



# The UP2U Awards Event

What you can expect on the day

~~23 January 2010~~ **Postponed to 6 February 2010**  
West Wight Sports Centre

If your project qualifies to apply for a share of the £20,000 UP2U pot for 2009/2010, the contact person for your project (the one on your application form) will be contacted and you will be able to apply for up to five (5) free tickets to the Awards Event. Each project will be able to invite no more than five project members or supporting adults to the Event.

The Awards Event will be on ~~Saturday 23 January 2010~~ **postponed to Saturday 6 February 2010**, in the Sports Hall of West Wight Sports Centre, Moa Place in Freshwater.

The Event will start at 10 am and finish around 4 pm.

## How it will work:

Each project's team of up to five people will be seated at tables around the hall. As well as the project teams, up to 100 local young people will have been invited to attend the event, through local schools, so that the voting later in the day is fair and that projects with lots of supporters do not control the voting, which could mean that small projects with fewer people involved do not have a fair chance of success in the vote.

Each person will have a personal voting keypad, a bit like a mobile 'phone. This will be used to make sure everyone there has a vote and can say which project they want to get money. Each project will be given a number – this is the number which people will enter into their voting keypads later in the day, to choose their favourite local project.

From 10am until lunchtime, the projects will have the chance to make a presentation to the whole audience. That means each project team will be expected to explain their project to around 150 people, and to try to persuade the audience that their project deserves the share of the grant that they are applying for. **Each project will have 10 minutes to make their presentation.** You could choose to use a computer presentation, like you might use in school, or you could use music, drama, a demonstration, posters or even a short film, to explain why your project should get people's votes.

Lunch will be provided at the Event, within the Sports Hall. Lunch will probably run from 12 to 1 pm. This time will be a good opportunity to think about your project, and to see whether there are any other projects which are like yours. If there are, you might like to see whether or not the other project(s) might be interested in joining up with you.

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This could increase your chances of getting money and getting your project(s) started. If you do find another project that you would like to team up with, and they agree, then you **MUST** make this known to the Event organisers immediately, and definitely before 1 pm on the day.

After lunch, your project team and the rest of the audience will be invited back to the tables. This is when the voting begins.

The audience will be invited to vote for their favourite project. It will be on the basis of “one person, one vote”. Everyone with a keypad will be asked to press the number of their favourite project on their keypad. Behind the scenes, our computers will add up the votes and give us an immediate result.

Depending on how many projects there are, this first voting round may tell us how much each project will get. If there are a lot of projects, or some projects which are applying for a very large amount of money, then there may have to be a second round of voting.

If there is a second round of voting, the projects with the most votes will probably be the ones to go through to this round. Where projects have joined together in the lunchtime, this may be where the audience decides whether or not to give them the whole amount, or whether, by giving the joined-up projects a little bit less money, they might be able to fund another, much smaller project as well.

It is difficult to be precise about how this will work, because this advice paper is being written before any project applications have been submitted. A final version of this advice will be sent out to all successful projects' contact person with the letter of invitation. That is why this has “draft” written across it – the details set out in this paper are what we think will happen, but it all depends on how many applications are received in December.

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](mailto:astrid.davies@iow.gov.uk).