

What next?

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Applications close on the 2nd June 2010

Youth Opportunity Fund Grant Making Panel

Real Choice, Real Influence

Do you want to be involved in the Youth Opportunity Fund decision making process?

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How can I become a member of Newham's Youth Grant Making Panel?

There are 4 different types of Youth Opportunity Fund grants you can apply for:

- Up to £1,000 - YOF 'Go For It' grant to support ideas for positive activities that reflect the Olympic Ideals and/or the Community Strategy
- Between £1,000 and £7,500 Small project grants for activities and facilities that young people want.
- Between £7,500 and £15,000 Three month to year long projects, including the resources needed to support such a project
- Between £15,000 and £25,000 The aim of these bigger grants is to support longer term projects especially those that support hard-to-reach groups of local young people

Who can become a member?

Any young person aged '13 to 19' years of age who lives in Newham who is prepared to volunteer some of their time.

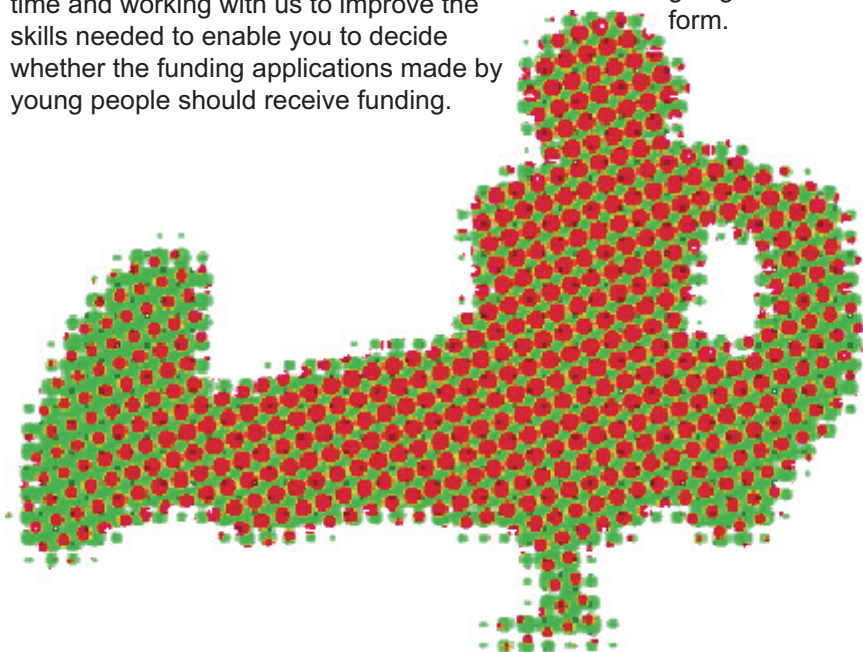
And any young person aged '20 to 25' years of age who has a disability and/or a learning difficulty who lives in Newham who is prepared to volunteer some of their time.

We are especially looking for young people who have not been involved in decision making before. Those who feel that their voice is never heard. Young people from all sorts of different backgrounds so that the panel is representative of the diversity of young people living and growing up in Newham.

What are we looking for?

A group of about 30 young people, 10 of whom will come from Newham's Youth Council, with commitment and enthusiasm who are prepared to work together to develop their skills and make decisions that improve the lives of young people in Newham.

This means attending all the meetings on time and working with us to improve the skills needed to enable you to decide whether the funding applications made by young people should receive funding.



What will be your role?

- The Grant Making Panel will assess funding applications from young people and decide which of those applications will receive funding.
- Members of the panel may meet with the young people who are making the application to enable the panel to make the right decision.
- And you will monitor how the grant has been spent. For example members of the panel will visit projects and talk to young people from projects that have been funded to see if the project did what it said it was going to do in their application form.



Will you get any help and support?

Yes a member of staff will work with you to identify the training and support you need. And, as we want Grant Makers to receive accreditation for their work, this will be linked to Newham's Duke of Edinburgh and/or Youth Achievement programmes.

There will also be events and activities with other members of the panel to encourage teamwork, build your confidence and decision-making skills.