

Eildon West Youth Hub (TD1 Youth Hub)
TD1 Active
Supplementary Information

Taking on board feedback from the funding panel, we would like to clarify some aspects of our application to the Eildon Neighbourhood Support Fund.

TD1 Active would be a new project, borrowing on successful interventions using sport and active activities which has been done ad hoc and would bring it under a brand new project called TD1 Active. This project would be a stand alone development and would very much focus on engaging with those young people who don't typically engage in physical activity. We have seen the impact that covid has had on young people, especially in activity levels, however this consequently means less young people taking part in organised sports and activities.

There is a vision being developed for a broader street sports initiative in Galashiels being led by Live Borders, TD1 Active would sit beside this should it be successful, however relationships take time to build and time to maintain. If we want young people who don't typically engage in being active then we need to work at establishing relationships and maintaining them so that when other opportunities come along young people are willing and able to make the most of them.

Unfortunately there is a group of young people in the town at the moment who are causing anti social behaviour issues, we have an opportunity to positively engage these young people with whom we have a relationship into positive alternatives. Such as taking them a walk, woodland skills, developing garden, football, etc TD1 Active is not about strictly sports its about promoting a lifestyle change of being active.

TD1 Active is about establishing a project, showcasing its positive interventions which then allows us to go to other funding sources in 12 months time to fund the project, hopefully alongside a successful street sports initiative. Funding is particularly challenging at the moment, funding sources such as Cashback for Communities run by Youthlink Scotland now no longer offers a grants scheme in the Borders, funding from Youth Scotland is targeted at much smaller groups and for significantly less money available. We have come to the community fund after a break of 3 years as we believe this is a project which firmly fits into the development of our community and benefiting some of the most vulnerable in our community. We are also using our own funds to match fund the resources, transport, additional staffing costs that this project will have and we are only seeking the financial support for the development worker who has an essential role in building up the relationships with young people.

We hope the decision for funding can be reconsidered.