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Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF091/T2

To establish a training programme for unemployed young people to qualify as Youth Workers and Youth Leaders in the Amman Valley.

This bid has been developed to 'Assist Voluntary Sector providers' and to 'Enhance Existing Council Services', working in close association with Canolfan Maerdy and the NPTCBC Youth Services Manager.

The funding will be used to develop Youth Apprenticeships where communities 'grow their own' with the assistance of Adult Learning Wales and NPTCBC 'Kick-start' Employment Services. 5 trainees to gain employment and qualification to Level 2 in a youth work setting and a further 20 to gain qualification in First Aid and youth work.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. It builds upon an earlier pilot scheme which consulted with 650 young people. The earlier pilot staged Youth Camps, open air cinema, café sessions, sports and outdoor activities organised by the young people themselves. The project to train NEETs young people as Youth Workers was conceived from the earlier initiative. This bid seeks to further support the development of trainees and volunteers to extend youth work in the Amman valley.

The long term community benefits associated with the training and employment will be the provision of specialist support and activities to being made available to those that are most vulnerable and are at risk of disengagement. This has been a problem which has been aggravated during the pandemic.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC. Long term the scheme is dependent upon seeking further funding both to secure its position within the Amman Valley and its roll out across NPTCB.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £5,280.00, which is the full cost of three training packages offered by Adult Learning Wales. The Applicant, Councillor Sonia Reynolds would wish to contribute £3,666 from her Members Fund to the project. The funding shortfall of £1,614 is available from ALW Branch funds and Course fees.

The project proposal is recommended for approval and financial support under the Members Community Fund.