

Press Release

Youth Opportunity Fund & Youth Capital Fund

**Are you 13-19 years old?
Well this money is to improve services to young people in your city!**

What's it all about?

For the next two years the Government is giving £896,000 to Leicester for these two exciting new funds designed to enable young people to become actively involved in funding and running activities and facilities in their neighbourhood.

So what are these funds for?

Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF)

For this financial year and next this fund is giving £240,000 to Leicester to be used for things young people would like to do and places they would like to go in their area. This means young people will be making decisions about how the money should be spent by deciding upon projects and activities that young people would like to do in their area.

Youth Capital Fund (YCF)

For this financial year and next this fund is giving £208,000 to Leicester. This fund will enable young people to bid for funds to help change and improve existing youth premises or developing new opportunities.

These funds have been designed to work together, so you can use the YOF for your activity (project) and use the YCF to improve premises and buy any equipment needed to run the project.

What's in this for young people?

- ❖ An opportunity to improve facilities in their area
- ❖ deciding what is wanted
- ❖ bringing about positive change for young people
- ❖ being heard by the community
- ❖ their efforts being recognised by the community
- ❖ gaining and developing new skills

There are three ways young people can get involved:

- ❖ being a member of a decision making panel, that will assess the bids coming in and decide who gets the money.
- ❖ coming up with ideas of what they would like to do in their area and make an application for funding.
- ❖ participating in the facilities on offer in their area as a result of the funds.

Where can I go for more information?

For more information about the funds and/or how you can get involved please contact :

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