

The Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives



FUNDING APPLICATION

Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission is “Committed to putting victims first and making Northamptonshire the safest place in England.”

This Commission has set an ambitious police and crime plan containing 6 outcomes as follows:

- There will be a reduction of at least 40% in violent crime
- There will be a focus on eradicating drugs and reducing acquisitive crime
- Anti-social behaviour will be robustly and intelligently tackled
- Northamptonshire will have a more visible police force
- Northamptonshire will be a secure place
- Northamptonshire will have the safest roads

We must build a model of crime prevention and policing that meets the needs of the county and uses resources to deliver real value and outcomes. In this respect I have created the Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives that will enhance the capacity of faith-based and community organisations and groups to design and implement successful initiatives and programmes of work to increase community safety.

I am committed to achieving sustainable improvements to crime prevention and community safety and I believe that by investing in faith-based and community initiatives we will see an increase in local community participation, an increase in creative and innovative activities on the ground and I believe that faith-based and community initiatives can and will make a significant contribution to the aforementioned outcomes and wider agenda.



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FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

The information on this form will help us to properly appraise your application so please do refer to the eligibility criteria and feel free to contact me (Helen Boardman) if there is anything that you don't understand - my mobile number is 07557 775998

Q1. Contact Details

Name of organisation: Sikh Community Centre & Youth Club (SCCYC)

Organisation address: 23-25 St Georges Street, Semilong, Northampton

Postcode: NN1 2TN

The first contact person should be someone from your organisation who can discuss the application. The second person's is somebody who is in support of your application and can vouch for your ability to deliver what you have proposed. . This could be an existing or previous funder, a trustee, somebody else in a professional office.

About your organisation

Q2. What type of organisation are you?

Constituted community group

Other (please state):

Unregistered community group/club/society

Registered charity

Registered charity number: 1056764

Q3. How long has your organisation been operating?

Please give date: October 1996

ABOUT YOUR PROPOSED INITIATIVE

The initiative's name is:

SCCYC Citizenship Project

Q4. What police and crime plan outcome(s) will your initiative contribute towards?

Northamptonshire will be a more secure place

There will be a reduction in violent crime

There less drugs and less acquisitive crime

There will be less anti-social behaviour

Roads will be safer

Q5. How will your initiative help to achieve the above outcome(s) and will it be innovative in any way?

Our Sikh Education Project has over 3000 young people from Northamptonshire schools, youth groups and supplementary schools either visit the Sikh Temple annually or the Sikh Education Officer visits them at school assemblies/workshops. We wish to develop this very successful service and make use of the high attendance to include a Citizenship Project. The project will entail preventative work to deter young people from crime and anti social behaviour with diversion through fun activities such as music, arts & crafts, debates, free food, interative learning and our visual heritage exhibiton. The aim is to set up an engaging initiative to combat:

- Racial crime: by promoting race equality through sikh equality values workshops such as turban tying, music workshops, handling artefacts and other interactive workshops
- Drugs prevfention – promoting an interactive healthy eating project that was created through our 'Mind, Body, Soul' project' and providing a platform for debate.
- General anti-social behaviour: challenge attitudes, encourage use of youth service to young people from wider communities e.g. gym, drumming classes, football sessions and encourage to join projects such as homeless feeds.
- Debates on equality, diversity and express their views on how the issues can be overcome.
- Share the views and project good practise across the county through agencies such as Police

Q6. Who will this initiative support and how many? (Beneficiaries)

The project will support 3000 young people aged 11 to 16 year olds in 1 year. The diverse young people attendees will mainly be in attendance from Northamptonshire schools, some will attend from youth clubs and we will be contacting the probation service too.

Q7. For what duration and how frequently will the initiative be operational?

It is anticipated that there will be 2 school visits per week of 60 young people over 40 weeks (term time).
Visits to SCCYC Youth Club can take place on 2 hours on 4 evenings per week to access the gym, drumming classes, football sessions and volunteering opportunities. We will be open to young people's suggestions on further activities required by them.

Q8. Where will the initiative's beneficiaries reside?

Town/city/village: Northampton

District/Borough: Northampton

Q9. What crime(s) do you foresee the initiative will help to prevent?

Racial crime in Northampton is quite high especially due to the terrorist attacks, many Sikhs are targeted due to mistaken identity as they wear turbans. Our education service has found that racism is particularly high in village schools and not always reported by school children and young people, particularly for turban wearing young people, the racial crime and bullying is hidden by headteachers as they do not want a bad reputation for the school. Strong positive relationships will be developed between young people and faiths through fun activities with young people from schools.
Anti social behaviour particularly in town centre and around St Georges Street where there are numerous faith bases on the same road. Allowing young people to access our supervised youth club may act as a deterrent to such behaviour and from drugs/intoxications.

Q10. How will your initiative help to increase community safety?

- Engaging and involving young people within our community will change their perception of Sikhs and other faiths through diversion, integration, realising that actually other faith groups are welcoming and fun will promote understanding. This will deter young people from committing crime and will increase community safety. Involvement in our youth club activities will give young people a safe place to hang out in the evenings when most crime is committed.
- Having a past time of gym, football, drumming and even free food, in the central problem areas that many young people reside may direct young people away from taking drugs as this can sometimes happen due to boredom or unaffordable youth facilities.
- Understanding the mind sets and view points of young people, as to why they commit crime, what makes them behave in certain ways, is vital to community safety, the information will be shared with appropriate agencies to set up an action plan for community safety and deterrent of crime.

Q11. How many people will be involved in your initiative in delivering your initiative?

Management Committee members:

Full-time staff:

Part-time staff:

Volunteers (not including Management Committee):

Q12. How will you actively involve beneficiaries in design, delivery and evaluation of your initiative?

We will set up a sub group of active young people to head the project, the young people will consist of school children, Supplementry school children, SCCYC youth club leaders, possibly youth forum leaders.

The project will offer suggestions and feedback opportunities after every workshop, the project will be monitored and evaluated every month to ensure it is effective in outcomes and aims and that young peoples needs are being met. Changes will be met after sub group meetings and approval from committee.

Q13. Will your initiative be inclusive of (and/or) collaborate with other faith groups and non-faith groups?

SCCYC has strong partnerships with other faiths and infrastructure organisations such as Northamptonshire Inter Faith Forum, BME Sub Regional Partnership and Association of Northamptonshire Supplementary Schools, NBC Diverse Communities Forum. We will utilise these channels to market the project to other faith groups to include a diverse range of young people as possible. Non-faith groups will include people from the local areas and from school visits.

Q14. Will your initiative add any social, economic and environmental value to your community?

Involving diverse young people, community groups and collaboration with local agencies will add social inclusion value to the community as the Sikh community's main value is equality, 'For the Wellbeing of Everyone'. Another Sikh value of 'Helping other in most Need' will also add value to the community's belief as by opening doors to young people it will assist them personally and socially as it is a known fact that crime/anti-social behaviour and drug use is often a result of other personal/social/economic issues. Sharing our youth club will keep young people away from crime and drugs, improving the local environment, particularly town centre hangout.

We have been successful in involving supplementary and youth club attendees in volunteering. It is hoped that we can eventually involve the diverse young people within this project in volunteering using our good practice especially in our homeless and elderly projects, which will contribute to improving the economic environment.

Q15. How will your initiative be sustained beyond the OFBCI funding award?

- Some schools donate to the school visits held at the Temple, it is assumed that the visits will grow with this project and the donations will increase allowing us to sustain the project after year 1.
- The resources will be created so that they are useable for years to come. A project model will be created with future project delivery in mind right from the outset.
- Young people and adult volunteers will be mentored within this project so that there is volunteer capacity to continue the project.
- Once a project model and strategy has been developed at the end of the project, we intend to plan a follow on large scale project by attracting national funding, ideally a partnership bid with local partners.

Q16. Will this project be part of a wider partnership? (Please describe the nature/level of partnership and who are your partners?)

The project will share partnership approach with N'hants Police, Community Safety Teams, N'hants Schools, Youth Services eg. Clubs For Young People, Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs, N'hants Inter Faith Forum, BME Sub Regional Partnership, Association of Supplementary Schools N'hants, NBC Diverse Communities Forum, Probation Service, Youth Rehab Centres, NBC Youth Forum, local Sikh Societies.

We will approach these partners to create a partnership model, share good practice and to create responsive public services to prevent crime and increase community safety.

Q17. How will you monitor and evaluate your performance and what evidence could you use to demonstrate that the project has been successful?

We will measure and evaluate the project through:

Anecdotal way – debates, verbal feedback and views

Funway: Citizenship Interactive Quiz

Registers: no. attendances to temple visits, schools visited, youth club attendance, volunteering nos.

Group feedback: verbally through group discussions with young people

Feedback Forms: teachers, parents, youth club leaders, volunteers

Meeting minutes: monitoring, evaluation, action taken, timelines

Partnership feedback

Q18. How could your local policing partners support you to ensure your initiative is a success?

The community engagement officers and local police can assist with attending meetings to set up the project, sharing good practice, promoting the project to relevant contacts, inviting us to events to share the project and attending the project, assisting to set up a project model and strategy.

Q19. When will your initiative take place?

Dates to-from May 2015 to April 2016

Q20. Which of our Office of Police and Crime Commission overarching ambitions does your initiative most closely relate to?

- Support for victims
- Take a generation out of crime
- Turning offender’s lives around
- Becoming a restorative practice county

Money

Q21. How much money do you wish to apply for?

£3000

Q22. What aspects are you asking us to fund?

Item	Total Cost	Amount Requested
Resources for workshops and literature	£2000	£2000
Professional volunteer expenses	£300	£300
Marketing to young people, flyers, postage	£200	£200
Volunteer training, mentoring	£300	£300
Office costs /stationary – photocopying, internet, printing	£200	£200
Administration, Committee time, refreshments, snacks	£500	£
Grant totals:	£3500	£3000

Matched investment and/or in-kind contributions

Q23. Will you match fund with actual funding or in-kind contributions?

£500

Q24. How would you describe the people who will primarily benefit from this project?

Victims	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disabled	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specific faith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Youths	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prisoners	<input type="checkbox"/>
Men	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ex-offenders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
On licence	<input type="checkbox"/>	BME groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Refugees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q25. Please indicate the main ethnic background of the people who will benefit from your project.

Race relations (Amendment) Act 2000

* I would describe their ethnic origin as:		
<p>Asian or Asian British</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indian</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pakistani</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background</p> <p>Black or Black British</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> African</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caribbean</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any other Black background</p>	<p>Mixed</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White & Asian</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White & Black African</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White & Black Caribbean</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any other mixed background</p> <p>White</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> British</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irish</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any other White background</p>	<p>Other Ethnic Group</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chinese</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic group</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to disclose this</p>

Equality Act 2006

* Please indicate the religion or belief of your initiative?

<input type="checkbox"/> Atheism	<input type="checkbox"/> Jainism	<input type="checkbox"/> Hinduism
<input type="checkbox"/> Buddhism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sikhism	<input type="checkbox"/> Judaism
<input type="checkbox"/> Christianity	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to disclose this
<input type="checkbox"/> Islam		

Disability Discrimination Act 2005

* Will any of your beneficiaries have a disability?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to disclose this information
	<input type="checkbox"/> No	