

Skegness Participatory Budgeting Voting Event

Projects

Project One – Alive and Kicking - £2,500

We are a social group for people with a learning disability we meet once or twice a week for social activities either theatre trips meals out social night cinema trips or ten pin bowling due to Covid the members have been very isolated but we have just returned back. Alive and Kicking helps the members retain their independence and to meet their friend socially something that we all take for granted but for someone with a learning disability this is something which they find very hard to do.

Our mini bus is vital to our group due to the area we cover we can pick up members in Skegness Spilsby Wainfleet and Mumby

Our mini bus is now costing us more in repairs than a new second hand would

Alive and Kicking cannot function without a mini bus.

Project Two – Jollies Explorer Unit - £2,400

Scouting is a youth shaped fully inclusive movement, actively engaging and supporting young people in their personal development and empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The funding would allow 20 children age 6 to 18 who would not ordinarily be able to afford a weekly club, to join scouting. Providing 18 places across the sections in 1st and 6th Skegness Scout groups and 2 places in the joint Explorer unit, for 1 year.

Skills for life

By offering free places we can provide opportunities for children to reach their full potential learning skills for life and sharing their knowledge with their peers. With many going on to become leaders themselves inspiring a whole new generation. Scouts develop skills including teamwork, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation, cultural awareness, and commitment. We help young people to get jobs, save lives and even change the world

Project Three – Lion Wrestling promotions Academy (LWP) - £2,500

The funding will be used for helping get the children off the streets providing them a safe place to train/be. We would use the money to put towards a safe space (building) for them to come offering free counselling/chat

sessions which is provided by us at LWP either as group or 1:1, drinks etc. We also aim to make it into like a youth club offering activities, guest speakers. Also providing fitness sessions etc. Also working with family from babies until teens offering a variety of activities.

To get more children off the streets, help build self-confidence by giving them skills inside and outside the ring. (Short/Long term) Safe environment to be able to talk and gain access to professional help also to be sign posted (Short term) Parent and baby groups, parent and toddler, family fitness classes (Long term goal) Youth club (Long term goal)

Project Four – Recovery - £2,160

The funding would be used to find a suitable premises/hire out rooms when necessary to be able to run recovery groups, meetings and it be a safe space away from any possible triggers . it would also cover all equipment needed to be able to run a range of different support groups. It will enable us to also be able to run coffee afternoons for those who may not be ready to start their full recovery journey just yet.

We would hope that it will give people a safe space to come if they are struggling with mental health, addiction or have queries about their current intake. We would hope it would mean less people feeling they have to 'hang' around on the streets feeling like they have no where to go. We hope to make a positive impact on Skegness as a whole as not only do we have lived experience but we know how much speaking to someone who understands can make opening up that little bit easier.

Project Five – Rainbow Dreaming CIC - £2,500

The funding will be used to provide free therapy pony visits to 15 care homes within a 20 mile radius of Skegness, who currently self-fund their activities' budget and are therefore unable to afford to use many external activity providers. This uniquely engaging experience aims to improve residents' physical & psychological health, communication, self-confidence, & general well-being, through interaction with miniature therapy ponies, all without leaving the comfort of their own four walls.

Short term aims - to improve the mental health and general well-being of the residents of 15 local care home who have been negatively affected/isolated by the restrictions placed on homes during the COVID-19 pandemic, through the use of therapy ponies.

Long term aim - to broaden the scope of the project to provide free, or heavily subsidised, visits to local hospitals and hospices, as well as to at least a third of the care homes within a 20 mile radius of Skegness.

Project Six – Rotary Club of Skegness - £1,500

To provide anti bullying workshops for the 9 local primary schools that we work with Children are suffering as a result of Covid- home schooling, school bubbles, lack of resources for personal issue as required by Covid Children are struggling with their health and wellbeing as a result of bullying by children to children less fortunate- lack of confidence, lack of funding to buy personal items for school etc Alot of parents are employed in the hospitality industry and funds are limited.

We hope that children will become united in classes again work as teams share etc. Children are being bullied both in classrooms and in the play ground the health and wellbeing of many children is at risk and we want to reverse this trend. We have provided stress free benches for play ground areas but teachers feel this will help even further and have asked for our help. These children are our future and we need to support them through these difficult times.

Project Seven – Control The Bleed - £1,440

Control the bleed kits and lock boxes, I saw on Twitter <https://controlthebleed.org.uk/> and I think with the amount of visitors we have in the town we would/could benefit from two of these in town, one outside The Hive and one outside Hildreds. These kits save lives, with the nearest A&E department 28+ miles away these are a matter of life and death in my opinion.

These kits have proven the difference between life and death, can only be something of a positive to come out of this being positioned in the right place.