

**Outdoor Learning and Adventurous Activities Fund  
PROSPECTUS  
2018 – 2019**



## Young Manchester Prospectus

### Outdoor Learning and Adventurous Activities Fund

Young Manchester is pleased to launch a new fund for the city, set up to engage children and young people in outdoor learning and adventurous activities. This prospectus outlines the priorities and guidelines of the grants scheme and what we are looking for from organisations who apply. The grants scheme supports the city's vision for outdoor learning – [Learning Through Adventure 2017 – 2020](#). Please download and read the strategy before putting together your applications.

We look forward to working with you to unlock new and exciting opportunities for the children and young people of Manchester.

### Outdoor Learning and Adventurous Activities Grants 2018 - 2019

#### Aim of the fund:

**“To provide outdoor learning and adventurous activity opportunities for young people aged 8 – 19 years (up to 25 for those young people with a disability)”**

For the purpose of this funding, outdoor learning and adventurous activity is defined as physical activities and experiences that:

- Normally take place outdoors, including but not restricted to: mountaineering, kayaking, climbing, orienteering, skiing, sailing, forest schools, cycling, skateboarding, camp-craft skills and learning about the natural environment outside of the classroom.
- Involve challenges that are managed safely and aim to build resilience and a sense of adventure among children and young people.

#### Key Information

- Funding for the delivery of adventurous activity provision for children and young people aged 8–19 years (up to 25 for those young people with a disability)
- Call for applications: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Closing date for applications: 5pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (six weeks from opening of the fund)
- For voluntary and community sector organisations working with young people
- Organisations must be based in Manchester and/or mainly working with Manchester residents
- Funding available for revenue – delivery of services only.
- Bids are invited for between £500 and £2,000
- Funding to be used by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

- Applicants can apply for funding for multiple projects. However, the maximum number of applications from one organisation should not exceed three. Each project requires a separate application form.
- Successful applicants will be required to evidence previous risk assessments created and utilised for activity with young people.

## 1. Outdoor Learning and Adventurous Activities funding

The purpose of this funding is to widen the participation and progression of young people in outdoor learning and adventure. The funding is to provide free or subsidised adventurous activities, with a particular focus on:

- Developing young people's progression and a sustained interest in outdoor learning and adventurous activities.
- Increasing the numbers of young people from low income families and vulnerable young people taking part in outdoor learning and adventurous activities.
- Providing an opportunity for young people to "learn away from home" in a residential setting (including camping).

The funding will be used to support the delivery of the:

[Manchester Outdoor Learning and Adventurous Activity Strategy \(2017\)](#)  
[Valuing Young People Strategy \(2016\)](#) and the [Our Manchester Strategy \(2017\)](#).

Through this grant programme we expect children and young people to achieve the following outcomes:

- Be able to achieve their aspirations and expectations
- Be able to lead healthier and more active lifestyles
- Be able to participate in decision making processes
- Be ready for work and lifelong learning
- Be involved in meaningful, enjoyable positive activities
- Be safe from harm
- Have increased access to outdoor learning and adventurous activities opportunities

## 2. Grant Objectives

Grant applications must demonstrate how they will meet at least one of the following Objectives, which are closely linked to the [Outdoor Learning and Adventurous Activity Strategy](#):

**Objective 1:** To increase the number of young people participating in Outdoor Learning and Adventurous Activities across the city.

**Objective 2:** To increase the numbers of young people progressing from 'taster' sessions to sustain involvement in Outdoor Learning and Adventurous Activities

**Objective 3:** To increase access the number of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and vulnerable young people in Outdoor Learning and Adventurous Activities.

Grant applicants should demonstrate how the grant objectives will help to achieve the Our Manchester, Our Children Outcomes, which are at the centre of every piece of work that Young Manchester commissions:

1. Safe
2. Happy
3. Healthy
4. Successful

### **3. Activities and organisations we will fund**

This funding is for the delivery of new activities that aim to support young people's interest in outdoor adventure.

Examples of the types of things we will and will not fund are listed below.

#### **What we will fund:**


- Activity sessional costs including professional/instructor fees. For example, the types of things this could include are; weekend sessions at a climbing centre, evening sessions at a ski slope, learning how to sail in the school holidays.
- Outdoor residential centre costs - Young Manchester recognise that Manchester City Council own Ghyll Head outdoor residential centre in Cumbria and encourage the use of this facility by Manchester residents but marking of applications won't be affected if you decide to use another residential centre to meet your needs.
- Transport Costs
- Staff salaries
- Volunteer expenses
- Refreshments

*\* Take a look at Appendix 4 of [Learning through Adventure](#) for a list of Outdoor Learning and Adventurous Activities providers across the city.*

#### **What we will not fund:**

- Purchase of vehicles or property
- Building renovation/repair costs
- Equipment

All costs must be reasonable and it must be clear how all expenditure directly meets the needs of young people. Ideally, we want applicants to maximise the impact of a grant through combining it with their own resources and/or using it to attract external funding.

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To be eligible for funding your organisation must:

- Have a constitution
- Be a not-for-profit organisation – this includes voluntary, community and faith organisations, co-operatives and mutual societies, non-governmental organisations which are value driven and which principally invest their surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives
- Be an established provider of youth or play services based in Manchester, or mainly working with Manchester residents.
- Provide opportunities for children and young people/service users to be involved in the management and or decision – making processes in your organisation.
- Demonstrate a commitment to equality and inclusion

You cannot apply if you are:

- A private sector, or “for profit” organisation
- A public sector organisation i.e. local authority, education institution, health authority etc.

#### **4. Funding**

There is a maximum of £40,000 available to spend on Outdoor Learning and Adventurous Activity for the city through this fund. Bids are invited for between £500 and £2,000. Funding must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

Funding will be paid in full shortly after the grant has been awarded

#### **5. How to Apply**

You can apply for this funding by completing an application form and sending it to Young Manchester's application inbox at [applications@youngmanchester.org](mailto:applications@youngmanchester.org)

- Please make sure you read the guidance notes carefully
- The deadline for applications is 5pm on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018.
- You will receive an acknowledgement of our receipt of your application
- Decisions will be made and communicated to all applicants by 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

#### **6. How decisions will be made**

All applications will be scored and ranked by a panel, comprising of Employees of Young Manchester and representatives of Manchester City Council.

We are intending to fund a good mix of proposals across the city and covering all of the objectives of this funding. This may mean that applications that score well are not funded – for example if there is already a lot of similar provision in the same area of the city.

#### **7. What will happen after the decisions have been made**

All applicants will be notified by email as to whether their application has been

successful or not and we will provide written feedback, on request. There is no appeals process.

Successful applicants will be required to submit the documentation set out in the application form. If we need to ask you to change your approach in order to fill a gap, or reduce overlap with another application we will arrange to meet with you.

We will send you a grant agreement with our terms and conditions for you to sign and return.

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## **8. Monitoring and evaluation**

We expect you to keep records of how many young people have used your service and demographic data including age, gender, faith/belief, ward of residence.

You must keep financial records demonstrating how you have used the grant funding.

You must collect sufficient information to enable you to compile a report at the end of the project demonstrating the impact the grant funding has made. We will be asking for a two page report on who attended, what activities they did, what were the highlights, what were the outcomes and learning and what would you do differently next time around.

## **9. Support with your application**

For any questions you have about Manchester City Council's Outdoor Learning Strategy (2017) Dave Naraynsingh at Manchester City Council can be contacted on [d.naraynsingh@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:d.naraynsingh@manchester.gov.uk)

For support in putting together a strong application, the following websites will be of use:

### **Manchester Community Central**

<http://www.manchestercommunitycentral.org>

### **Grantnet**

A Beginner's Guide to Successfully Securing Grant Funding

<http://www.grantnet.com/HelpfulReports/securingfunding.pdf>

### **Directory of Social Change**

<http://www.dsc.org.uk>

### **Big Lottery**

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/funding-guidance/applying-for-funding>

### **Know How Non-Profit**

<http://knowhownonprofit.org/>

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For any questions you may have about the fund, please contact Young Manchester on [enquiries@youngmanchester.org](mailto:enquiries@youngmanchester.org)

**Good luck with your applications!**

