

Young Fundraisers

What is this about?

As part of the Kent County Council commissioned consortium group Stronger Kent Communities, Youth Central is piloting a new project to train young people as fundraisers in the community. Partnering with Funding for All, young people will be trained as peer educators and in various aspects of fundraising, including applying for grants and trusts, community fundraising and engaging with local businesses. They will then organise fundraising events - **which could be to raise funds for your organisation**. Using their learning from this the young people will then visit other clubs to inspire young people to do fundraising within their clubs and mentor them through this process.

Is there a cost?

The programme is fully funded and staffed and there is even help towards travel costs if the young people need them.

What are the benefits for young people?

Young people will gain accreditation of units towards the Level 2 Pearson BTEC Award in Peer Education – which is equivalent to a GCSE at A-C. The training will give them many transferable skills such as team work, organisation skills, communication and presentation skills, giving constructive feedback and will also help them gain confidence. There is no homework, no exams and lots of food as they learn! This will help them build their CV's and they will be learning in a fun and informal way. This kind of learning is great for those who perhaps struggle at school and we can support those with additional learning needs. They will also be volunteering in the community, gain a real sense of achievement and be helping others. The programme is perfect for those doing International Baccalaureate (IB) in sixth form or Duke of Edinburgh awards.

What are the benefits for the clubs?



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Youth Central recognise that the volunteers who run youth activities are hard pressed for time and that writing funding applications or organising fundraising events is very time consuming. By encouraging young people from these organisations to become fundraisers we are tapping into unknown talents and strengths, plus helping to sustain the clubs run by volunteers. We are hoping that the course will also forge some new relationships between neighbouring

Who is Youth Central?

Youth Central CIC is a new non-profit making organisation which works with specifically **but not exclusively** young women aged 11 – 25 years in Kent and Medway. Its purpose is to raise confidence and aspirations, informally educate young women about issues that affect them and develop their skills and potential. The charity offers youth work programmes and



workshops in the community, often partnering with other agencies. **(NB. Young Fundraisers is for all young people and not just young women)**

The work especially looks at raising self-esteem, exploring body image, relationships, managing a healthy weight, risk taking by young women and mental wellbeing. The **organisation specialises in peer education** and peer mentoring projects and working with young mothers groups.

Youth Central is part of the Stronger Kent Communities consortium commissioned to support the voluntary sector across Kent.

How you can help us:

- Please tell any young people aged 14-25 about the project, pass on our fliers and encourage them to come and join the programme. We are very happy to come and speak to the young people directly if you prefer.
- We are also looking for youth groups for the young fundraisers to deliver their peer education sessions to, let us know if you would like a visit. (Young people ideally aged 12+)
- We are looking for a volunteer to support us on the programme. They must be over 18 and preferably have good knowledge of the Thanet area. Do you know someone who can help us?
- Spread the word about the project to any other youth groups you know of or schools that have charitable groups within them.

Please contact me if you would like further details or would be happy for us to come and visit to speak to your young people on:

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For more information about Youth Central: www.youthcentralse.org.uk

Many thanks for reading this far...

Best wishes

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