



## Saddleworth and Lees District Executive Funding Application 2014/2015

### SECTION A

Please note that this section of the application will be made part of the District Executive's public reports and be available on our website at [www.oldham.gov.uk](http://www.oldham.gov.uk)

NAME OF ORGANISATION REQUESTING FUNDING (must be same as on Section B):

**Dovestone Youth Rangers**

PROJECT TITLE (must be same as on Section B):

Dovestone Youth Rangers

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT REQUIRING FUNDING setting out: what the project will deliver. Who will benefit, and how? How many people will benefit etc. Please provide as much detail as possible and continue on a separate sheet if required.

**The Dovestone Youth Rangers are a voluntary organisation working to provide enjoyable environmental education for young people in and around the Saddleworth area. The group currently provides access for 12 members aged between 11-19 years, and it is free to join. The mix of young people are from varying backgrounds and includes young people with complex emotional and behavioural needs, there is currently a waiting list to join. Over the past two years, the group have worked to receive numerous environmental awards such as Saddleworth Youth Volunteers, National Parks Youth Volunteers of the year, and have also featured on BBC Countryfile. The members are also linked to the PeakDistrict Youth Forum and attend residential events. Initially the group focussed solely on environmental issues at Dovestone, but as the project has developed we have grown to engage in environmental projects across Saddleworth. Most recently, this has included a gardening programme at Wood Square Sheltered Housing, Greenfield. Working alongside the older generation has generated a mutually beneficial partnership for the young people and the residents as well as teaching new skills and focusing on the environment.**

**The Rangers have also been involved in tidying up the community graveyard at Delph, where they have helped to return the remembrance garden to its former glory, and our current project is helping to develop a nature walk in Diggle which in time will be available for the wider community to experience and enjoy. As the Rangers reputation grows, we are receiving more and more requests to deliver environmental projects in partnership with other groups around Saddleworth including Saddleworth West and Lees. This will ensure the Rangers experience a vast range of environmental education, and help continue community partnerships which benefit the wider population also.**

**The staff who run the group are all experienced and qualified youth workers and teachers with up to date DBS checks, and they work voluntarily.**

**We are currently looking for funding to continue to run the present group successfully and also to increase the number of members to 20.**

**The Rangers need to acquire various essential equipment such as gardening tools, wheelbarrows, protective clothing, maps, compasses etc. We also need transport**

costs as we branch out further across Saddleworth and engage in projects further afield. As previously stated the group has also been given the opportunity to develop a nature walk in Diggle in partnership with Diggle Residents Association and Diggle Diggers and require funding to provide essential equipment and resources to start this particular project. This project is to be built in stages and funding for stage 1 has been granted by the Kerrching. Further funding will pay for the next stage plus the costs for all the other projects.

Total Project Cost	£5,200
Amount requested from the District Executive	£3,200

**HAVE YOU ALREADY RECEIVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNCIL OR ANY OTHER SOURCE FOR THIS PROJECT IN THE LAST 2 YEARS?**

**YES**

**IF YES PLEASE GIVE DETAILS BELOW:**

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDING</b>	<b>AMOUNT RECEIVED £</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Kerrching	£2,000	1/7/16

Please check that you have included all the necessary enclosures and return this form to your District Co-ordinator **Lisa Macdonald, Uppermill Library - upstairs office, St Chads, High Street, Uppermill, OL3 6AP**

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