

Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2022/23*

*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.

Applicant Group/Organisation:	Escape Youth Services
Name of your project:	Escape into Summer 2023
The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:	

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

Tell us what your group does, the activities it undertakes and in what way it benefits the community.

Open 5 nights a week, Escape is a drop-in facility for young people in Hawick and the surrounding area where we provide a safe and fun environment for young people to meet, creating opportunities and supporting development. We offer a wide variety of activities including creative media, games, sports, music, arts, baking and cooking, interest groups, issue-based sessions, excursions and residential.

Working in partnership with the school and Community Learning and Development and other groups. Providing a safe and welcoming environment along with providing fun filled new and exciting activities during the school holidays.

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

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

With the cost of living crisis impacting thousands of individuals we want to make sure that our Youths of today continue to thrive in such an unprecedented time. We want to provide a programme that runs three days a week for 5 weeks during the Summer Holidays. The programme will provide exciting activities that improve the young people's mental health and well-being. To support our young people to take part in activities they may not have taken part in before due to location, budget, or a variety of other barriers. Providing lunch each day to support families.

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

Young people build their confidence and resilience, benefit from strengthened support networks and reduce risk-taking behaviour:

With previous attendance around 90 young people a day in 2022 we would measure this by attendance figures and a pre and post evaluation.

Young People develop their physical and personal skills:

With young people having access to a facility on their doorstep, we would be able to encourage young people to take part in other physical and personal skills more so out with their normal school life.

Supporting young people during a cost-of-living crisis: Providing free lunch to all young people.

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.

In recent years we have seen an increased number of young people using our service who live in areas of deprivation (6 datazones within Hawick rank in the top 20% of SIMD); experience difficult or challenging family circumstances and the number of young people impacted by isolation and poor mental health. This has been further exasperated due to the continued impact of Covid-19 and more recently the cost-of-living crisis where more families face increased financial difficulties and hardship.

Last year we had over 130 unique young people participate with positive outcomes and learning recorded and a wealth of positive feedback from young people, parents, and partners. We also worked and will continue to work to target young people from the most deprived areas and those in need of additional support or engagement identified either by ourselves, school or partners to attend these extra sessions. The programme provides opportunities for our young people to take part in during the holidays, occupying a large amount of young people, removing barriers to participation and showcasing the positive impact our youths have within our local community.

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

The clear impact and evaluation of the holiday programme is that we have run them for the last 12 years. We have managed to secure funding in previous years and this year we aim to do the same. We are always finding new ways to raise funds to support our service and the impact we have on these young people during the holidays are life-long. We gain new young people off the back of these programmes who then go on to attend our evening sessions. The mental-health and wellbeing enhancements on this programme are vital to our young people.

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 (£)
Contribution to lunches, refreshments and snacks	£1000
Freelance workshops to provide new and innovate activities for our young people	£1000
Bus transport for trip/external learning opportunities	£2000
Entry fees for further afield trips to create new and exciting opportunities for our young people	£2000
Staffing costs to provide support and activities during the 15 days 3 members of staff @ £280 per day x 15 (We are not asking for this from the Hawick Common Good Fund)	£4,200
Total Expenditure	£10,200
How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?	£6,000
Please supply a copy of your signed & dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan	Attached

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.

Fund	Amount	Purpose
Please see attached Appendix (Spreadsheet) that lists this information.		

Tell us about your own fundraising or how you have secured other funding for this project.

Proposed Funding	Amount	Purpose
Young People Sponsored Walk	£1000	We would ask the young people to complete a sponsored walk to raise money to support the programme
Request to Hawick Panto Group	£500	To support with lunches & refreshments
Stand Up to Sectarianism	£500	Requesting support to help fund staffing

Individual/Group/Organisation details:

Contact Name:	Andrew Shields
Position in Group/Org: (if appropriate)	Assistant Manager
Home Address:	
Post Code:	

Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
Date:	25.04.2023
Signature:	A.J.Shields

Equalities

Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or Equality Statement? Yes No

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

Our project does not exclude anyone, our project is in line with our current remit of who Escape works with for which is any young person who is in Primary 6 to Secondary School Year 6.

Public Protection

Does your idea/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults? Yes No

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.

Child Protection Policy, Code of Conduct, Equal Opportunities Policy, GDPR, Child Protection Appendix 1,2,3 & 4

Copies attached

All our staff are PVG Registered and Checked. All complete Child Protection Training and updates. All our staff know the current protocol for any child protection issues, and we have 3 child protection officers (2 members of Senior Management and 1 Board member)

Permissions

Does your project involve work to a building or land? Yes No

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

- A lease agreement (Date of lease _____ and duration _____ years)
- Written permission of owner
- Planning permission (Reference No. _____)

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 William Mohieddeen, Democratic Services Officer, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA;
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