

The North East assessment team were a group of young people from this area who came together in order to assess funding applications which were part of the CEC Choose Youth Work funding programme 2019-20.

Nine young people made up the assessment team bringing a mixture of age, gender and abilities. The young people had certain things in common in that they wanted to be included in the process and have some power in decision making. Alongside this, they wanted to get involved and make a difference to our communities whilst having fun and learning along the way.

The first part of the journey was to hear about the process, then see if they wanted to get involved, lastly to meet up with CEC staff who would be working alongside them.

Then there was the training element so that they were fully equipped on how to assess funding applications, the training focussed on,

1. What the criteria would be
2. Spoke about conflict of interest
3. They met other young people from other areas
4. Then assessed mock applications.

For our area there was a budget set aside of £23,758 and now that the young people had been trained, the team got down to ensuring that the applications met the criteria.

NORTH EAST EDINBURGH ASSESSMENT TEAM 2019

Choose
Youth
Work



HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

SUPER IMPORTANT

- Do make sure the layout is good to read
- Do make sure you use up all the word count up
- Do keep on topic within the right sections and make it relevant
- Do make sure your spelling, grammar and punctuation is right
- Do tell us briefly things have been a success and that are relevant to this application
- Do stick to the plan and create sentences that are easy to read
- Do have young people involved at every stage but make sure they are involved as much
- Do make sure that you answer all the questions at every stage
- Do be clear of the benefits of your idea and how this will improve young people's lives
- Do add in bullet points or photos and make some parts stand out in bold

KEEP IN MIND

- Don't waffle
- Don't keep repeating yourself within different sections
- Don't think that we know who you are or what you've done before
- Don't make it too complicated whereby you lose peoples interest
- Don't always write for adults
- Don't leave sections empty and unfinished
- Don't always use big words we don't like it
- Do make sure that you answer all the questions at every stage

The NE team felt that if you're writing a funding application then heres some helpful tips to guide you on your way:



The young people received the application forms and met as the North East assessment team and got down to the hard work of assessing applications.

Unfortunately, some of the projects didn't quite reach the mark and as such the funding stream had to be advertised again with the remaining amount available to organisations.

That meant that the young people had to meet again and assess more funding applications. After this second round all the funds were allocated to projects within this area.

Finally, after the hard work we eventually went out and enjoyed ourselves by going on an excursion that we had all picked. We thought that the whole process had been fun and interesting, different and useful.

Please remember that 'we should be involved, it's our right so we all have to work together to make sure that things continue to change and that we as young people should be at the forefront of any discussions, decisions and potential changes'.

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