

Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund

Are you 13 - 19 years old?

Would you like to play a key part in improving your City?

What is it...

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 have a big say about how this money is allocated for youth provision/activities in your City.

A Young People's Grants Panel will play a key role in deciding how this money is spent. If you would like to become a member of the panel, you need to let us know by **Monday 24th July**.

What we are looking for...

There are 15 places on the Grants Panel, which for the first year will run until March 2007. The membership of the Panel will have to represent the City both geographically and in terms of its population make-up and the Government has set guidelines for those hard to reach groups that should be targeted. These include:

- Disabled young people
- Young Care leavers
- Looked after young people
- Young offenders
- Young carers'
- Young refugees
- Young lesbians and gay men
- Young black and minority ethnic people
- Travellers

(Taken from YOF/YCF Guidance Notes)

What you will get...

The Grant Panel members will receive training and support to help them make the difficult decisions about the applications for the funds, some of this training will happen at a residential event.

All of the Panel's expenses and travel costs will be paid. And there will be a chance to take part in some fun activities as a way of getting the Panel to work together as a team.

The training will help you gain a Young Grant Giver Certificate, accredited by the open College Network.

You must be ...

Available for the Grants Panel training that will be held on Monday 21st August to Thursday 24th August and will be a residential at Quorn Hall, near Loughborough. You must be able to attend all four days. We will, of course, support you if you have any difficulties about attending.

Available for meetings with the Panel to make the decisions about the Funds in the week of half term, Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October. Again, you must be free this week, although the panel probably won't be meeting every day.

What is the selection process?

Nominations from young people for the Panel need to be submitted by **Monday 24th July**.

Selection will be made against the criteria set out under 'what we are looking for...' above.

Due to time constraints and the limited number of spaces available for the panel, selection will need to be made by the end of July and on the basis of the applications received.

If you do not become a member of the Panel this time then there are still going to be opportunities for your involvement. Please speak to your worker to request further details.

To take part in this opportunity...

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Young People's Grants Panel then contact:

Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund Application

Name:								
Address including post code:								
Date of Birth:								
Age:								
Male/Female:								
Email address								
Telephone number								
Organisation(s) involved with								
Please tick the ONE box that best describes your ethnic origin most closely								
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	Asian or Asian British - Indian	Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	Asian or Asian British - any other Asian background	Black or Black British - African	Black or Black British - Caribbean	Black or Black British - any other Black background	Chinese	
Mixed - White & Asian	Mixed - White & Black African	Mixed - White & Black Caribbean	Mixed - any other Mixed background	White - British	White - Irish	White - any other White background	Any other	Not known or not provided
Do you have special educational needs or disabilities?								
Please state briefly why you want to be involved in the Youth Opportunity/Capital Fund								
Can you attend the residential 21 st - 24 th August?								
Are you available during October Half term 23 rd - 27 th October?								