

Eildon Assessment Panel Recommendations

Neighbourhood Support Fund 2022/23

Works+

£3,500

Works+ is focussed on creating opportunities and empowering communities in the areas of education and employment. The group proposes to hold a fortnightly peer support workshop for women, which will be a pilot project. The group of women involved will have the need for longer term support with their mental health, confidence and employability skills so that they can be included in the wider community. The women will be able to share their stories and their feelings in the group with no fear of being judged. They will be able to share strategies for overcoming difficulties.

Works+ wishes to deliver two, 20-week courses for up to 20 women from the Eildon area.

Works+ is requesting £2,000 for staffing costs and £1,500 for rent, travel, refreshments for clients, materials for workshops and travel costs.

- The Panel feel that this project will help women with the great challenges to develop skills that will transform their life.
- The Panel are keen to find new ways of addressing social inequalities and the issues which women face.
- The Panel recognise that Works+ is a very experienced organisation with an excellent reputation.

Recommended to fund - £3,500

Go Wild Scotland Community Interest Company

£14,820

Go Wild Scotland CIC is requesting funding to cover the salary of one full-time member of staff. The employee will develop a digital trail model which offers access to nature for all and will work with other community groups in the Eildon area to create further successful projects. The trails combine physical and digital elements. Nature tables are fitted with Near Field Communication Tags, allowing users to access digital resources – information, pictures, trail camera video, birdsong, nature quizzes etc. All with the tap of a phone. Those unable to access the physical trail can experience it virtually at home.

- The Panel feel that digital resources are the way forward in the future and particularly important for engaging with young people
- The Panel are keen to see this project develop throughout the Eildon area
- The Panel recognise the environmental benefit of this project and the further knowledge and engagement with nature that it will give.

Recommended to fund - £14,820

Gala Rugby

£12,500

The inaugural *Maroon'd @ Gala* event was originally planned for April 2020 but was delayed. It was staged in 2021 with some funding from the SBC Community Fund but was limited by the pandemic. On 20 August 2022, Gala Rugby plan to stage this event again. It is a sporting and social event with over 1,000 participants showcasing rugby at primary school level, under 14s, 16s and 18s and girls at similar age groups as well as senior sevens. There will also be Clan rugby which caters for disabled players. The sport will include athletics and football and, in addition to street food, there will be live music, amusements, country dancing etc. It will be available to everyone, with free entry and there will be a free shuttle bus service from the town centre. Gala Rugby are expecting a great deal of family involvement and a large number of Galashiels residents, as well as visitors from outside the area. Funding is being requested for staffing costs including security, portable toilets and showers, marquees for changing and music costs. Research will be undertaken to enable other funding streams to be pursued for future years.

- The Panel feel that this will give Galashiels a much needed boost, as well as providing a free event for all residents to enjoy.
- The Panel is keen to see an event which will promote Galashiels as a place to visit from outwith the area.
- The Panel recognises the importance of Gala Rugby to the Eildon area and the level of community support which exists for Maroon'd Gala and wishes to promote it in the hope that it will become an annual event.

Recommended to fund - £12,500