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SPACE2GROW CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S FUND

SPACE2GROW #20 – AUTUMN 2021 – MAIN GRANT

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicant Information Summary	
Background Information	<p>Barnet Council’s Children & Young People’s Plan 2019-2023 identifies the ways in which Barnet aims to reach it’s goal of becoming a Family Friendly Borough.</p> <p>Barnet is the largest London Borough, and is forecast to have the largest number of children of any London borough by 2020, with the population of Children & Young People predicted to grow by 3% between 2018 and 2025.</p> <p>The London Borough of Barnet (including all it’s delivery partners) have been working with UNICEF UK with an overarching ambition for the borough to be recognised as a UNICEF Child Friendly Community (CFC).</p> <p>This will be assessed against the following six outcomes (plus and additional outcome)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families and children can be together and be part of a community that encourages resilience • Children and young people are safe and protected from harm • Children and young people can learn about the world around them • Our attitudes and behaviours enhance the way we work with and for children and young people • We include children and young people in decision making • Information is shared effectively to children, young people and families across the borough <p>Additional Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are supported to achieve a healthy start in life, enjoy a healthy lifestyle and to build resilience <p>Barnet Council State that the following actions contribute to delivery of their plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide free accessible and inclusive family events/activities that promote and enable greater community cohesion, including amongst Barnet’s diverse cultures and faiths

- Promote, grow and strengthen opportunities for CYP and families to access healthy lifestyle activities that enhance mental, emotional and physical activity.
- Create community spaces that are open when children need them.
- Intervene at the earliest stage of identified need so that children, young people and family's problems are resolved without the need for escalation to statutory services and interventions through our 0-18 early help approach.
- Build relationships and resilience of vulnerable adolescents through engagement with young people in creative community spaces, targeted specialist support in communities and in-school preventative evidence based programmes. best
- Promote mentoring programmes to support young people and develop their potential.

It is against this background that Barnet Council have committed £70,000 to Young Barnet Foundation's Space2Grow fund, to enable the delivery of projects that target children, young people and/or families whose needs are greatest and support YBF and LBB/CCG's ambition of developing and enhancing the capacity and sustainability of the local children and young people's voluntary, community and social enterprise sector.

Young Barnet Foundation's Youth Voice Survey in 2020 showed that the following issues were of importance to Children & Young People in Barnet:

- **Safety in the Community** – Although 70% of respondents stated that they felt safe within their immediate community, this dropped to 40.4% when considering wider community areas across Barnet. Parks and Public spaces were highlighted as the places Children & Young People felt most unsafe within the Borough, but despite this, 42% of respondents had visited a local park within the last 3 months, and 25% had participated in some form of outdoor activity, highlighting their desire to be active citizens within their local communities, but in indoor and outdoor spaces. Respondents stated that they would welcome the creation of spaces and opportunities to spend time with their peers in both physically safe environments and online.
- **Mental Health** – 16.7% of respondents reported that they felt their future is disadvantaged by mental health issues – and this was the top identified risk factor for Young People in Barnet. The top 3 identified areas of need that Young People stated that they want more help and support to overcome were:
 - Dealing with Stress (43%)
 - Bereavement / Grief (32%)
 - Making Healthier Life Choices (26%)

Respondents stated that they would like to see more generalised support, services and activities which would help them to develop coping strategies surrounding bullying, self-harm, stress, bereavement / grief, suicide and addiction.

- **More to Do** – Respondents suggested that they would like to see more access to services and projects which address the following issues and needs within their local community:
 - Cooking & Life Skills
 - Organised and Informal Sporting Opportunities
 - Outdoor Adventure Activities (e.g. Kayaking, Rock Climbing etc)
 - Employment and Future Career Advice
 - Creative Arts Activities

It should, however, be noted that both the Barnet Council Children Young People's Plan, and the Young Barnet Foundation Youth Voice Survey were undertaken prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some more recent data (from a range of sources including the Barnet Safeguarding Children Annual Report, Mind, Barnet Partnership for School Sport & Public Health England) which takes into account the pandemic and Children & Young People's reaction to it includes:

- Barnet has seen a 25% increase of anxiety related presentations due to Covid-19 in Barnet Integrated Clinical Service (BICS) and our KOOOTH online counselling service for young people.
- The majority of young people consider the effect of the crisis to be harming their long-term education (53%), followed by doing much less physical activity (52%) and their mental health and well-being being affected (40%).
- 53% of young people think more support should be provided for dealing with stress and isolation
- The recent Jack Petchy report on Young Peoples views on school catch up states 42% of young people want to see increased support with mental health
- London had the highest rates in England of relative poverty once housing costs were taken into account: 39% of children aged less than 16 years lived in poverty

In London:

- out of work benefits claims have increased by 148% (274,000) and families report struggling to meet basic needs]
- Young people have been more likely than older people to lose their job (which makes poverty vastly more likely)
Young black people were three times more likely to be unemployed (41.6%) than young white people

In Barnet:

- 87% felt physical fitness was worse than pre-covid
- 78% felt had put on excessive weight during the covid-19 pandemic
- 67% felt physical activity levels were less than pre-covid

Criteria of S2G#20

We invite applications for projects commencing no earlier than the 1st February 2022 that clearly demonstrate how young people will be supported over the coming 12 months (or longer by prior agreement) given the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Given this range of data and in support of both the Barnet Children & Young People's Plan, and the findings of the Youth Voice Survey, for Space2Grow#20, we are specifically seeking applications for projects/activities for children, young people and/or families that:

- **Develop emotional wellbeing and resilience and which assists in resolving problems without the need for escalation to statutory services and interventions.**
- **Enhance the ability of Children & Young People to partake in positive physical and creative activities in an environment in which they feel secure**
- **Help Children & Young People develop enhanced Life Skills and Build Confidence**
- **Promote Community Cohesion and demonstrates social engagement**
- **Provides Employability support and future Career Advice**

Applications must also demonstrate at least one of the following elements:

- Meeting emerging need (which should be demonstrated using data for instance, using the following links;
<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/young.barnet.foundation>
<https://barnet.communityinsight.org/>
<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

	<p>applicants should also undertake their own research or provide data from their own records)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piloting a new initiative (with aim of using data to seek further funding) • Upscaling of an existing project with proven track record • Collaboration with YBF member organisation(s) • Support the Charitable Purposes of the Organisation • Develop the Applicant Organisation, its staff and/or its Trustees <p>All applicants must allocate a minimum of £250 from their budget for the delivery of Continuing Professional Development of their staff or trustees; The proposed training should contribute to the organisations core Charitable objectives, and demonstrate the ability to either support existing provision or build the capacity of the organisation. This can include Continuing Professional Development to enable staff to maintain existing accreditations or qualifications.</p> <p>In addition, Young Barnet Foundation wish to help develop members to be the strongest they can be by providing a range of Development Workshops, to include (but not be limited to) such areas as Bid Writing, Finance, Strategy, Organisational Governance and Monitoring & Evaluation. It will be our expectation that Space2Grow#20 grantees will self identify or identify with the support of YBF staff, which areas could benefit from support and attend at least a minimum of 1 workshops. They will also be open to those applicants who are unsuccessful.</p> <p>Applications are particularly welcome from member(s) who have not applied for or received Space 2 Grow funding in earlier rounds. However, the fund is also open to those who have either previously applied or been granted funding.</p> <p>Applications must demonstrate evidence of need and how the project/service is youth led - this is to ensure CYP co-design/buy in to make sure that projects are wanted by CYP and/or Families.</p> <p>Where possible applications should show where participants will come from. e.g. existing or signposted from statutory service/school or partner YBF organisation(s).</p>										
Geographical Area of Benefit	This fund is open to VCFSE members who deliver activities and services for children and young people living or at school/college in the London Borough of Barnet.										
Total Funding Available	£70,000										
Contribution of Grant	£70,000 Barnet Council										
Size of Grants Available	Applications for grants up to a maximum of £8,000 will be invited. Grants should be between £2,500 to £8,000. Max 2 or 3 at full £8,000										
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Completion	All grant funded projects must be completed within 12 months** of the award or agreed start date. **unless agreed otherwise										

Young Barnet Foundation Vision & Mission - it is important that you understand who we are and why we do what we do and that as a member you are committed to supporting our aims, mission and vision.

Our Vision

Where Barnet as one community, invests in all our children and young people, ensuring that they have opportunities for fun, growth, connection, success and celebration - helping today's children become tomorrow's confident, successful adults.

Our Mission

Space 2 Grow - ensuring that children and young people can access local opportunities, in safe spaces, to grow and develop to be the best that they can be.

As a membership vehicle, we provide strong fundraising and capacity building support to the local voluntary sector. Driving new initiatives and supporting existing services by working in partnership with our members, both community and statutory partners, local businesses and residents of Barnet.

Projects will deliver *at least one* of the following key objectives: -

- Meeting emerging need (which should be demonstrated using data from the provided links; applicants should also undertake their own research or provide data from their own records)
- Piloting a new initiative (with aim of using data to seek further funding)
- Upscaling of an existing project with proven track record
- Collaboration with YBF member organisation(s)
- Support the Charitable Purposes of the Charity
- Develop the Applicant Organisation, its staff and/or its Trustees

Applications will be assessed against:

- Evidence of need
- Quality of planning of project, showing proposed delivery and marketing of project to drive engagement
- Impact on emotional wellbeing and resilience of children and young people
- Impact on access, delivery, networks and evidence of partnership working
- Financial need of the organisation and value for money
- Confirmation that Monitoring and Evaluation requirements will be completed including the agreement to provide quantitative data along with case studies and quotes

Who can apply?

- Please see Applicant Guidance later in this document.

Eligible projects:

- Please see Applicant Guidance later in this document.

Match funding:

- There is no requirement to have match funding as part of the project and 100% grant funded projects will be considered. However, we do assess projects in terms of the 'leverage' that our grant may bring about in terms of cash match funding and in-kind contributions. We aim to give advice to applicants and signpost them to other funders.

Delivery, Partnerships & Networks:

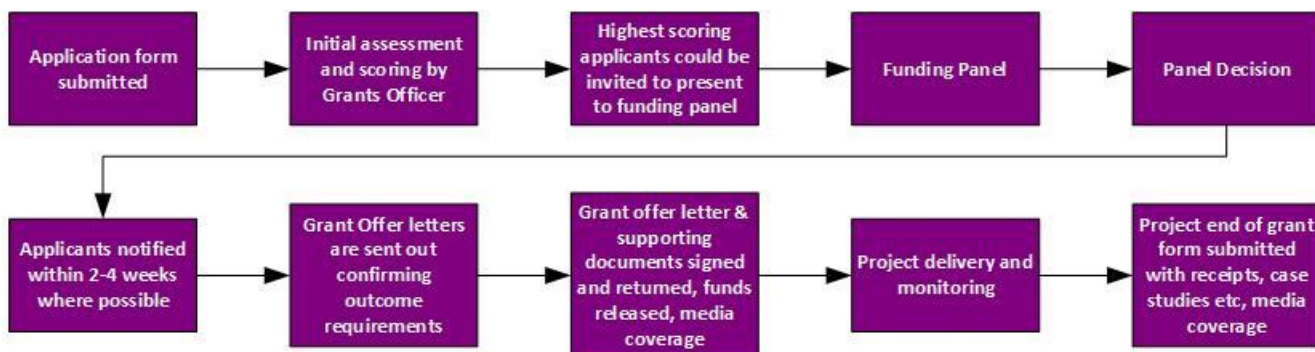
- We want to encourage projects that develop or strengthen delivery of services to children and young people through partnerships between organisations or through networks. The panel are happy to consider applications for match funding.

Geographic Location:

- The fund is open to CYP projects within the London Borough of Barnet.

Project Start:

- Applicants are asked to apply only if their project can proceed within 12 weeks of the grant award confirmation. [If planned start date is outside of the 12 weeks, please contact Young Barnet Foundation before applying as your application may still be considered]. See application and project delivery flow-chart below for your information.



Minimum eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must be a member of the Young Barnet Foundation (complying with the YBF membership criteria) – membership is free.
- Applicants must be a **VCFS** (Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise) organisation, as for example defined by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations: <https://data.ncvo.org.uk/profile/voluntary-sector-definition/#:-:text=Voluntarism%3A%20They%20involve%20a%20meaningful,work%20to%20benefit%20the%20community>
- Applicants must not be one of the excluded types of organisations as outlined below
- The purpose of the grant must be to benefit children and young people (0-25, to include transition and disability) in the Borough of Barnet, with focus on enhancing emotional wellbeing and building resilience.
- The project/activity/programme for which funding is being sought does not have to be new but should be based on a need or an identified gap/need in service.
- If you are undertaking face-to-face delivery of services, you confirm that you will adhere to any COVID-19 Government guidelines in the delivery of your project, and will adhere to any National Youth Agency guidance, details of which may be found at <https://nya.org.uk/guidance/>
- Applicants must have a bank account in the name of the organisation or group, which requires at least two joint signatories, who are not related, for all transactions.
- Have the necessary systems, policies and procedures that fulfil legal requirements e.g. accounts, health and safety, equal opportunities, insurance, safeguarding etc (these requirements will be checked as part of any due diligence for successful applicants).
- All staff working to deliver the project must be DBS checked and organisations must follow strong safeguarding procedures as detailed in their safeguarding policy. This will need to be submitted with your application for funding.
- Grant funding must be spent and projects completed by 31st January 2023 (unless otherwise agreed)
- The Space2Grow fund is not able to fund continuing projects which take place over a number of years
- We encourage all members to undertake the self-assessed *Charity Excellence Framework* quality mark or the more advanced *London Youth Quality Mark*’ scheme. This is not a condition merely an encouragement to ensure that organisations are aware and supported to adopt procedures that help them develop and offer required safeguards to their organisation and the young people they support. Should you already have completed either quality mark please indicate this within your application

When to bid:

Grants Pot	Funding Available	Open	Closed	Panel Decision
20	£70,000	Monday 8 th November 2021	23:59 Sunday 12th December 2021	w/c 17 th January 2022

*NB: Please note these dates may be subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control

Grant Monitoring Process:

All grant recipients will be required to monitor their projects against pre-determined criteria provided and submit monitoring reports. Reports will be required at the end of the project, as agreed with the Grants Committee. In some circumstances, a mid-point report may be required – this would be stipulated as part of the grant.

This report should contain details on progress and the successes of the project. This should include:

- Information on the numbers of children/young people engaged, statistics – age, gender, etc, outcomes achieved as well as feedback from service users. This may include recording the progress young people make in terms of recorded/accredited outcomes. This will include completing a Demographic Data sheet of attendees.
- Completing and Providing an Outcomes and Experience Report for your completed project. An example of the sort of information we are interested in receiving can be found here - <https://insleyconsulting.com/jargon-busting-impact-measurement/> - However, we realise that each project is different in scope, we want to see that you have measured the results of your project, and can express this using quantitative as well as qualitative data.
- Evidence of successful outcomes against stated objectives:
 - Benefit children and young people in the London Borough of Barnet
 - Build resilience in children and young people
 - Improve emotional wellbeing
 - Remove stigma - making it easier for children and young people to access services and ask for help
 - Demonstrate fresh thinking through partnership working
- How the Charity's grant was used including relevant documentation, receipts etc.
- Your Grants Manager or nominated person from Young Barnet Foundation, may also undertake a Monitoring Visit to see how your project is progressing. If your grant is related to a specific activity, please advise your Grants Manager of the session dates over the project year so that they can attend at an appropriate time.

We are encouraging all applicants to join us in using the *Upshot* monitoring and evaluation web-based tool. For more information, please contact Young Barnet Foundation. Costs are extremely competitive for an organisation at less than £5 per week for Members (£240.00 inc VAT pa). Whilst using *Upshot* is not a compulsory requirement for your Space2Grow application, we encourage you to consider the benefits to your organisation of using this data collection and management system. Young Barnet Foundation can provide full training to use the system and the software can be used for use throughout your organisation and not just for the Space 2 Grow funded project. Further information available at <http://upshot.org.uk/>

Please note: reporting is not designed to be onerous, however, we need to evidence the impact of funding so that we can grow local funding to support the sector further along with accounting for Public Money.

Application process:

Applications must be submitted online using the form available on the Young Barnet Foundation website, found at www.youngbarnetfoundation.org.uk/space2grow20

Decision Making Process:

Assessment: Applications will initially be assessed by the YBF Grants Officer and staff against the funding criteria.

Funding Panel: Eligible applications will then be reviewed by an independent Funding Panel composed of a mix of stakeholders. These may include:

- Representative(s) from the Young Barnet Foundation board of Trustees
- A representative from NHS Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group
- A representative from the Local Authority
- Young Barnet Foundation Funder Representative
- Young person(s)
- A representative/s from other appropriate funding agencies may also be invited to attend
- Local based representatives

The funding panel's decision is final. There is no appeal process in place. Due to the expected volume of applicants, it will not be possible to give feedback at this time.

Panel Outcome: Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within at least 4 weeks of the panel meeting, and sooner where possible. The outcome of the application may be:

- Full Grant
- Partial Grant

- Decline / Not Eligible
- Where we have declined an application, we will try to signpost your application to other funders, partners or members who may be able to assist.

Funding criteria:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications can be for sums between £2,500 and £8,000. It is our intention that only a small number of grants will be awarded at the maximum, with remaining funds allocated to smaller applications.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds must be for the provision of projects/activities/services/programmes (including pilots) for children and young people aged 0-25 of age, (funding can be used to cover the project/activity/services/programme cost, venue costs or capital equipment where these are directly related to the application). With the key objective of improving emotional wellbeing and resilience within children and young people.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fund is operated on an inclusive basis and applications are equally sought for projects/activities/services/programmes/pilots for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding must help meet the needs, outcomes, priorities and objectives for children and young people in the local area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We welcome applications to enhance sector development and viability testing.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people should be involved in informing the development of the application (e.g. through consultation) to ensure the project/activity/ service/programme is accessible, affordable, wanted and valued by young people.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects/activities/services/programmes/pilots that involve or benefit groups of vulnerable young people will be given additional weighting in the decision-making process.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects/activities/services/programmes which utilise Space2Grow funding as match funding for a larger project are acceptable (provided applicants can demonstrate that additional funding is already secured and projects will be delivered within the timescales indicated in this document)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications which are solely for capital items (equipment) will also be considered.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Application should include at least £250 for staff/volunteer or trustee training. A larger sum may also be considered providing there is a clear benefit to the applicant's organisation in delivering services to children and young people, and it can be demonstrated that it is clearly linked to the aims and objectives of YBF.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each application will be judged on its own merits and be subject to the judgement of the Grants Committee.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All sections of the application form must be completed in full (unless stated otherwise within the form)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying successfully or otherwise for previous Space 2 Grow grant rounds does not preclude you from applying for Space2Grow#20

Exclusions: Young Barnet Foundation's mission is to support the local CYP VCFSE; therefore, the Grants Panel cannot consider applications for/from the following: -

Sole benefit of individuals.	Bursaries for higher education (including postgraduate)
National organisations with no track record of delivery in the Charity's beneficial area	Programmes that fall under PHSE or Citizenship.
Other grant-giving organisations	Conservation and environmental projects where the project is primarily conservation focused and not children and young people.
Housing Associations	Core costs for umbrella bodies or second tier organisations
Hospitals, Hospices or Clinical Commissioning Groups	Political or religious activities (although secular projects by faith groups are welcomed where there is a wider community benefit).
Statutory bodies to fund their normal services or activities (including Schools etc). Please see 'Minimum eligibility criteria' above.	Retrospective funding.
For statutory obligations	Overnight school journeys or trips abroad
General charitable appeals	Events/activity whose principle aim is to raise funds for other organisations.
Lobbying and campaigning	Medical care (including rehab) and resources
Endowment funds	Feasibility studies

Research	Funding to meet an overspend on a project funded elsewhere.
Telephone helplines	Non Young Barnet Foundation Members

This is not an exhaustive list and applicants should contact us if they are unsure whether they qualify to apply.

Informing us of significant events.

It is necessary for you to keep Young Barnet Foundation informed of any significant events that will have an impact on the work that we are funding, or on your organisation. Please do not wait until the end of your grant to advise us of these changes.

You should inform Young Barnet Foundation immediately if any of the following changes occur:

- A major organisational change or new policy direction
- A change to your organisation's name or constitution
- Significant and unexpected changes to your Trustee board
- A severe funding crisis or other threat to the viability of the organisation including insolvency
- A potential merger
- Winding up of the organisation
- Any other significant change to your organisation or project.

Terms and definition

VCFSE (Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise)

VCFSE (Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise), sometimes referred to as the Third Sector, is the term used to describe the range of organisations which are neither state nor the private sector. It includes organisations such as associations, self-help and community groups, voluntary organisations, social enterprises, housing associations, mutuals and co-operatives. Such organisations are sometimes, but not always, charitable (as defined in law) but may be registered charities. VCSFE Organisations are independent of government; 'value-driven' – that is, they pursue social, environmental or cultural objectives rather than primarily aiming to make profit; they reinvest any surpluses, or in the case of Social Enterprises all surpluses, in the pursuit of their objectives.

A **constituted group** is a **group** of people who come together to further any objective; in this case, to support children and young people. The **group** is run on a voluntary basis and is set up as a small organisation in its own right, with a management committee, constitution and its own bank account.

This document is expected to be read in conjunction with the Space 2 Grow Children and Young People's Fund (no.20) Terms and Conditions.

Further information

For further information on any aspect of the Space 2 Grow – Children and Young People's Fund please visit www.youngbarnetfoundation.org.uk or email grants@youngbarnetfoundation.org.uk

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