

**LEISURE BUDGET –PARTNERSHIP (3 YEAR) FUNDING. AGREEMENT
BETWEEN SOUTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL and
SOMERSET RURAL YOUTH PROJECT (SRYP)**

Introduction

The following agreement has been drawn up between SSDC, represented by the Young People's Officer, Sport Arts & Leisure Services, and SRYP, represented by the Community Programme Project worker, South Somerset.

Purpose of agreement:

To provide services that work towards the four aims of SSDC's Youth Peoples Strategy:

1. To provide stimulating things to do and place to go
2. Targeting those who are disadvantaged
3. Encouraging positive contributions
4. Supporting choice

Duration of agreement: April 2006- March 2009

Aims and Objectives of the agreement

The aim of establishing a 3-year funding agreement is to

- Plan a strategic programme of outreach rural youth work with SRYP,
- Effectively deliver elements of the emerging Young People's Strategy.
- Enable measurement against agreed targets and performance indicators.
- Ensure effective partnership working, monitoring and evaluation.
- Establish roles and responsibilities of both parties.

The agreement covers 3 areas:

- Service provided by SRYP
- Partnership working arrangements
- Support provided by SSDC

Service provided by SRYP

Through its Community Programme SRYP will:

- Facilitate the involvement of young people in the development of new youth initiatives in rural communities. A three-year programme of selected communities to be identified and agreed annually with SSDC .
- Provide a responsive service to anti-social behaviour referrals from communities, SSDC & other partners, identifying the causes and providing action plans to address them through the Youth Inclusion Programme.
- Increase youth participation in community regeneration projects
- Provide access to information and advice on issues relevant to young people and those supporting or working with them.

Partnership working

- Establish a Start Up Pack for the setting up of youth clubs.

- Facilitate the development of regular creative arts/music sessions in rural communities, working with SSDC officers and local Arts/Music Agencies.
- Prepare and submit funding bids to assist with the delivery of the SSDC Young People's Strategy, accessing funding as a Charitable Trust.
- Refer and support disadvantaged young people to take up leisure opportunities as part of the B Active Scheme (improving emotional wellbeing through activities).
- Contribute to the targets in the Young People's Strategy

SSDC support offered

- £7,000 grant agreed annually
- SSDC Young People's Officer to sit on SRYP board
- Advice and support of relevant SSDC officers, linking with expertise in different areas.
- Support with funding bids for identified projects
- Access to Play Audit results in order to use resources efficiently and effectively throughout the district to those areas identified as needing SRYP support.

Goals, Targets and Performance Measures to be monitored:

Annual Goal	PI/Measure	Target 2007/08	Monitoring
To encourage young people to be involved in the development of youth initiatives within their communities	No of communities involved	4	Quarterly audits: April, July, October, & January annually. 1 In 4 should be sustainable
	No of Young People involved	85	
	No of sustainable initiatives established	2	
To produce action plans to address anti-social behaviour referrals	Level of anti-social behaviour prior to action plan	High	Quarterly audits: April, July, October, & January annually.
	Level of anti-social behaviour after action plan introduced	50% Reduction	
Increase young people's contribution to community regeneration projects in rural areas	No of young people actively involved in community projects increased by 1% per annum	85	Quarterly audits: April, July, October, & January annually.
Increase in regular creative art sessions	Creative art project established	1	Pauline Burr to monitor
Increase the number of disadvantaged young people participating in leisure opportunities	No of young people taking part in diversionary activity schemes increased by 25%	10	Quarterly audits: April, July, October, & January annually.

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Management and Monitoring of the agreement.

- Annual report, and audited accounts to be supplied by SRYP annually in January. An annual report of the work outlined in this agreement should also be supplied.
- 6 monthly review and performance monitoring meetings (July & January) annually over the length of this agreement. .
- Action plans produced in response to anti-social behaviour referrals to be discussed with Young Peoples Officer and approach agreed.
- Any proposed changes to this agreement should be discussed at the October review meeting, to be implemented from the following April.
- A final report covering the whole period of this agreement should be produced by 1st January 2009.
- Procedures outlined in the Somerset COMPACT will be followed for resolving differences between parties of this agreement.
- Procedures outlined in the Somerset COMPACT will be followed for the termination of this agreement.

Signed:

YEAR 2

..... Date.....
SSDC, Young People's Officer, Sport & Leisure Services.

..... Date.....
SRYP, Community Programme Project worker, South Somerset.

Signed:

YEAR 3

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SSDC, Young People's Officer, Sport & Leisure Services.

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SRYP, Community Programme Project worker, South Somerset.