



How could **£15,000**
help get **your idea**
off the ground?



Bid4Better Online PB Event

Saturday 22nd August 2020

Welcome to the 'Bid4Better' Participatory Budgeting event. At our World Cafe event in 2019, Bedfordshire Police decided the areas that most suffered from the effects of serious violence were the wards Kempston, Kingsbrook and Cauldwell. The core theme from this community consultation was a need for projects 'benefiting young people', 'improving communities' and 'supporting families' within Kempston, Kingsbrook and Cauldwell.

With this in mind, when you register, you will be able to view presentations from seven community groups, who are hoping to secure funding for a range of exciting projects that will benefit those communities. There is £15,000.00 available and this will all be given to the community, as voted for today, by the community!



This booklet provides a brief summary of the groups you will see bidding for the funding, and an outline of what they propose to use the funding for. There is space underneath each project description to make notes should you wish.

Due to COVID-19, we are unable to hold a face to face community event as we normally would. This means our event must be held online to ensure safety and social distancing. You will receive a Zoom link for the voting process and be able to view each project's film and vote for how important you feel it is for the area. Successful bidders will be announced at the end of the day.



PROJECTS

1. Country Days

Bid for £15,000

Country Days is a community project that offers nature courses to children in the Bedfordshire area since 2018. We hope to build an additional rain shelter at the Nature Reserve where the courses are held, as they need more permanent weather cover to cater for the increase in the number of children now subscribing to the activities. In 2018 the pilot courses had a total of 50 children. In 2019 80 children in total attended, & we had a waiting list. Also: to fund an extra teacher for gardening and practical science, we also need some funding for transport as it costs £1,000 for each course, also costs £75 per child to do the course but we only charge £15, children that are on free school meals/ pupil premium go free.

This would help to cover the funding for the next 3 years. Country Days is committed to providing access to outdoor learning for young people in Bedfordshire and we are determined to continue to do so in whatever way we can during the COVID-19 crisis. We will have an online course going live on the 10th August. Concurrently, young people will have the opportunity to visit The Leys Nature Reserve with parents or carers between the 11th and 14th August. We are working hard to create an exciting, stimulating curriculum whilst complying with all of the Government guidelines on social distancing and scientific advice on how to stay safe.





2. Brazilian Street Games

Bid £15,000

Brazilian Street Games is a brand-new project that Bruno's Brazilian Soccer School are hoping to deliver as a youth centre out of Faraday community centre. We aim to spend the £15,000 on starting up a Youth club at Faraday square which is one of the areas that the Brazilian Soccer School project has been running for some time now. The aim around the youth club is to give young people a safe environment to develop skills.

Due to covid-19 we will follow all governments restrictions and guidelines to ensure we meet all requirements.

We have got a new sponsor who are called SolSur who are a sanitizing company who specialise on sanitisation and all aspect of cleaning. They will provide us with all guidance and sanitation products such as hand sanitizer etc. to ensure we meet government standards.



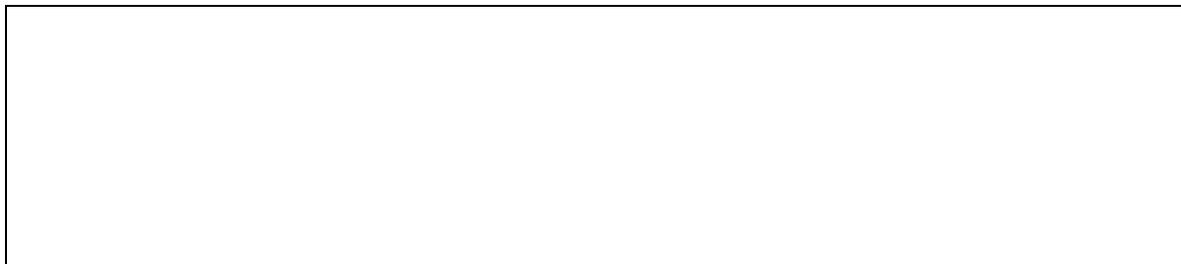


3. The Show

Bid for £8,500

The Show is a TV Community show, run by young people, for young people! With discussions, debates about the community and phone-ins about your feelings within the community! We want to make sure that young people get a chance to speak about their environment. We will also have lifestyle tips, healthy easy to cook meals and lots more including entertaining performances and exclusive clips! We need £8,500 from you to buy more equipment and build our team of young people. We want to give young people a purpose and help each other develop our skills.

This will be delivered by a live stream on a website and we will operate with strict social distancing on-set and very few members of the team physically present. Other members will be attending virtually.





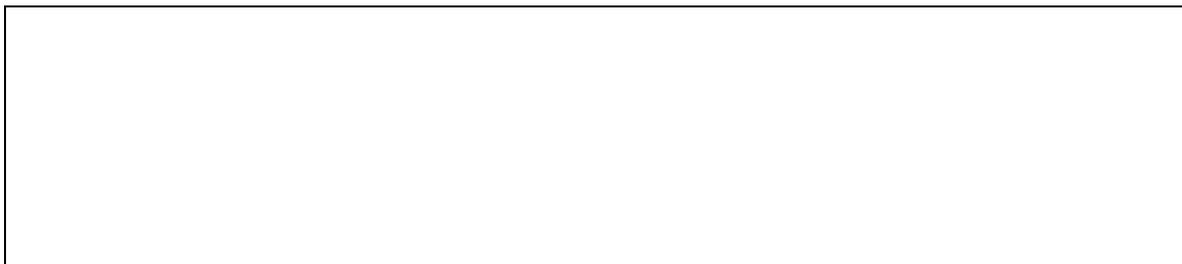
4. JAG Mobile

Bid for £5,515

Jubilation Action Group has been serving the homeless people in Bedford since December 2017. We have had a market stall since 20th April 2019 which we have permission to use once a month in Bedford. We provide clothing, tea, coffee, soft drinks, and soup for the homeless people in the town. Sometimes we are very lucky, and food has been donated to us for the homeless people so that we can give them extra food if it is needed.

JAG is a place where the homeless people can come and sit down and chat with the volunteers and be fed at the same time. We are like their own café, so they do not feel persecuted. We are given small donations by passers-by which allow us to buy more food for them. If the homeless person is lucky enough to get accommodation, we do help them by sourcing cutlery and crockery for them.

When they are with us in town, they are not causing any problems to anybody and are very civilized and polite with the general public. We have a few of the homeless now serving on the stall and encouraging other homeless people to join us and keep out of trouble. We have been given a food trailer from a company that supports us, but we need to kit it out so that we can keep serving the homeless people in Bedford safely.





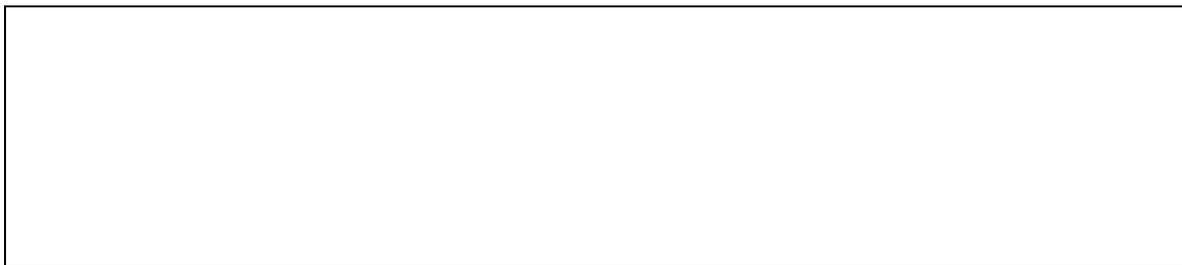
5. Poetiic Justice

Bid £15,000

Poetiic Justice, is an organisation that will offer housing and employment for offenders when released from prison. We would like to support them completely, so they can build on the foundation we have in place. Poetiic Justice will inspire young people to achieve their life goals and give a sense of purpose to many vulnerable people who have lost their way.

We aim to tackle violence by working with victims and offenders to build on long terms goals this will give a sense of value and purpose to everyone we are working with. We trust this will reduce crime in our community. We believe if we work together with the support of our community, we can reduce the violence in the area we live. And eventually inspire a society to build with the ethics we put in place.

As we are all currently having to social distance. Poetiic Justice will follow the right procedures to keep everyone we are working with safe, and still continue to give the support needed for our clients and staff.



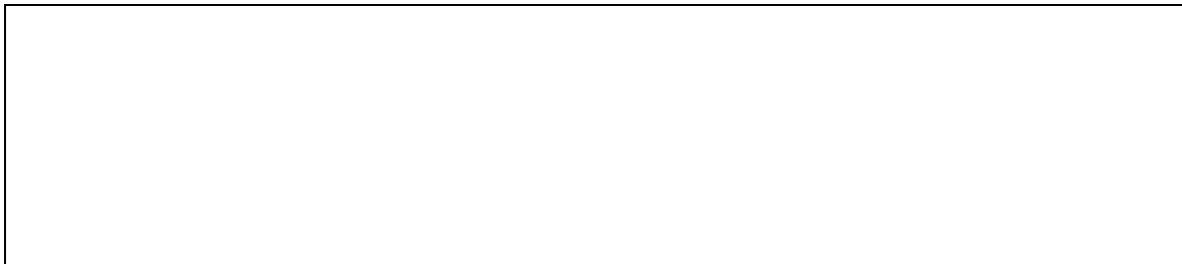


6. Visualized

Bid £15,000

This funding is to organise and bring together the youth from Kempston and other areas, who are interested in active arts, and have them use their experience about violence in the community. They will use this experience write a script about why there is violence in the community, how it escalates, and what can be done by young people, their families and the police to prevent serious violence from happening and this script will be used to make a documentary. We will then use some of the ideas and learning from the interviews and questioning to create the script for the movie we will produce. A movie premiere will then allow them to celebrate the hard work they have done, share the message they want to share, and celebrate their achievement and newly developed skills and perspectives.

The initial training will be done through zoom and we will then move on meeting in locations where social distancing can be observed in line with government regulation when this is possible. The actual filming will be done while observing COVID 19 guidelines (regular temperature checks, regular washing of hands, sanitary stations etc) and health and safety rules.





7. Youth time- knife crime, inclusion & innovative teaching

Bid £10,011

We are dance students from Wixams Academy, and we would like to use the funding to highlight knife crime from young people's perspectives. To do this we will showcase a dance we have choreographed with our dance teacher which depicts the story of Isaac Stone through contemporary dance. We would like to provide 12 free sessions across the Schools listed in the wards of Kempston, Cauldwel and Kingsbrook , where we perform the dance and Channitta Lendore from Dynamic Decisions then does a one hour session discussing Isaacs story, and the effects and consequences and how to get support in regard to knife crime. At the end of the tour we would like to hold a youth conference which focuses on knife crime, inclusivity and innovative teaching where all young people, parents and community members are welcome to come along and discuss issues in our community regarding those subjects as well as any other topics to do with youth culture.

This is a chance for us as young people to lead our own conference and not only be heard, but to also work with the decision makers on strategies to reduce and stop knife crime. We would like to play a pivotal part in the way our community moves forward in fighting this epidemic.

Due to the current Covid-19 and social distancing restrictions, we are not able to perform the dance as a group, so will need to wait for the new guidelines once we return to School. We are able to perform the dance and talk virtually but would prefer to do it face to face and share the experience with a live audience.

