

Grant **Application** YOUNG **OFFENDERS - S4D**

Organisation Name	Reference code			
Wave Adventure	2023-05-YO29			
Organisation Address				
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Website Address				
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Type of organisation? (tick all that apply and complete relevant details)				
Charity	Registered Charity Number	Date Registered		
Yes	1152259			
Community Interest	Registered Companies	Date Registered		
Company	House Number			
No				
Social Enterprise	Social Enterprise Mark	Date Awarded		
	Awarded Yes/No			
No				
Grant Summary				

To develop a leadership programme of bike maintenance, mountain bike and other outdoor activity training, for example rock climbing and paddle sport, for young offenders.

Please describe the needs that this project will address

The recently published Chiles Webster Batson Commission report identifies the ways in which sport can help young people to build positive pro-social identities, as opposed to anti-social ones. Street Games UK states that we are increasingly seeing how sportbased interventions can help break the cycle of re-offending (estimated to cost £18 billion per year).

We believe that sport can provide the support and mentoring that young offenders need to begin to move down a better path.

As part of a recent Ministry of Justice Sport pilot we worked with 8 young offenders in small cohorts using experts in their field as trusted adults to support the young people to develop positive interests and make positive contributions to their community.

This pilot, now ended created a big demand for our services and we now have a waiting list of young offenders, with a number of organisations, such as Youth Justice and social services keen to refer.

Our local Youth Justice and Targeted Youth Support Team have commissioned us on a very small scale to continue to offer bike maintenance sessions for young offenders, and though the commission does not fully cover our costs of delivery we have agreed, due to the demand and the benefit to the young people we engage. Other organisations have referrals but we are waiting for funding before we develop the project any further.

Young offenders and services they are involved with who we talk to reveal that there is a great interest in riding bikes, gaining skills and repairing and maintaining them.

There is an additional interest in the non-traditional sports we specialise in such as rock climbing and paddle sport- especially with clear pathways to personal development and leadership.

What are the key outcomes that you will be seeking to achieve for young offenders?

30 participants will gain new skills

20 participants will report improvements to confidence/ self-esteem.

20 participants in the project will gain leadership qualifications.

10 participants will take up community volunteering opportunities.

What are the key activities you will undertake with this funding?

We will develop a leadership programme for young offenders which will involve working with our expert staff/ trusted adults in activities such as accredited bike maintenance sessions; MIAS Junior or Mountain Bike Leader training/ qualification L1- 3; National Indoor Climbing Awards L1-3; paddle sport personal and safety qualifications and Outdoor First Aid (L3).

The programme will be individualised so that young people can progress at their own pace, developing confidence, self-esteem, skills acquisition and progressing to mentoring/volunteering and leadership qualifications when appropriate.

We know that the young people we will work with need to be in a safe environment, supported in small cohorts (1:1 to 1:4) by trusted adults who can help them to develop. This will be provided at our bike hub and through the use of other indoor and outdoor offsite locations.

We will run 4 sessions per week, plus additional days for specific training/ qualifications as necessary, working with up to 16 young people each year.

Who will be responsible for overseeing and delivering this work?

Graham Wood- Founder/ Director will manage this project and also be involved as lead coach on some delivery.

A portion of the grant will contribute to this post.

Will you be working No within the prison estate?

How will you engage with YO? (Through HMPs or YOIs or in the community)

We have established good collaborative partnerships with Bolton Youth Justice and Targeted Youth Support Team, Bolton Council Complex Safeguarding & Youth Justice Service, Bolton Probation Service and Bolton Social Services who will all refer onto the project. We are also a partner organisation in the GM Violence Reduction Unit and our partners organisations will also refer.

Would you describe yourself as a Sport	
4 Development organisation?	

Please tell us about your Sport 4 Development projects or approach

We are a member of Sported, hold the Bolton Council Bolton Mark, affiliated to Street games UK and a number of other Sports Governing Bodies, for example British Canoeing and British Cycling. We run a wide range of projects for a very diverse range of people from under-served communities. We use non-traditional sports such as rock climbing, kayaking and mountain biking to attract people who would otherwise not engage in activity/ community programmes to promote personal growth and skills. Our ethos and approach works very effectively when supporting young offenders, diverting them away from risky/ anti- social behaviour to make positive contributions to their communities through volunteering. We also address under representation in sport and sports coaching through training young people and community leaders to be able to run their own sports programmes. We have, for example a number of projects to train Muslim girls/ women and those from ethnically diverse backgrounds to become leaders so that they can run sports projects within their own communities. We believe this is the best way to increase participation from under-represented groups in the longer term. We are involved, as a

member of the GMVRU in delivering community sport to young people in the New Bury area of Bolton. We have a team of young mentors who take on leadership roles in many of our programmes and community events throughout the year.

How will your organisation continue to sustain this project after the grant ends?

We are exploring ways of being commissioned by established and new partners for more of the work we do with young offenders. This has already happened on a very small scale through our delivery of the pilot MoJ Sport Fund and we are confident that this could be extended significantly following a two year programme.

What expertise and track record do you have to be able to deliver this work successfully?

Our staff and volunteers are experts in their field, with L4/5 bike mechanics qualified to deliver qualifications, L2-5 coaching staff able to run progressive skills courses and coach/ leadership qualifications. They are also very experienced leaders in community settings/ trusted adults. Many of our staff/ volunteers live in the under-served communities we work in and have lived experience.

Our organisation has an established track record of working with young offenders over a period of 15+ years.

More recently, over the past 2 years we have been involved in the GM VRU partnership delivering bike maintenance sessions and leading on community events.

We have also established a weekly bike maintenance workshop in partnership with the Youth Justice and Targeted Youth Support Team in Bolton to offer training for up to 4 young offenders.

As part of our involvement with the recent Ministry of Justice Sport fund we developed additional partnerships with Bolton Council Complex Safeguarding & Youth Justice Service, Bolton Probation Service and Bolton Social Services. Outcomes through this project were:

- 8 young people receiving weekly bike maintenance training;
- 6 young people receiving weekly mountain bike skills training;
- 4 girls becoming the first Muslim Junior mountain bike leaders in the country;
- 2 young girls progressing to volunteering.

Explain how the grant will be spent

The grant will be spent on:

Staffing - project manager; admin, bike mechanics and coaching staff

Venues- full cost recovery of bike hub for workshops/ sessions to take place

- entrance to climbing/bouldering walls

Insurance- full cost recovery of our PL/ EL insurance

Training/ Qualifications/ Accreditation

Transport- costs associated with transporting participants/ volunteers and equipment to off- site venues.

Equipment/ clothing - bikes, safety equipment

Bike parts- replacement/ small items to repair/ maintain bikes

Incentives- small items, for example bike tools, water bottles, logoed clothing for participants.

Refreshments- snacks and drinks to refuel participants/ volunteers

Will you be receiving funding from any other sources for this project?

Yes

Do all staff have enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks? If no please state why.

Yes

Reason why not all staff have DBS checks.

Total funding requested in this application (£10,000 to £80,000 with a maximum of £40,000 in one year)

£63400		
Proposed grant start date	Proposed grant duration in months	
10/01/2024	24	
How much funding is required each year?		
Year 1	Year 2	
£33200	£30200	
What was your organisation's expenditure in the most recent financial year?	What was your organisation's annual income in the most recent financial year?	
£132198	£204408	
What value of unrestricted reserves did your organisation have at the end of the most recent financial year? £40524		