

LOCAL YOUTH CLUB GRANT SCHEME (LYCGS) 2023 CRITERIA

The LYCGS supports volunteer-led youth club/group activities at a local level. The primary focus of the Scheme is to assist local volunteer-led youth clubs/groups that provide a programme of youth work activities for young people. In addition, other clubs/groups that work with young people, but are not specifically providing youth work, are also entitled to apply for funding under the Scheme.

Assessment of applications and Allocation of Grant

Applications that meet the eligibility criteria are usually assessed by the 3 WWETB Youth Officers and the Manager and a list of recommended payment is developed, which is then submitted to the WWETB Youth Work Committee for comment. This list is subsequently forwarded to the WWETB for ratification.

Special circumstances in 2023 due to COVID 19

Given the unprecedented circumstances of the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, the feedback received during the development of the *Youth Work plan 2021-2022* and discussion at the Youth Work Committee it proposed to operate an amended criteria for the Scheme in 2023. This is to assist clubs to provide youth work services in what is a very difficult environment.

The amended criteria are listed below.

CATEGORY		Points	Max Points in Category	
1	Membership (10-21 Years)	Up to 20 members	4	
		21 – 30 members		
		31+ members		
2	Contact Hours Per Week	Up to 2 hours	4	
		More than 2 hours and less than 4 hours		
		More than 4 hours		
3	Set up of New Organisation	New organisation that has not received an ETB grant in the previous 3 years	2	2
4	Special circumstance to restart club and/or reengage with young person <u>THIS REPLACES THE EXISTING SECTION 4 and 5 BELOW</u>	Examples (indicative not prescriptive): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • publicity for recruitment of new leaders • publicity re reopening • purchase of equipment • payment of utilities (e.g. electricity) • payment of rent • payment of insurance • other costs related to effects of COVID 	15	15
Maximum Points			Points 25	

The conditions for participation in the scheme (e.g. child safe guarding, insurance, etc) will continue to apply. It is proposed to allow clubs/groups to indicate that no progress has taken place in relation to the standards and an indication of how they intend to operate the standards going forward in 2023 to 2023 will be sufficient for the **Area of Development** section.

Existing sections 4 and 5

4	Youth Work Activities	Provide a programme of youth work with development goals
5	Discretionary Points (Local Knowledge)	<p>a) Disadvantaged Area (Pobal HP Deprivation Index for small areas) (0-5 points) 0 = Affluent 1 = Marginally Average 2 = Marginally below average 3 = Disadvantaged 4 = Very Disadvantaged 5 = Extremely Disadvantaged</p> <p>b) Special Needs Group (exclusive) (0 – 3 points)</p> <p>c) Grant Application Detail Use of Grant and how it will enhance the work with young people (0 – 10 Points) Involves an element of groupwork Introduces young people to new or non- traditional activities Encourages young people to engage with their communities</p>