



Social Action Grants

Information

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In this document, difficult words are in **bold**. We explain what these words mean in the sentence after they have been used.

Introduction



In this booklet, we will talk about ‘young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)’ and young disabled people. We recognise that young people have difference preferences that might not be reflected in this language.



The SEND Local Offer, Greater Manchester Youth Network (GMYN), and Young Manchester are organisations that have been working together to create more opportunities for young disabled people to do **youth voice** and **youth-led social action**.



Youth voice is when young people have a say about things that are important to them and affect their lives, and adults listen to them.



Youth-led social action is when young people work together to make a positive change to a problem they care about.



We have **grants** available for young people with SEND to do social action projects.

A **grant** is funding to help pay for the work you are doing.



We are working with some young people called the Changemakers, from GMYN.

They will decide which projects get funding.



Together we want to see:

- more young disabled people leading their own social action projects
- young disabled people making decisions about how money should be spent

What funding is available

There are different sized grants available. You can ask for these amounts:



- Small grants between £500 - 750
- Medium grants between £1000 - £1500
- Large grants between £2000 - £3000

There is a total of £20,000 available.



The grants are for youth-led social action projects that:



- empower young people with SEND to have a say on issues that are important to them
- make a positive change for young people with SEND in Manchester



Project can happen anytime between 1st December 2023 - 1st September 2024

What kind of projects can ask for funding



Be **youth-led**

Youth-led means young disabled people are in charge of making decisions about the project.



Be **social action** projects.

Social action means having a positive impact on other young people in Manchester with SEND



Be for young people aged 11-25 years old.

The projects **cannot** be only for 18-25 year olds



Be for young people who live in Manchester

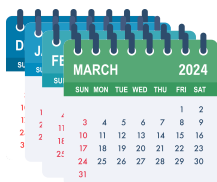


Must not be delivered as part of school or college, or during school hours.

How will we decide what to fund



A group of young disabled people called The Changemakers will look at proposals and decide which projects to fund.



The group will meet between every 4 - 6 weeks to look at applications

The Changemakers are interested in funding projects that:



- Show how young people will have a say in the project
- Address social isolation
- Support mental health and well-being
- Build confidence when travelling and using public transport

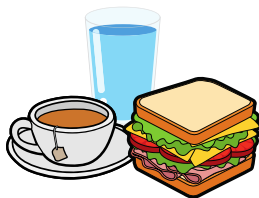
What will we pay for



Things you will use or need for your project



Travelling to and from places



Food and drinks for people getting involved



Food and travel for **volunteers** - these are people who work without getting paid.



DBS checks - these say whether you are allowed to work with children or vulnerable adults



Staffs wages, including delivery staff and management costs.

How to get the funding



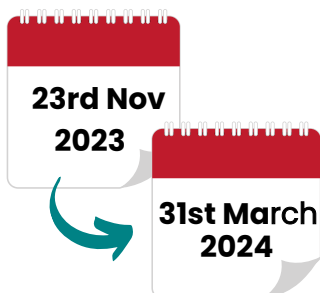
To get the funding you need to:

Be group of young people with SEND who are 11 - 25 years old



Be supported by a **not for profit organisation** that has:

- A constitution or governing document
- A bank account in your organisations name
- Be committed to equality and inclusion
- Be committed to supporting young disabled people to lead on projects



Complete the application form and send it to us between 23rd November 2023 - 31st March 2024

We will give out money on a rolling basis, so apply early to make sure you don't miss out!



You should send us your application form at least 6 weeks before you want your project to start.



You will need to:

- Fill out a written application form
- Record a short video talking about your application (up to 1 minute 30 seconds long)



Send your form and video to

applications@youngmanchester.org

You can also share your video by WhatsApp to
07593 558 198



If you would like additional support with your application, GMYN can offer in-person workshops to guide you through the process:

- An 'Introduction to Social Action' presentation
- Guidance on completing the form
- Up to four (4) sessions, providing more support to turn your ideas into a finished application.

Email Trystan: trystan.kent@gmyn.co.uk



If you have any questions or need help with the form you can contact Rachel:

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