



The Isle of Wight's "participatory budgeting" project

2009 Pilot project outline

What is it?

- The UP2U Fund offers local people the chance to design and deliver some of the local services they want.
- This pilot is starting the Fund's work, by offering £20,000 for children and young people in Freshwater and Totland, to fund as many local projects as possible.
- For this pilot, the projects must aim to improve the health and eating habits of the children and young people from the area – from 5 to 19 years old.
- There are some rules, because this is government money, but provided they keep within those rules, the projects could receive a share of the £20,000, to be spent in Freshwater and Totland in 2010.

How will it work?

- Local young people think up good ideas to make a difference to the eating habits and health of their friends and families. They can discuss their project ideas with local workers in their school, health centre or youth club.
- These project teams then get in touch with the local project worker, Mary, at marynorledge@googlemail.com. Mary will help these projects to think through their ideas, so that they can be worked up into funding bids. Mary will then put the projects in touch with the Rural Community Council ("the RCC").
- The RCC will help the projects to develop bids which will compete for a share of the £20,000.
- The bids will be checked, by a scrutiny panel made up of local Councillors and local young people, to see that the projects have kept within the UP2U rules. If they have, they will be invited to attend the Awards Event.
- At the Awards Event, the project teams will be joined by around 100 local people, to vote on which projects should receive a share of the £20,000 and how much they should receive. It is that simple – local young people voting on how local young people should spend the money – UP2U!

What will it do?

- UP2U will give Islanders more control over the way that government money is spent in their local area
- The UP2U Fund will give young people in the Freshwater and Totland areas the chance to make a difference to their own health and lifestyles, and to help others in the future to make the same improvements

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