



Forum Area or Division:	Copeland - South Cumberland Community Panel
Reference:	CCGA/2003-24
Group Name:	Shackles Off Youth Project
Community Development Officer:	Liz Nichol
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Amount Requested:	£8,800.00
Total Project Cost:	£8,800.00

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

Shackles Off works with children and young people aged six to nineteen years and twenty-four if SEND. The organisation has a community strand which involves working with all age groups from expectant mothers at baby and bumps right through to children, teenagers, young adults, and the elderly in a variety of diverse ways, groups, and provision to meet the need of the local community in Millom and Seascale.

Shackles Off are working with a group of young people in the Millom area who may be from disadvantage families living with poverty, with a variety of vulnerabilities around their home lives such as living with domestic violence, drug, alcohol issues or Neuro-divergent and find themselves very quickly overwhelmed and frustrated. This group have either extremely low attendance to school or are school refusers at risk of exclusion or multiple exclusions leading down the path of missed education and qualifications for later life. Shackles Off have managed to build trusting relationships over the last few years with this group and would like to staff a weekly programme targeting those not in education or and at risk of exclusions. This group displays particularly challenging behaviours and attitudes towards adults in authority and already known to us from services. This funding would allow a new Pilot programme for 12 months that would offer weekly 3-hour sessions in Millom with two experienced staff working face to face with the hard-to-reach individuals in small groups and 1:1 sessions. Young people would receive help and support while learning essential life skills and gaining a nationally accredited ASDAN award. This would consist of two small groups for 1 hour each and 1 hour of 1:1. Part of this programme would have the offer of a trip as a quarterly incentive for the young people to engage ensuring that while excluded from school they still have the opportunity to take part in excellent services in an environment which is tailored to their needs, learning and development. The group would work together during quarterly trips/ team building exercises to develop and improve essential life skills such as :- listening, effective communication problem solving adaptability and resilience.

Shackles Off would like to implement a 12-month Pilot NEET programme to capture those aged from 11-19 years who are at risk of exclusion through low attendance school refusal and other identified problematic behaviours and improve their life choices in the future. Keeping the young person involved in education and positive engagement will be the priority to help limit the chance of missed opportunity and work towards improving future employability skills. It will also improve and help to reduce anti social behaviours in the community.

Key Themes Met

Supporting Children, Families and young people and Improving health and wellbeing. This programme will support these vulnerable young people back into education, improve skills and future employment opportunities and so life choices.

Number of People Benefiting

10- 50

Breakdown of Project Costs

Staffing costs

49x 3 hour sessions x 2 staff. 1 staff at £13.34 per hour and 1 staff at £12.69 per hour =£3826.41

4 x quarterly trips these will be organised planned and budgeted via young people and staff during sessions (incentive to group to engage in the programme) = 2 staff for 12 hours 1x staff at £13.34 (senior) and 1 staff at £12.69 =£1249.44

Trips x4= £2000

Activities and resources = £1000

Asdan registration with option to certificate all awards =£725

Total project costs £8,800

Previous CCC Funding

no Cumberland Council Funding

Grant Amount Recommended

8,800

Officer comments

Recommend support to provide early prevention and early intervention to help support these young people back into education and improve future opportunities. Shackles Off have a good record of supporting vulnerable children and are working with the new Family Hub to be based in Whitehaven.

Comments from Elected Member(s) / Neighbourhood Forum / Grant Panel

Member Signature:

Date: