

Scouting Ireland/ Scout Foundation Northern Ireland

The Northern Province Youth Team – “Make a change” Grants Scheme

Introduction

The Northern Province has always been at the fore of promoting and supporting ‘youth voice’ across all Scouting delivery undertaken across its boundaries and beyond.

Be it through promotion of PLAN, DO, REVIEW, highlighting the roles available regards ‘Youth Reps’, to the facilitation of a ‘pre-Covid’ irritation of a Provincial Youth Team supported by SFNI- listening and responding to our young people is at the very core of what Scouting offers and of what you, the Scouting Ireland groups and SFNI advocate and deliver.

With the easing of Covid restrictions late in 2021 and coinciding with the appointment of the SFNI Programme Lead in December 2021, the SFNI Board and Northern Province County Commissioner and PYRP looked at re-establishing the Northern Province Youth Team (NPYT).

A call for members to join the 2022/23 Youth Team was made across March 2022, alongside the roll out of a new model to support the development of youth teams at group level. A total of 10 youth members, representative of Scout and Venture Sections came forward, and in early April the Northern Province Youth Team met collectively for the first time.

Across 2022, the NPYT met a number of times to explore areas ranging from designing a new logo and badge to represent the Team, they reflected upon and discussed Scouting experiences and have directly engaged with SFNI and the PMST representatives present at the Provincial Planning day.

“Make a change” Grants Scheme

As part of the work the NPYT have been undertaking, the biggest and perhaps most challenging is to deliver a small grants scheme that is open and available to all groups across the Northern Province.

The **aim** of this scheme is to support a group/ section to deliver an activity or project that enhances the **delivery of ‘programme’ for its members.**

Examples of what this means includes (but not limited to):

- Purchasing specific equipment to assist in the delivery of training for all members of the group/ section.
- Supporting the delivery of an activity that develops learning and understanding for group/ section members.
- Sourcing external facilitators to deliver a project that responds to the needs of the group/ section members.

Grant available & application:

Each County within the Northern Province will be allocated one grant award totalling **£250.00**.

All Northern Province Groups/ Sections can apply for this grant, they will be required to complete an application form and provide details about how youth members have been involved in planning and provide a brief overview detailing:

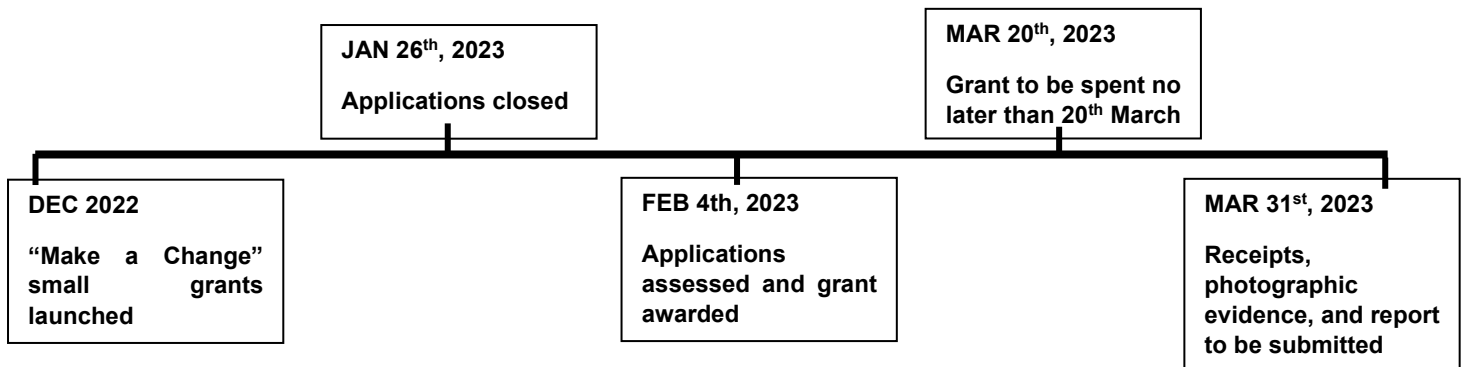
- What the grant will be used for.
- How the grant will make a difference for the group/ section.
- How many people the grant will support in making that difference.

Applications will be sorted into County’s and the **NPYT members** will assess and determine each application based on merit and the impact it will hold for the group/ section members.

One group from each County* will then be awarded the **£250 ‘Make a change’** grant and be asked to complete spending of the grant no later than the **20th March 2022**.

Application forms and more information can be received by contacting Drew – drew@sfni.org

“Make a change” timeline



The small print

- The **“Make a change”** small grants scheme is supported by SFNI through delivery by the NPYT, with finance for the grant available via The Education Authority.
- The **“Make a change”** grant is available to Northern Province Scouting Ireland groups only.
- Applications **must be submitted** before or on **Jan 26th 2023**, and provide clear evidence of how the group/section have been involved in planning and detail what the grant will be used for and how it will impact/ support group/ section members.
- *One group/ section per County will be awarded a total of £250 to deliver their proposal. If one or more County’s are not represented by groups through application, then applications received will be used to award the additional grant money available.
- The purchase of ICT equipment (Tablets/ Chromebooks) or Software Licences is **not permissible**.
- Equipment spend **may not exceed £99.99** per item and a rationale must be included for the reason for purchase.
- Groups/ Sections in receipt of the grant **will agree** to keep all **original receipts** associated with the spending of the grant, **provide photographic evidence** for delivery of the proposal, and **complete** a short **reporting/ evaluation** document regards learning and impact for youth members and Scouters in engaging with this scheme.

Make a change Small Grants

Award Scheme

SFNI/ Northern Province Youth Team

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Group/ Section name	
Group & Address	
No. of Youth Members	
No. of Scouters	
Contact Name/ Position	
Email/ Mob No.	
1) Proposal (what will the grant be used for)	
2) How will the grant make a difference?	
3) How many people will it impact?	
4) How were youth members involved in planning the proposal?	
Scouters agree to monitor all associated spending and provide original receipts	✓
Scouters agree to provide photographic evidence and a report/ evaluation document	✓

To submit the application email to drew@sfni.org

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