

## **CashBack for Communities Youth Work Fund**

### **Project Spotlights**

Organisation - The Hut (SCIO) (formerly Temple/Shafton Youth Project)

CashBack award - £7833.00

Area - Glasgow North West

Project name - Late night Drop in

#### **1. Tell us about the work of your organisation (100-200 words)**

**The Hut (formerly Temple/Shafton Youth Project) has been based in the G13 area of Glasgow now for over 35 years. The project Leader has been around for 21 years. We are very much a generic youth project aiming to give young people a place that is safe, fun and friendly. A place that allows them to make decisions and gives them a voice in the community. We operate Monday to Friday at present but do like to open at weekends when possible and appropriate.**

#### **2. Tell us about your CashBack project (100-200 words)**

**Our application was for late night provision Friday and Saturday. Saturday has become a “no go” with very poor numbers resulting in stopping the group some months ago due to the group, mainly boys, moving on. Fridays we are attracting around 40 over the night but mainly the under 12 age range. We have between 12 and 18 secondary age young people.**

**We have been running other sessions to keep these young people involved after my chat with Jane about reworking the budget. Kayaking was something the hardcore group of girls wanted, so we do that on Thursdays, thus still keeping the Friday group on.**

**We are working with the girls to become junior leaders, so they can have the opportunity to be in the project every night we are open.**

#### **3. How is it going so far? (100-200 words)**

**Very slowly at present they have decided after Christmas they want to do skiing so we are looking at this for them up to March.**

**They are very enthusiastic about working with the primary 5 to 7 age groups and this is going well.**

**It is a case of time and seeing what direction they want to go. Their numbers in their groups are up and down.**

#### **3. What impact do you hope it will have? (100-200 words)**

We have been told by a couple of parents that all they talk about is working the groups so that is an amazing positive. They have certainly grown in their confidence so long may that continue.

Hopes: Keep them a long time within the project, The project is here to support them to adulthood. They become better citizens and have a voice within the community, and we are definitely on the right path with this. They serve teas and coffees at community council meetings we hold.

**4. Any highlights that you can share? (100-200 words)**

I think seeing them being respected at the community council meetings and speaking up.

How they support the young children in the project.

Their confidence on the water at Pinkston kayaking and paddleboarding.

Hopefully you will see how they respond to talking about their passion for the project.

**5. How important is CashBack funding generally for your work with young people? (100-200 words)**

I think like every organisation it is vital that we attract money to the project. We have been very fortunate that Cash back has been great for us and the other benefits of being linked to Youth Link Scotland.

The problem is that this is the first time we have had to change direction during the funding period, I do know we are not the only group.

No CashBack funding no late-night drop-in place it's so simple.