



Youth Environmental Action Fund Supporting notes for 2016

The Green Futures **Youth Environmental Action Fund** is being run by YDMT, on behalf of the Green Futures programme partnership. Green Futures and the Youth Environmental Action Fund is funded by the Big Lottery Fund as part of '[Our Bright Future](#)' a UK-wide portfolio of 31 projects helping young people step up and take what is rightfully theirs: a healthy planet, a thriving economy and a brighter future.

[Green Futures](#) aims to support and develop environmental opportunities for young people in the Yorkshire Dales and surrounding area through:

- creating and developing young peoples' interest in and connection to the environment;
- promoting and supporting practical action;
- developing environmental skills and leadership;
- creating young green mentors and role models in the community.

The Youth Environmental Action Fund application form and supporting notes are available electronically from www.ydmt.org

Aims and objectives of the Green Futures Youth Environmental Action Fund

The Youth Environmental Action Fund will provide funding and support for groups of young people to develop and deliver small scale practical environmental action or environmental awareness raising projects. The young people must be:

- aged 11-24 years;
- based in the Yorkshire Dales National Park (including the new extension areas) or areas of North Yorkshire, Lancashire and parts of Cumbria bordering the Yorkshire Dales National Park (including the Forest of Bowland and Nidderdale AONB areas) or areas of Bradford, Keighley & Leeds (West Yorkshire) and north-east Lancashire within an hour's travel of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

What can you spend the Green Futures Youth Environmental Action Fund on?

The Youth Environmental Action Fund is intended to support the aims of the Green Futures project, part of the wider Our Bright Future portfolio, by enabling young people to take practical action in and for the environment. Money is available to support projects that:

- improve or enhance the local natural environment or
- develop environmental awareness raising projects in local communities.

The money can be used to run events, meetings or workshops, or purchase resources for practical environmental work.

You can apply for 100% of the total project cost. The minimum grant is £50 up to a maximum of £1000. Groups can receive grants for several projects over the life of Green Futures (2016 – 2020) but the total amount of grant received cannot exceed £2000.

To apply for a Green Futures Youth Environment Action Fund you must:

- be a group of young people aged between 11 and 24 years;

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- be interested in developing an environmental awareness raising or practical environmental project in your local community;
- have an income of less than £15,000 per year (averaged over the last 3 years). Income is any money the group has received including grants, subscriptions and donations;
- be wanting to run a project in the Yorkshire Dales National Park (including the new extension areas) or areas of North Yorkshire, north-east Lancashire and parts of Cumbria bordering the Yorkshire Dales National Park or areas of Bradford, Keighley & Leeds (West Yorkshire) within an hour's travel of the Yorkshire Dales National Park;
- be able to spend the money by 31st March 2020;
- be willing to allow future monitoring of the project by Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust;
- complete the application form giving more information about your group and the project you would like to do. If you need help doing this get in touch with the Green Guardians Project Officer.

If you are not sure if your group is able to apply then please contact the Green Guardians Project Officer at YDMT.

Please return the form and all supporting information to:

Green Futures, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, Main Street, Clapham, North Yorks, LA2 8DP.

Or email them to sarah.deane@ydmtd.org You can also use this email to get more information or help.

What happens next?

- All applicants will be contacted by the Green Guardians Project Officer at YDMT.
- All applications which meet the criteria for the fund will be assessed and taken to our Youth Environmental Action Fund panel. The panel, including at least two young people, will take a decision on the application. The panel will meet at least once every three months.
- You will be contacted within two weeks of the panel assessment by our staff who, if you have been successful, will then guide you through the rest of the process and support you in the development of your project.
- Please bear in mind that applicants are competing for limited funds so we may not be able to support as many projects as we would like.

The Youth Environmental Action Fund will NOT be able to fund the following:

- any party political activity
- religious activities that are accessible only to people of a particular faith
- any money that has already been spent on your project

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Green Futures Youth Environmental Action Fund (YEOF) – Flowchart

