

LEARNING, CULTURE AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES (LIFELONG LEARNING & CULTURE): SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT CRITERIA

The Lifelong Learning & Culture service arm provides funding to voluntary organisations working in the areas of:

- Sport and Active Leisure
- Arts
- Heritage
- Open Spaces
- Children's play and young people's leisure
- Events and festivals that contribute to a vibrant and cosmopolitan city culture

and who wish to collaborate with us in one or more of our key outcome areas:

- Making York More Eventful - More York residents and visitors will enjoy participating in, and taking the lead in cultural events and activities.
- Engagement in Learning – More people will be supported into learning by providing opportunities for everyone to be part of a creative learning community, particularly focusing on the most disadvantaged.
- Being Healthy – More residents will enjoy the good physical and mental health that comes from increased participation in active lifestyles.
- Supporting Stronger Communities – Local communities will be supported to direct their own cultural activities and to take ownership of well maintained public spaces. Access will be open to all and we will enhance the quality of life of individuals and communities.
- Developing a Vibrant Cultural Infrastructure – Residents will enjoy an increasingly thriving cultural sector and the economic benefits that flow from it.

We only fund organisations who are open to all sections of the community (any membership schemes must not deter use by the wider community). Organisations must be primarily for the benefit of York residents. They must be working towards a policy of equality that enables access for people with physical or mental impairments and of different cultures and gender.

Funding is limited and eligible applications will be prioritised according to the extent to which they:

- Provide programmes which support our current priorities for external purchasing
- Deliver new activity or provision, e.g. developing a new approach or a new piece of work
- Meet clearly identified need
- Actively increase participation, particularly amongst the target groups:
 - Children and young people (5-24)
 - Older people
 - People with mental or physical impairments
 - People of low incomes
 - People of different cultures
- Meets the Council's York Pride objectives