

**HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<p><u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation:</p> <p>Telephone No:</p>	<p>Escape Youth Services Hawick Youth Centre Havelock Street Hawick TD9 7BB</p> <p>01450 378001/07943515002</p>
<p>Address to which payment should be made:</p>	<p>As above</p>
<p><u>Activities</u> Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the benefits it brings to the local community:</p>	<p>Escape Youth Services is a locality wide youth provision delivering youth work opportunities throughout the Teviot and Liddesdale area of the Scottish Borders to young people aged 9-18.</p> <p>Our vision is to enhance the lives of young people, building a positive future, by developing and sustaining a supportive service where young people can succeed and increasing the range, quantity and quality of youth-led provision.</p> <p>At present we offer 5 weekly drop-in's at Escape Youth Café in the main town of Hawick (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday) and one in Denholm village (Fridays), run additional activities in the school holiday periods, a weekly craft group and an allotment project, and targeted group work in schools including work with all P7 pupils ahead of their transition to High School and 1st Year support groups. We are involved in many partnership projects and networks across the learning community and work closely with the other main youth provisions across the Scottish Borders.</p> <p>Now in our 11th year, we continue to be the only 1 of 2 provisions open on a Saturday evening across the Scottish Borders.</p> <p>In 2015, our drop-in figures saw 5082 attendances, 218 members registered, 118 active members (attended twice or more in the last 6 months) and 328 volunteering opportunities with over 600 hours volunteered; 28 young volunteers are working towards awards/accreditation with 8 members recently achieving a Dynamic Youth Award for their participation in the craft group.</p> <p>Within our drop-in sessions a wide range of topics are covered around 8 main areas to ensure a diverse choice of engaging and challenging activities are offered. This is advertised weekly to young people and continues to work well with members who look to see what is advertised/offered each week. Based around issue-based, interest-based and themed work activities, our current topic areas include arts (craft and creative media), life-skills/challenges, cooking, sports/active lifestyle, issue-based topics e.g. sexual health, drugs, alcohol, hot topic/event e.g. issues in the media/news, local/national event, a review/planning session ahead of the next block of activities and a</p>

	'free' night based around fun and games. All sessions are planned with aims and objectives which are then linked to the experiences and outcomes within curriculum for excellence.
<u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:	We are requesting £5000 towards the costs of our annual staffing budget for the organisation. This would enable us to continue to employ 2 sessional staff for one evening per week working with the S1 up age group on a Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday evening at our drop-in provision in Hawick. With the move to the larger premises last year, we would benefit from 3 staff per session rather than 2 to assist with programme delivery and fully covering all areas within the project to suit the young people's needs.
When will the donation be required:	April 2016
If this is a one-off project then please give the following details – Date (s): Estimated total cost: Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts: Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):	n/a Offered all year round (close 2 weeks at local trades, Common Riding and Christmas period) Approximate annual budget for sessional staff of £45,000 We carry out ongoing fundraising efforts throughout the year, 2015 saw over £4000 raised through events, small lets and donations. We recently received £2000 from the STV Appeal and a £250 donation from Hawick Sings. Lloyds TSB Foundation Scotland £6912 Expected outcome April 2016 Children In Need £80,444 over 3 years (also includes staffing for Denholm Youth Club and hire of the hall/utilities, additional hours for staff training, supervision, holiday programmes and a resources budget for use in sessions) Expected outcome May 2016 Bank of Scotland Foundation £19066 Expected outcome March 2016 (also includes a small resources budget)

<p><u>Other information</u> If you have other information which you feel is relevant to this application please provide details including details of any previous assistance given:</p>	<p>The main outcomes we strive to meet for young people through our activities are to increase young people's confidence and self-esteem, to increase the number of young people volunteering and gaining accreditation and increased personal/social/life skills and participation of young people in decision making.</p> <p>Through our service delivery we aim to increase the number of young people accessing youth work provisions across the locality, improve relationships with partners and specialist services where group and one-to-one work is developed and implemented effectively and increase skills, knowledge and expertise of staff and board members to ensure quality of practice and understanding.</p> <p>Over the last year we have worked on establishing Escape Youth Café at our new premises following the successful asset transfer of Hawick Youth Centre. Building works were agreed and carried out on lower level of premises to enable us to hire out the area on a long term basis (fitting of toilets, separate entrance and blocking access from first level).</p> <p>Our plans for the future include continuing to develop volunteering programmes, workplace opportunities and training for staff and volunteers of all ages, offering accreditation/qualifications where possible; to further develop and deliver targeted youth work programmes in partnership with other services where appropriate; to continue to increase the promotion of the service throughout schools and the community; to secure funding for all staffing beyond March 2016, securing 3 year funding where possible; to investigate ways of developing the outside space on the premises and appropriate funding; to increase the income generation through general fundraising appeals/events and hires.</p> <p>We received a donation from the Common Good Fund back in 2005 when the organisation was first established but have had no further assistance to date.</p>
<p><u>Declaration</u> I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate</p> <p>Signed: Sian Snowdon</p> <p>Position Held: Manager</p> <p>Date: 26.01.16</p>	
<p>Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts</p>	
<p>This completed form, accounts and any supporting details should be submitted to Judith Turnbull Democratic Services Officer, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Telephone 01835 826556</p>	