



## **Irish Youth Foundation Children's Hour Grant Application Funding Criteria 2015**

The Irish Youth Foundation was founded in 1985 as an independent charitable trust dedicated exclusively to meeting the needs of vulnerable children and young people living in disadvantaged circumstances.

### **IYF vision**

The vision of Irish Youth Foundation is that all children and young people in Ireland have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

### **IYF Mission**

Our mission is to financially support projects and programmes operating in the non-formal education sector that provide opportunities, and make a positive difference to children and young people facing adversity in their lives.

Through its work, the Irish Youth Foundation supports programmes of excellence for children and young people that:

Promote the social and educational development of children and young people who are engaged in out of school projects and activities, such as after school homework clubs and projects which assist young people to make a successful transition from primary to second level education

Provide safe spaces for children and young people where their personal growth and empowerment can be promoted

Direct and implement programmes which promote positive outcomes for young people, and which provide opportunities for them to develop and to become positively engaged in their communities

In 2015 nearly 70 projects across Ireland received funding thanks to the generosity of businesses throughout the country. Employees in companies donate an hour of their pay and on average, companies raise €1,200. **This year our Children's Hour fund focuses on funding homework clubs, educational programmes and personal development programmes in the voluntary and community sector for children under 12 years of age only.**

Deadline for applications is **5pm September 17th**. If your project is successful in being shortlisted for funding you will be informed in October and the grant will be released from IYF January 2016.

Note: The IYF does not fund schools or commercial projects

Grant applications are assessed by a specialised committee and recommendations are made to the Trustees for approval. The general criteria for assessing grant applications are set out below:

CRITERIA	SCORE	OUT OF
1. Suitability of Organisation		10
2. Circumstances of Target Group		25
3. Purpose of Grant		30
4. Impact and effectiveness		25
5. Innovativeness		10
Total		100

**Notes on Criteria :**

Suitability of organisation refers to whether the applicant body works directly with children and young people or for their benefit and whether there is confidence in the work that they do. Those bodies working with marginalised and excluded children and young people are of particular interest to the Irish Youth Foundation.

Circumstances of the target group refer to the actual children and young people that the grant will be used in favour of and their particular needs taking into account their geographic location. The Irish Youth Foundation aim to help young people in every county in Ireland.

Purpose of the grant is self explanatory but attention should be given to whether the application is realistic and appropriate.

Impact and effectiveness refers to the benefits of the proposed activity and to what extent an Irish Youth Foundation grant will enable the purpose to be achieved for the benefit of the target group.

Innovativeness is trying to capture proposals which are different or novel.

### **Questions you may like to prepare in advance of online application**

What are the aims and objectives of the organisation? (100 words max)

Briefly describe its activities (100 words max)

Describe what you require funding for (100 words max)

Please give a description of your programme, project or group which you would like to attract funding for (100 words max)

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Please outline the intended benefits to children (100 words max)

### **Points to remember in completing an Irish Youth Foundation application form:**

Read the application form carefully before completing it

Only electronic applications will be accepted unless approved under special circumstances.

Be accurate and precise in your answers.

Complete all sections of the form.

The proposal should be focused and specific.

The budget should be realistic and manageable.

Do not include additional material unless requested.

### **In order to be eligible for funding the applicant must be**

#### **Working with children under the age of 12**

Have voluntary participation by young people.

Have at least 12 participants in the group.

Have been in existence more than 12 months by time of application.

Have and adhere to a child welfare policy.

Conduct activities that take place in out of school/voluntary context (not part of school curriculum).

### **Conditions of Grant upon approval**

You will complete a report according to the format supplied detailing how the grant was spent.

You agree to monitoring visits by the Irish Youth Foundation staff or their agents to observe progress and to review financial records connected to the activities financed by this grant.

The offer of a grant is conditional on the programme commencing within a three month period from the date of receipt of the grant otherwise it may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Irish Youth Foundation.

Abide by Guidelines of Best Practice for Working with Young People

The money allocated must be used specifically for the purpose for which it was approved.

Any alterations to these arrangements must be agreed in advance with the Irish Youth Foundation.

Upon approval of grant request the contract needs to be signed and returned within **60 days** or grant offer will be withdrawn.

Return your grant or remaining funds to IYF if your project can't happen or can't be completed.

**You may also be asked to provide the following**

Provide us with financial information e.g. Financial Statements, Annual Accounts.

Send us your Child Protection Policy

All queries in relation to application please contact:

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