

Tweeddale Assessment Panel Recommendations 22nd Aug 2023

Conservation without Borders- £7,500 to make a documentary about the flight of Ospreys through the Tweed Valley.

The project aims to create a documentary about the conservation efforts with Ospreys as well as filming their flight path which, in part, follows the Tweed Valley. The project is looking to show the completed documentary as part of an educational opportunity to 30 schools across the Scottish Borders.

The panel felt the project was not specific enough to Tweeddale and was more of a Borderswide project.

Funding is sought to cover staffing costs to show the film and create a discussion. Not all of this activity will take place in Tweeddale.

Recommend: **Not to Fund**

Oor Space Youthy- £6,723.90 to support with on-going costs for staffing and rent from January 2024 onwards.

The Youth Club wish to continue to use funding to cover the costs for their Friday and Saturday night drop ins.

The Neighbourhood Support Fund previously awarded funding to Oor Space Youthy to cover staffing costs and rent in February 2022. A completed evaluation of this award is still outstanding.

It was unclear from the application if the award was to support a targeted detached youth work approach or to cover current on-going costs

The panel would like to understand how the project can move to a more sustainable model

It wasn't clear from the application how the current provision links with the existing youth work offer currently in Peebles.

The request for funding isn't time depending until January 2024 and therefore the panel would like to gather more information on how youth provision is currently being provided in Peebles, where there is existing support already in place and to better understand specific project need or to understand if there is a strategic approach to youth work in Peebles.

It is recommended not to fund at this time and instead defer it until the October Area Partnership once more information has been obtained.

Recommend: **Not to Fund**

Dyslexic Collective- £2,500 for equipment for assisting dyslexic children with school work

The group are looking to buy books to help support children with dyslexia.

The current constitution only has 2 members listed and therefore it is important that they work with Borders Community Action to provide a detailed constitution.

While the panel support the activity of the group it is felt that the school should take a more active role in providing learning resources to pupils within the school who are dyslexic.

The panel would like to see the group supported by Dyslexic Scotland, who may be able to support with funding and to offer support and advice to parents and pupils.

While learning has a broader impact on community it was felt that this activity is focussed in a school setting. Funding is being sought in January it was recommended not to fund this project and to defer until a later date.

Recommend: **Not to Fund**