



The Youth Chair's Fund 2021-22

The Malvern Hills District Council Youth Chair's Fund is £1,000 that the Youth Chair is offering to fund exciting projects in the district designed by the district's young people. A group of young people can apply for up to £500, to fund short-term projects, celebrations, trips and equipment that will benefit other local young people and their communities in the district. Not sure if your area is covered by the district? (check your postcode at [My Local Area](#))

The fund enables young people to have a say in young people-focused projects that are delivered in the Malvern Hills district.

Projects must complete within one year of the funding being awarded.

What is funded?

In 2021-22 the Youth Chair is looking to fund activities and projects that address the recent crisis and support our young people in recovering from that period and moving forward. In any normal year, the fund would be allocated to projects that address some of the key issues from the [Bigger Picture Survey for young people](#); our five year plan priorities and also the issues highlighted in the 2019 Make your mark campaign and some of these will be relevant as part of the 2021-22 recovery fund as well, including:

- Mental health and wellbeing support
- Skills growth and learning for life
- Protecting the environment
- Jobs and financial stability
- More youth activities (or information about what is going on)

The youth chair expects to see applications for projects or ideas that are designed and led by young people, providing value for money, and being fully accessible and inclusive for all young people.

Who is eligible to apply?

A young person or group of young people who are aged 11-17 and live or go to school (or college) in Malvern Hills District.

You will need an adult sponsor organisation in order to apply. Please see the funding criteria below for more information.

What will the fund not support?

The fund is not for young people to set up a business, support for-profit organisations, solely benefit project applicants, staff and management costs, projects in schools that are reasonably expected to be funded by the school independently (such as a sports or cultural day or an end of year awards or celebration).

Benefits of entry

There are a wide range of skills to be gained which could help with securing future education and employment options.

By preparing and submitting your application you will develop budgeting, business and communications skills.

By pitching for funding you will develop your public speaking and interview skills.

If your project is funded you will develop project management, decision making, influencing, evaluation and team work skills.

How to apply in four simple steps

Think of a great idea. Share it with friends, groups you attend and organisations that support you to see if they think it could work. This will give your idea credibility and give you confidence to apply.

1. Work out what your project needs and how you would spend the money.
2. Complete, check and return your completed funding application form to youth@malvern hills.gov.uk. If you would like some help or guidance in completing your form please contact Claire Vaughan on 01684 862449 or email youth@malvern hills.gov.uk There are two application deadlines in 2021-22. You can either apply by Friday 1 October 2021 (round one) or by Friday 4 February 2022 (round two) in order to be considered.
3. If your application is shortlisted, you will be invited to pitch your idea to the Youth Chair and three Youth Advisors in either November 2021 for round one or March 2022 for round two. This can be done virtually or in person.
4. If your application is supported then we will be in touch to discuss next steps for the project and provide support in getting your idea off the ground.

What next?

Read through the guidance document and complete your funding application form. If you have any questions please contact Claire Vaughan, Community Engagement Officer by calling 01684 862449 or emailing youth@malvern hills.gov.uk

Sign up to updates from the Youth Chair and Advisors at www.malvern hills.gov.uk/emailalerts (and tick the box for 'youth news') or follow us on social media to stay up to date with the work of the Youth Chair and project announcements.

Funding instructions:

- Applicants can request funding of up to £500 per application.
- At least two young people are required to be named in the application.
- At least one adult sponsor (an organisation such as a youth centre or school) is required to be named in the application. An adult sponsor must be an organisation and cannot be just one individual.
- All sections of the application form must be completed.
- Projects should benefit more than 10 young people aged 11-17 (if your project has a limit of under 10 that it benefits, please state why).
- Projects must deliver their activity within the Malvern Hills District.
- If your application is shortlisted, all young people named in the application and a representative from the adult sponsor must attend the pitch session.
- If the project is successful then funding will be made via the adult sponsor.
- Projects must complete within one year of the funding being awarded.
- Project evaluations must be completed once the project is completed.
- Invoices and receipts that relate to project funding must be submitted, along with the evaluation form following completion of the project.