



UP2U Guidance Notes and FAQ's 2009

What is this money and what is it for?

The UP2U Fund is being launched on the Island in 2009, to help local people have more control over the way that Government money is spent locally. This is the “pilot” or testing stage – we are trying out the idea first with £20,000 to spend on improving the health of young people in the Freshwater and Totland parish areas.

Can I apply ?

Any young person, aged 5-19 years on or by 31 March 2009, who lives in the parishes of Freshwater and Totland is allowed to submit an application. An application can come from a single person, or from a group.

Will I definitely get money?

No you won't. It will depend on a lot of things:-

- Whether you fill in your application form correctly and meet the criteria which are on this website
- Whether your application presentation persuades the audience at the Awards Event that your project deserves money
- Whether there are so many applications that the Awards Event audience decides to award a little bit of money to a lot of applicants, which may mean your project won't work if it doesn't receive the full funding. You need to make this clear on your application form if it won't.

How do I apply?

Step 1

You need to have a good idea, which will help young people in Freshwater/Totland to live healthier lives. The whole point of this project is to help young people to eat well and exercise, so that they are able to keep to a healthy weight level.

Step 2

Get in touch with either a local worker in your area such as the Extended Schools team, or a teacher in your school, or your local scout leader. You don't have to do this, but it might help you if you do. It won't make a difference to your application's success if you do this bit, but it will help you to get your application right to talk it through with adults who are working with young people in your area.

Step 3

After this, you need to get in touch with the community development worker who will be bringing all the applications together and helping you to get your application to the Rural Community Council (RCC) for development. The worker's name is Mary and you can reach her at marynorledge@googlemail.com. Mary will be able to tell you if other people in the area have had the same idea and she will also be able to put you in touch with other people if you want to link up to make an application together. Mary will help you to get your ideas for your project to the RCC.

Step 4

You will be put in touch with Estelle at the RCC – you can contact her at estelle.thomas@iwrcc.gov.uk. Estelle will help you put your project ideas into a proper application for the UP2U funding for this year. She will help you to fill in the forms and offer you advice on how to build your application. Please remember - it will be your responsibility to send the application in on time.

Step 5

You send in your application, complete with any additional papers such as drawings, DVDs, plans or letters of support, to:

The UP2U Project Office
Rm 302b
County Hall
Newport
PO30 1UD

Step 6

You will be told by letter in the week starting with Monday 11 January 2010, whether your application will go through to the Awards Event or not. If it does, you will be sent details of what to do. If it doesn't, then you may still be able to submit projects to the Youth Opportunity Fund. The Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF) is a pot of money given to the Isle of Wight Council by the Government to improve the provision of positive activities for young people, particularly those who are disadvantaged. This is to be used to develop new places to go and things to do. If you have any questions about YOF, please contact Matthew Bell on 01983 525927 or email matthew.bell@iow.gov.uk

What is the Awards Event?

There is a separate paper on this website which explains about this [event](#). Please refer to that for more information.

Who decides?

The decision on which applications get through to the Awards Event will be made in the first week of January 2010, by a panel made up of Isle of Wight Councillors, the Chairs of the two



Parish Councils, plus young people who are currently involved in agreeing YOF applications. None of these people can be linked directly to an application for UP2U funding.

The decision on who gets the money is down to the audience at the Awards Event – if you put in an application which meets the [criteria](#) then you stand a chance of being at the Event and voting on who gets what. That's the point – it's "UP2U"!

What sort of thing could I put in an application for?

The whole point of the UP2U Fund's start-up phase is to focus on young people in Freshwater and Totland's health. There are hundreds of things you could think about for your project work:

- you could apply for lessons from an expert skateboarder in how to get fitter on your board;
- you could set up a gardening club to grow fruit and vegetables for your school or family;
- you could apply to fund dance lessons (we're thinking "Diversity", but "Strictly.." may be your thing too);
- you could buy some time with a professional coach, who could help a local group to improve how they see themselves and how they look and feel
- you could start up a cooking club at your local youth group
- you could start a local health club, looking at the health issues which worry you most.

.... There is so much you could do!

If you have any questions about the Event, please contact the UP2U project manager, Astrid Davies, on 01983 823804 or at astrid.davies@iow.gov.uk.