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**Micro-Commissioning of Youth Activities**

Durham Community Action is jointly working with the Ballinger Charitable Trust and the National Lottery Community Fund to commission youth activities to be run by small volunteer-led groups.

**Guidelines**

* Commissions will be £1,000, with a maximum of one per group
* Monies must be spent on direct delivery in support of children and/or young people
* Commissions will not be awarded to individuals
* Commissioned sums must be spent within 12 months
* Any overall project costs to which a commission is awarded must be no more than £2,000 in total, and the commission monies will only be released when the project costs have been funded in total – this is included in the 12-month expenditure period above.
* Commissioned sums must be paid to a recognised community group bank account

Where a commission to a group is not secured, advice and guidance for further development from Durham Community Action will be provided to move the project forward.

**Examples**

These are examples only and any other youth-based activity will be considered:

* Purchase of equipment or resources for young people
* A day trip to a local/regional activity
* A sessional worker to deliver activities
* Sports activities which encourage participation

**Exclusions**

* Youth organisations based outside County Durham
* Uniformed Groups
* Schools
* Older people’s organisations (inter-generational work)
* Local Authorities
* Town Councils
* Hospices

**Expression of Interest**

Please complete the short Expression of Interest form below.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to speak to the awarding panel about your project, in an online meeting at a date to be confirmed.

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| Name of your Group |
| *Please tell us about your project. (What, where and when)* |
| Please tell us about the main costs for your project. |

Please return completed forms to Craig Hampton [craig.hampton@durhamcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:craig.hampton@durhamcommunityaction.org.uk) **by Friday 12th May** – applications will be considered in June.

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