

The Youth Investment Project And Me



So what is the Youth Investment fund?

The Youth Investment Fund was created by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport along with The Big Lottery Fund, to support growing organisations across the country. We will benefit from £275,000 over the next 3 years to help us create sustainable growth and develop the ways we work.

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Why can't we run it at a district level?



The application was made through County as minimum level of funding was £100,000 and was based mainly upon the charity annual income which, at a district level, would not have been sufficient to qualify. Running this project as a County project allows us to fill roles with other volunteers pulling in more skills and experience to allow you, the often-overworked volunteer to do what you do best, rather than adding another role to your growing lists! However, that is not to rule out you getting involved with the governance and decision making!

So what are we spending the money on?

We are spending the money on a variety of things including a small 'revamp' of your District HQs as well as a Growth & Development Officer, a part time Fundraiser, offering more support for trainings, workshops and a minibus to name only a few. We can't simply 'split it out' between groups as this would not be sustainable however, we believe the things we are investing in will allow us to support you, the volunteers along with the young people for years to come.



What is a Growth and Development Officer (GDO)?

A GDO is a paid employee who will help us facilitate new groups opening and 're-launching' others through every step, whether that is finding a venue or recruiting new volunteers. What they are not however, is a scouting expert so we would really like anyone interested from GSLs, TAs, Execs, to you to help us with supporting new and existing volunteers to make sure these projects run the full Scouting programme and feel included in the District.



What happens now?

We will be sending a newsletter every quarter and Hayley, along with the rest of the project team will become more and more visible in your area. If you ever have any concerns or queries we would invite you contact Hayley directly on growth@durhamscouts.org.uk

