

YouthBank Development Residential



The Young Grant Makers at YouthBank went spent the Weekend at the Lendrick Muir Centre, team building activities, and creating a new YouthBank application where the topics of the weekend. The young people had collected the views of organisations that use YouthBank Grants and have been through the process and looked at other applications similar to YouthBanks application.



The young grant makers took part in Outdoor activities such as High ropes, low ropes course and also the

Apprentice game, concentrating in working as a team. They took turns to be team leader, learning about their strengths and what skills they bring to the team.

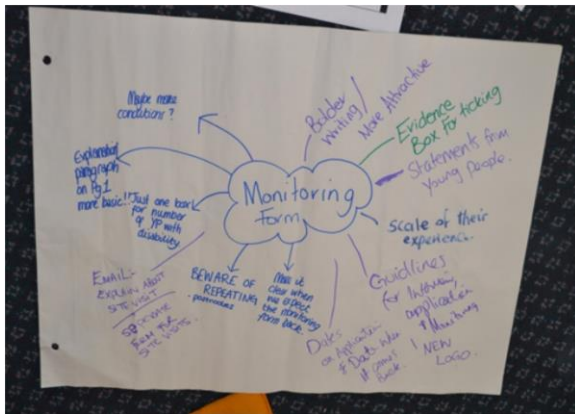
Jay: I don't normally like the Low Ropes, but I gave it ago and even went through it twice.

Daniel: We had to arrange ourselves in order of our birthday month while holding onto the ropes and we couldn't talk, it was pretty hard not to speak.



Young people looked at the comments of what other organisations and young people thought about our application, through the results from the Survey Monkey. They took other examples of other small grant applications and said what they thought worked and what didn't. They then made a proposal application to show the other the young people at YouthBank.

Along with the new application, young people also looked over the monitoring form. They had some feedback around the monitoring form, and what young people had said about filling it in. We had a big discussion on what was necessary to keep and how we could make it more desirable to fill in. Young People and staff agreed that we should encourage organisations and young people funded to be creative with the monitoring and evidence they give us back.



Josh: We need to make sure we don't overwhelm with information, and make the form look more attractive.

Nathan: It would be good if the young people gave us some quotes back of how the project went, in their own words.

The Young People throughout the weekend, displayed great leadership qualities and being team players.

We had three committees of young people attend the residential, though only coming together for grant giving and events. The young people embraced the tasks and enjoyed each other's company.

We did an evaluation on our last day, where everyone wrote on a piece of paper something positive about the others, this included staff. All of the young people really enjoyed this and was a great piece to take away from the weekend.

The weekend was a great success, in bringing together Young Grant Makers from the three committees creating positive team spirit.

The aim of the weekend was also to work on the new YouthBank application, which the young people really thrived with. They looked at the overall appearance of the application, to what they needed included to the monitoring of the successful grants.

We are now processing this information and taking it to the other Young Grant Makers.