

Outer West Community Committee Wellbeing and Youth Activity Fund - Project Summary



Project Name	Mainly Men
Amount applied for	£2,000
Lead Organisation	Farsley and Pudsey Live at Home Schemes
Ward/Neighbourhood	Farsley & Calverley and Pudsey

Community Plan Objective	Best City for Communities
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Project Summary

Farsley and Pudsey Live at Home Schemes would like to run a joint initiative to organise a men's group. The Men's Group "Mainly Men" would offer a service across both wards.

Across both Farsley and Pudsey Live at Home Schemes 875 members are supported, only 165 are men. Even taking into account female / male mortality rates, there is still a huge opportunity to increase the number of men being engaged with. Men are in the main, less likely to make friends compared to women, and men do not always enjoy the same activities or outings as women.

This project would provide the type of activities which would interest men. Similar projects have been ran in Rothwell, activities such as visits to a Brewery, pub meals together and meetings with a speaker were provided and have been extremely popular. Farsley and Pudsey Live at Home would provide similar activities as part of this project. Farsley Live at Home have a minibus which would be shared across both wards to transport members, there would be a charge of £4 per person for transport.

A contribution from members would be sought to make the project sustainable in the long term, if the application was successful.

When will the project run?

Start October 2017

How many people can attend?

20 people per session

Targets for the project and how success will be measured

- Staff visit the member at home and fill in an assessment form and capture information on this form. This is reviewed after 6 months to ascertain what changes have taken place with that member.
- A register will be completed each time the group meets.
- Questionnaires will be given out at the end of the first year.

How the project will be promoted and/or participation encouraged

The project will be promoted across both wards by word of mouth and also using Facebook and Twitter. Staff, committee members and volunteers would promote the group. Posters and flyers will be placed on local notice boards, in shop windows, churches, barbers, post offices, doctors' surgeries, library etc. We can also put an advert in the Squeaker. Both Schemes have a

newsletter that can advertise the mainly men group and our local Rotary Group will be given leaflets also. The men's forum at Calverley and Pudsey will be included.

Exit strategy/How the project will continue after the funding

If we were successful in our application for funding this would kick start this initiative and subsequently we would actively look to recruit lead volunteers to lessen staff time/input with the aim of the group to be ultimately volunteer led. We would seek a small member's contribution to the group to make it ultimately sustainable.

Other organisations involved

None

Financial Information

Revenue funding requested	£2,000
Total cost of project	£10,093
Match funding/Other funding sources	£10,000 Wesleyan Foundation Large Grants Programme
Available Funds in Group Bank Account	Requested
Funding received since 2010	N/A

Full Breakdown of Costs

Item	Wellbeing	Other (with funding body)	Date of Decision
£2,000 for initial set up Applicant to provide approximate breakdown at Community Committee.	£2,000		
Wesleyan Foundation Large Grants Programme – awaiting decision		£10,000	October 2017
Total:	£2,000		

Details of volunteers

Helping to organise and run the group with the staff.

Volunteer role

2 volunteers x 3 hours per week each
£265.44 per month

Communities Team Comments

The applicant has advised that they are waiting for a decision from Wesleyan Foundation Large Grants Programme for £10,000. Applicant has advised that if the £10,000 was to be awarded, then the group could potentially return the £2,000 Wellbeing funding. Approximate cost of how the £2,000 would potentially be spent will be brought to the Community Committee on 27th September 2017.