in the building for many years and over the years we have secured funding, including through our own income generation and community fund raising to continue improving the building.

Improvements we have made include:

Office space/studio and stairs

Kitchen in main space

Garden area and access

This is a one-off ask.

**Expenditure: Please tell us how much money you need for the entire activity/project (you may be asked to provide up to 3 quotes to support your application)**

| Item of Expenditure | Cost (£) |
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| Painting the main hall and hallway   | 4,776           |
| Replacing the fuse wire with trip switches   | 950             |
| New outdoor sockets  | 565             |
| Main hall carpets  | 852             |
| Canopy for wet weather in garden   | 697             |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>   |                 |
| <b>How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?</b>  | <b>7,840</b>    |
| <b>Please supply a copy of your signed &amp; dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan</b> | <b>attached</b> |

| <b>Have you received funding in the last 5 years from Scottish Borders Council or any other external funders? If so, please detail the fund name, the amount and the purpose of the grant.</b> |                 |   |
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| <b>Fund</b>  | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Purpose</b>  |
| CYPLG (2016-2021)  | 15,692 per year | Commissioned services budget from Children and young people's leadership group, support towards TYA core costs  |
| Accessibility Fund (2018-19)   | 15,000          | One off funding award to support service delivery and holiday programmes.                                       |
| Community Fund Fast Track (20-21)  | 2,431           | Cookery ingredients and delivery costs for Food Punks Feel Good Friday online cookery sessions during lockdown. |

| <b>Tell us about your own fundraising or how you have secured other funding for this project.</b>   |               |                |
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|   | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Purpose</b> |
| <p>We are in the process of purchasing our Innerleithen Youth Club and we face substantial repair bills for damaged flooring once we have bought the building. We are fundraising through Food Punks income generation and community fund raising to help meet this cost.</p> <p>We have used previous fund raising and income generation from Food and Bike Punks to support paying for improvements to Peebles Youth Club but we would be very grateful if our proposed project could be considered for funding in it's entirety.</p> |               |                |
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| <b>Individual/Group/Organisation details:</b>     |                              |
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| <b>Date:</b>             | <b>01/06/2021</b>                 |
| <b>Signature:</b>        | <b>David Hodson</b>               |

### **Equalities**

**Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or Equality Statement? Yes**

**Explain how your project complies with the obligations contained in the Equality Act 2010**

Our proposed building improvements and decoration will make our building safer and more attractive. New carpets/flooring will improve access for young people with mobility issues.

### **Public Protection**

**Does your idea/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults? Yes**

**If yes what public protection policies do you have in place and how often are these reviewed? Please provide a copy of these or give full details below.**

**Write here...**

**Child Protection policy reviewed annually and attached with this application.**

## Permissions

Does your project involve work to a building or land? Yes

If yes do you have the following? (please tick relevant)

A lease agreement (Date of lease 01.12.13 and duration years)

Written permission of owner- **Building is owned by Peebles Common Good- suggested improvements should fall within maintaining and repairing the building, although external sockets might require PCG permission?**

Planning permission N/A

## Common Good Funds

Common Good Funds in Scotland originated in the 15th century and are the assets and income of some of the current/former Burghs. They can represent a substantial portfolio of land, property, some moveable items and investments and by law continue to exist for the benefit of the inhabitants of the former Burghs to which they relate. Scottish Borders Council is the owner of these Funds and each Fund has a sub-committee comprising the relevant local Councillors who make the decisions on the management of the Fund's assets and approval of any requests for funding (up to a limit of £20,000 above which full Council approval is required).

If you are successful in being awarded Common Good Funds, you will be asked to complete a monitoring & evaluation form when your project is complete or within 1 year of receiving funding. Future applications will not be considered until this has been received and the Common Good Fund Sub-Committee are satisfied with the evaluation you have provided.

This completed form and supporting documents should be submitted to Louise McGeoch, Democratic Services Team Leader, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Email: [lmcgeoch@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:lmcgeoch@scotborders.gov.uk) Telephone: 01835 825005