



Funding Case Study

Cumbria Youth Alliance secures workforce development funding from a number of sources to support their network

During the period 2006/7 and 2007/8, funding has come from the following sources:-

Funding source: Learning in Deprived Neighbourhoods

Cumbria Youth Alliance (CYA) secured funding from two successful bids. The first bid was to fund **residential weekends for volunteer youth workers**. Twenty organisations benefited and sent volunteers along to gain training/certification in health and safety, first aid and child protection.

The second bid was to support training in **lobbying and representational skills** for staff who were undertaking roles within project boards at the **children's trust**. A total of fifteen organisations benefited from this training and helped staff to be an effective voluntary and community sector voice in the work of children's trusts.

Funding source: Northern Rock Foundation

With this funding CYA is able to supply their network with a **training and development expert** who supports their member organisations to: identify training needs; help with accreditation; and training in governance. The Northern Rock Foundation provides three years of funding and supports 50% of the total project costs. The work has supported 60 member organisations during the period 2006/7 and 2007/2008.

Funding Source: Big Lottery Reaching Communities

The Big Lottery supplies the remainder of the 50% costs of the training and development project as above.

Funding Source: Cumbria County Council

On behalf of the Cumbria County Council, CYA manages the youth work training arm of the Youth Work in Cumbria Partnership. As a result they are paid a small sum to manage all the **short courses and access to bursaries for youth workers to undertake JNC recognised qualifications**. In the financial year 2007/08 the budget was £60k.

Nichola Brown, NCVYS' Workforce Development Officer commented "Cumbria Youth Alliance is a good example of how taking time to research and apply for funding sources can lead to success and can bring about interesting pieces of work that help to meet the workforce development needs of a local network of voluntary and community youth organisations". Nichola added "however not everyone thinks of applying for funding for specific bespoke workforce development projects".

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