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| **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**  **Safer Sandwell Partnership Young People’s Community Cohesion Project 2024/25**  **PROJECT DETAILS** |
| Sandwell MBC on behalf of the Safer Sandwell Partnership are inviting local Voluntary and Community Sector organisations (definition [**here**](https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/downloads/download/425/definition-of-the-voluntary-and-community-sector)) to express their interest in applying for a grant of up to **£35,000** to deliver a project in up to 8 Sandwell secondary schools, including an Alternative Provision, through the themes of sport, music, spoken word or other suitable innovative activities to promote community cohesion, prevent hate crime, and prevent radicalisation.  For further information and/or to submit completed expression of interest form, please email: [community\_safetyteam@Sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:community_safetyteam@Sandwell.gov.uk)  The closing date is **3:00pm** on **Friday 26 July** |
| **PROJECT DESCRIPTION** |
| The Safer Sandwell Partnership would like to invite expressions of interest from community sector organisations or not for profit organisations to successfully deliver a project in up to 8 Sandwell secondary schools, including an Alternative Provision, through the themes of sport, community singing, spoken word or other suitable innovative activities to promote community cohesion, prevent hate crime, and prevent radicalisation with young people. |
| **DELIVERY PERIOD** |
| Projects should be age appropriate for groups of pupils in year 7-9 and take place between September 2024 – March 2025.  Schools will be determined by the Safer Sandwell Partnership. |
| **FUNDING** |
| A grant of up to £35,000 which is provided by the West Midlands Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, and will be allocated on behalf of the Safer Sandwell Partnership, by Sandwell Council  Payment of the grant will be paid in arrears on a quarterly basis over two financial quarters. You will be required to provide quarterly monitoring returns. |
| **ELIGIBILITY** |
| Interested organisations funded must be able to demonstrate during the application process robust policies and procedures in place including safeguarding, health and safety, and equality and diversity as well as appropriate financial management procedures. Staff or volunteers delivering the project will be expected to have a recent enhanced DBS.  Successful organisations will go through a process of due diligence.  There will be a two-stage application process in place which will comprise of:   * Stage 1 – Expression of Interest (EOI) Form * Stage 2 – Presentation\*   \**At the Presentation, applicants who progress through Stage 1 will be invited to pitch their projects to a panel from the Safer Sandwell Partnership highlighting how the project will achieve the intended impact and to identify outputs, outcomes and associated measures that will be effective in measuring the change* |
| **PROJECT AIMS** |
| The aims of the project will be to:   * Foster an understanding and respect of diverse cultures and communities * Promote inclusion of pupils of all backgrounds including race, religion/faith, disability, sexual orientation, transgender identity * Challenge stereotypes * Break down barriers to community cohesion * Tackle influences such as social media, conspiracy theories and promote online safety. * Achieve the vision of pupils respecting the differences communities have and appreciating that ‘we have more in common than that which differentiates us’ * Gather young people’s voices and views to help inform Sandwell’s Community Cohesion Strategy |
| **PROJECT OUTCOMES** |
| Pupils will:   * Have a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by different communities and groups, including those related to religion, race, disability, sexual orientation, and transgender identity * Understand the importance of reflecting on and addressing any unconscious biases or stereotypes, and the importance of judging individuals based on their character and contributions rather than outward appearances. * Have increased awareness of online safety and how to identify content online which aims to promote hate. * Generate ideas on strategies to promote community cohesion in Sandwell.   Also   * Identify pupil champions in each school to reinforce the messages and promote community cohesion going forward. * Have a measurable impact on reducing hate related incidents in schools. |

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| **APPLICATION FORM**  **SECTION 1: YOUR ORGANISATION** | | | | | |
| **Unique reference number (office use only)** | | |  | | |
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| **1.1** | **Details of your Organisation** | | | | |
| Organisation Name | |  | | | |
| Address | |  | | | |
| Post code | |  | | | |
| Website | |  | | | |
| **1.2** | **Contact for this Application** | | | | |
| Name | |  | | | |
| Position | |  | | | |
| Contact Number | |  | | | |
| Email | |  | | | |
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| **1.3** | Does your organisation have voluntary or charitable status or is a not-for-profit organisation? | | |  |  |
| **1.4** | Does the organisation have a constitution and bank account? | | |  |  |
| **IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED ‘NO’ TO 1.3, OR 1.4, YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** | | | | | |
| **SECTION 2: PROJECT DELIVERY** | | | | | |
| **2.1** | Please provide brief background details about your organisation (e.g. aims, experience or track record of delivering projects of a similar scale **[no more than 1000 words]** | | | | |
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| **2.2** | Tell us how the project intends to deliver against the aims and outcomes of the project **[no more than 1000 words]** | | | | |
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| **2.3** | How do you propose to deliver the project? (include your approach and capacity to deliver, how you plan to work with pupils of different ages and backgrounds, a timeline of key activities) **[no more than 1000 words]** | | | | |
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| **2.4** | Rationale for funding – How will your project align with the below aims of the Young People’s Community Cohesion Project | | | | |

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| ***Foster an understanding of different communities*** |  |
| ***Promote inclusion of pupils of all backgrounds*** |  |
| ***Challenge stereotypes*** |  |
| ***Tackle influences such as social media, conspiracy theories and promote online safety.*** |  |
| ***Break down barriers to community cohesion*** |  |
| ***Achieve the vision of pupils ‘respecting the differences communities have and appreciating that we have more in common than that which differentiates us’*** | . |
| ***Gather young people’s voices and views to help inform Sandwell’s Community Cohesion Strategy*** |  |

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| **2.5** | How will you evaluate the impact of the activities/services? How will you measure this at the end of the project? (Include surveys and case studies where necessary) **[no more than 1000 words]** | | | | | |
| **Also, please complete.**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Intended outcomes** | | | ***Outcome description*** | ***How will this be recorded/measured?*** | | Number of schools taking part |  | | Number of young people taking part |  | | Feedback and evaluation from young people |  | | Feedback and evaluation from schools |  | | Feedback and evaluation from Police schools’ officers |  | | | | | | | |
| **SECTION 3: STRATEGIC OUTCOMES** | | | | | | |
| **3.1** | | Tell us how your project will contribute to at least **one** of the Safer Sandwell Partnership’s priorities in the Community Safety Strategy and Delivery Plan 2022-26. Full details can be found [**here**](https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/community-safety/safer-sandwell-partnership) | | | | |
| ***Prevent violence and exploitation.***  ***Reduce offending, reoffending, and serious organised crime.***  ***Prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.***  ***Cross Cutting Priority 1: Protect and support vulnerable victims.***  ***Cross Cutting Priority 2: Tackling substance misuse - saving lives and reducing crime.***  ***Cross Cutting Priority 3: Serious violence duty*** | | | | | | |
| **SECTION 4: FINANCE** | | | | | | |
| Please use this table to indicate what the grant aid will be spent on (e.g. salaries, activities, etc). Please give some thought as to how you will realistically spend or apportion any grant aid before completing this section. You can include details of any in-kind contribution provided by your organisation. | | | | | | |
| **Item** | | | **Breakdown/Calculation of Expenditure Items** | Grant Amount Requested | In Kind Contribution | Total Project  Cost |
| Staff Costs (please specify-Including hourly rate)  Volunteers expenses (e.g. travel, etc. please specify) | | |  | £ | £ | £ |
| Play Equipment/Resources | | |  | £ | £ | £ |
| Premises costs  (e.g. venue hire etc. - please specify) | | |  | £ | £ | £ |
| Marketing and Promotion | | |  | £ | £ | £ |
| Admin costs | | |  | £ | £ | £ |
| Other costs (please detail) | | |  | £ | £ | £ |
| TOTAL | | |  | £ | £ | £ |

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| **SECTION 5: DECLARATION OF RELATIONS** | | |
| Please note: Should you provide any information under this section; it will only be used for the sole purpose of grant administration for this programme only. | | | |
| Please include the name and details of any:   * Sandwell Council officer * Councillor * Relative * Close associate of any Sandwell Council officer or Councillor who: * Is a member of your managing body or paid staff. * Is (to your knowledge) a relative or close associate of any of your management members or senior staff. * Is (to your knowledge) likely to derive any direct personal benefit or advantage either financial or in kind from the award of this funding. | | |
| **Please give names and details if relevant:** | | |
| **Name** | | **Nature of involvement** |
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| **Declaration** | | |
| **I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief (choose one):** | | |
|  | I have listed above the names of Sandwell Council Officers or Councillors with an involvement in this project or grant application | |
|  | No Sandwell Council Officers, or elected members have any involvement in this project or application | |

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| |  | | --- | | **SECTION 6: DATA PROTECTION** | | The Data Controller for any personal information held for this purpose is Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury B69 3DB, Tel 0121 569 2200.  The Data Protection Officer can be contacted at the above address and through email at:  [dataprotection\_officer@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection_officer@sandwell.gov.uk).  Any personal information on this form/section where you have given us consent to use, will ONLY be used for the purpose stated and for no other. For unsuccessful applications, personal data will only be kept for maximum of 12 months. For successful applications, in accordance with financial regulations data will be retained for a maximum of 7 years in line with our Document Retention procedures. Where you have not provided us with consent that information will not be used by the Council.  Any personal information provided under consent will only be used and shared for the purposes outlined on this form, however when a legal duty is placed upon the Council then the Council will consider the sharing of your information in accordance with that duty (e.g. police, etc.).  You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time, should you wish to do so please contact: [community\_safetyteam@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:community_safetyteam@sandwell.gov.uk) | |     **SECTION 7: DECLARATION OF SIGNATORY** | |
| I confirm that the organisation named in Section 1 of this application form has authorised me to sign this agreement.  I certify that the information given in this application is true and confirm that the enclosures are current, accurate and adopted or approved by our organisation.  I understand that any offer of grant funding will be subject to grant conditions and we confirm that the organisation has the power to accept this grant if the application is successful and to repay it if the grant conditions are not met.  I have not altered or deleted the original wording and structure of this application form as originally provided or added to it in any way.  I give consent to Sandwell Council holding and sharing of any personal data provided for the sole purpose of grant administration.  I understand that completing this form is not a guarantee of receiving the funding.  I understand that the funding panel’s decision is final and that there is no right to appeal. | |
| **Print Name** |  |
| **Position in Organisation** |  |
| **Signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |

**Before submitting please check you have: Answered all questions, signed the form and attach any requested supporting documentation by deadline date. Incomplete or late applications will be rejected.**

**Email the completed form to:** [**community\_safetyteam@sandwell.gov.uk**](mailto:community_safetyteam@sandwell.gov.uk)