

Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date: 22 January 2013
Report By:	Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development	Report No: EDUCOM/13/13/MP
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Subject:	IYouthzone	

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- Advise Committee of the success of the CLD Youth Work Sub-group application to the Big Lottery for 'Our Place' funding for the IYouthZone project
- Advise Committee of the opening of the project and its formal launch on 13 December 2012
- Bring forward proposals for the ongoing monitoring and reporting of the project.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 On the 1 April 2012, the Big Lottery granted £295,000 of funding for the IYouthZone project. The application was made by the CLD Youth Work Sub-group, with the CLD Service as the lead applicant and grant recipient.

2.2 The project commenced operation during week commencing 5 November and was formally launched on 13 December 2012 at their premises at 34 Nicholson Street, Greenock.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- Note the success of the application of the CLD Youth Work Sub-group for Big Lottery 'Our Place' funding
- Note the opening and formal launch of the IYouthZone project at 34 Nicholson Street, Greenock
- Approve the proposals for the monitoring and reporting of the IYouthZone project.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In collaboration with the Big Lottery, the Greenock East and Central area was identified as a potential recipient of 'Our Place' funding. Liaison with the Big Lottery and support for the process was provided by the SOA Delivery Group for Social Regeneration and progress reported to this group on a regular basis.
- 4.2 Approximately £1,000,000 of Our Place Big Lottery funding was earmarked for the Greenock East and Central area of Inverclyde. The majority of the component applications were led by community and voluntary organisations, however for a variety of reasons, the Community Learning Development (CLD) Service was established as the lead applicant on behalf of the CLD Youth Work Sub-group for the youth work element which had a total value of £290,000.
- 4.3 The Big Lottery appointed Community Enterprise in Scotland (CEiS) to support and direct the submissions. This took the submission of proposals outwith the normal Inverclyde Council processes and procedures. However, it was established that since Inverclyde Council was the lead applicant for one of the component proposals, Committee approval was needed. This was secured through the 'Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive' and subsequently approved by the Regeneration and Resources Committee on 1 September 2011. This report also gave delegated authority to the Corporate Director Education & Communities to accept the bid on behalf of the CLD Youth Work Sub-Group if successful.
- 4.4 The CLD Youth Work Sub-group comprises partners from the agencies listed at Annexe 1. It is anticipated that the majority of these partners will contribute in some way to the delivery of the project.

The project has 3 key components:

- The provision of diversionary youth work activity in the evening and at weekends
- Supporting young people to become volunteers
- Youth work training for community members.

The outcomes for the project and the outcomes indicators which will be used to measure success are attached as Annexe 2 to this report.

- 4.5 The Big Lottery announced the award of funding on 1 April 2012. The project commenced operation week beginning 5 November 2012. By week commencing 19 November, there was an average of 83 young people attending each day/evening of opening. The project was formerly launched on 13 December 2012.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 It is proposed that the CLD Youth Work Sub-group bring forward a progress report on the first six months of operation of the project and, thereafter, on an annual basis in line with the reporting requirements of the Big Lottery.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Finance: None
- 6.2 Legal: None
- 6.3 Personnel: None
- 6.4 Equalities: None
- 6.5 Repopulation: None

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Extensive consultation was undertaken with young people and community members in the development of the IYouthZone project. A steering group of young people will continue to guide the ongoing development and implementation of the project.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive – Submission of 'Our Place' Big Lottery Funding. Report No: R208/11/AH/MP

Annexe 1

CLD Youth Work Sub-group – Member Organisations

Branchton Community Centre

CVS Inverclyde

Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership

Inverclyde Council:

- Active Schools
- CLD Service
- Economic Development
- Education Services
- Safer Communities

Inverclyde Leisure Trust

Inverclyde Police Initiative

Inverclyde Volunteer Centre

Skills Development Scotland

Strathclyde Fire & Rescue

Strathclyde Police

Youth Connections

Annexe 2

Project Outcomes

Outcome 1	
Young people living in Greenock town centre and east have increased levels of confidence and self esteem as a result of their participation in the design, delivery and management of the I Youth Zone.	
Indicator	Timescale
16 young people are recruited as members of the I Youth Zone Steering Group to oversee the delivery and management of the project	June 2011
I Youth Zone Steering Group agrees an annual programme of youth activities	August 2012 August 2013 August 2014
1000 young people engaged through detached and mobile youth work services	June 2015
500 young people access youth activities through the I Youth Zone shop	June 2013
750 young people access youth activities through the I Youth Zone shop	June 2014
1000 young people access youth activities through the I Youth Zone shop	June 2015
500 young people report an increase in self esteem / self confidence	June 2015
150 young people participate in an annual project review	June 2013 June 2014
300 young people participate in a final project evaluation (event)	June 2015

Outcome 2	
Young people in Greenock town centre and east are responsible, active citizens in their community as a result of improved access to community-based volunteering opportunities and training.	
Indicator	Timescale
16 young people take part in I Youth Zone Advisory Group meetings	June 2013 June 2014
16 young people receive training in committee skills	June 2013 June 2014
50 young people access volunteering opportunities in their community	June 2013 June 2014
200 young people achieve volunteer/youth achievement/Duke of Edinburgh Award	June 2013 June 2014
16 young people are trained and qualified in youth work	June 2013
20 young people are trained and qualified in youth work	June 2014
20 young people are trained and qualified in youth work	June 2015

Outcome 3	
Young people in Greenock town centre and east are successful learners and have more belief in their ability to learn as a result of increased access to learning and training opportunities.	
Indicator	Timescale
80 young people access learning and training courses	June 2013
120 young people access learning and training courses	June 2014
45 young people gain a formal recognised qualifications (up to level 4 in core skills, and up to Gold level in ASDAN or Gold Youth Achievement)	June 2013
90 young people gain (up to level 4 in core skills, and up to Gold level in ASDAN or Gold Youth Achievement)	June 2014
135 young people gain (up to level 4 in core skills, and up to Gold level in ASDAN or Gold Youth Achievement)	June 2015
300 young people record improvements in their core skills, specifically literacy	June 2015