



**PLATFORM
FOR
CHANGE**

Legacy Fund

Application

Process and Criteria





The Platform for Change Legacy Fund invites applications from young people in Merseyside and Kirklees who are seeking financial support, in the three key areas of focus for the legacy fund.

With an award of up to £1000, the grant is there to help young people achieve their personal goals and ambitions, such as developing their skills or overcoming barriers they are facing. This fund is designed to financially support young people who wish to run a project or activity in their area for other young people to make a difference, create social change, and have a social impact. Without such assistance, some young people may miss out on life-changing opportunities.



Who Can Apply

Successful applicants must meet the following application criteria:

- Young people aged 14–24 years at the time of application with an ambition or specific opportunity that can be achieved in 6 – 12 months.
- Resident of Merseyside or Kirklees, West Yorkshire.
- A member of a group, that can provide support to manage the funds This can be a sports club, youth group, charity, or community group. Where this is not possible, then ES will step in and lend that support to that young person, and a contract agreement will be created.
- Able to demonstrate why the grant would make a difference in achieving the goal in question and how financial need or circumstances would stop them from being able to meet their goal.
- Be able to evidence the impact of the award.

How to Apply

We welcome applications in any format, all we ask is that it answers the questions in our application form. You can apply online, by video, a drawing, writing – whatever works best for you! All applications received will meet the same degree of acceptance, traditional application methods will not be favoured.

There are three target areas of the Legacy Fund and each one will have a separate deadline, make sure your application meets the correct deadline!

Please contact us if you have any questions or if you need support in completing your application.



What Happens Next

Once we receive your application, we will assess its suitability before arranging a visit or call from the Legacy Fund Manager to meet you and your sponsor organisation.

Once all applications are in, a panel will meet and successful applications will be shortlisted. Shortlisted applicants will then be invited to interview to discuss their application and answer the panel questions. Once completed, a decision will be made the successful applicant will be contacted, and arrangements made to access the funds.

Sponsor organisations will hold the funding on your behalf. ES will hold the funding for non-sponsored applicants.

Once you have completed your award and spent the funding, you will need to complete a monitoring and evidence report on what you achieved, and the impact your award had on yourself, the community you live in, and the young people you worked with.

Don't let this worry you - we want this to be as accessible as possible. You can create this report in any way you wish, videos, photos, art, even a TikTok! We only ask that it covers the key areas we require evidence for. The Legacy Fund team will discuss that with you if your application is successful.

To request any more information, please get in touch with us at P4C@EmployabilitySolutions.com