



Please read the Grant Criteria document before you start your application process.

<b>Application Reference (Office use only):</b> GR27-2526	
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<b>1: CONTACT DETAILS</b>	
Name of Organisation:	Friends for Leisure
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Name of Applicant:	Amanda Hunt
Position:	Manager
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Registration Number (If relevant)	1068991
<b>2: ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION</b>	
What type of organisation are you?	Registered Charity
Please tell us about your organisation, its aims and the work you undertake. (in less than 200 words)	
<p>We are a charity who believe that everyone needs a friend, and we are passionate about making sure that disabled children and young people (5-21 years of age) get that opportunity.</p> <p>We promote everyday friendship and leisure opportunities for disabled children and young people in Cheshire East. We currently have 169 registered users and 90 volunteers 80% of whom are aged 18-25 years of age.</p> <p>We have Youth Groups in Crewe, Congleton and Macclesfield, weekly drama groups and fortnightly ten pin bowling groups. We also have individual buddying / befriending services where a young disabled person is paired with a young volunteer to go out and take part in activities that interest them i.e. cinema, meal, coffee etc.</p> <p>Our activities range from getting active - gymnastics, discos to visiting places such as Mini Zoo, Lego clubs to meals out, picnic and games, themed nights such as Chinese or Italian or Valentines.</p> <p>We run our activities during term time and during the school holidays. We do family support work and PALS (Personal and Learning Skills) programme.</p>	

<b>3: COST DETAILS/ RESOURCES/ TIMETABLE</b>	
Project Title:	Congleton Youth
Project Objectives:	To continue to provide a youth group for disabled children and young people living in Congleton.
Brief Project Description:	Our two Congleton Youth Clubs are inclusive fun and friendly session for disabled children and young people, aged 10 to 21. Held on Thursdays 6pm – 7.30pm at a local Church and at various locations in the local community, the sessions last 1.5hours each week, for up to 16 people each week. Activities are varied and include baking, arts and crafts, sports, meals out, quiz nights, bingo and animal encounters. Sessions are led by our Session Leaders and Activity Coordinators, supported by up to 4 volunteer each week. Beneficiaries pay £5 per session.
Total Cost of Project	£5,700
Total contribution sought:	£1,000
Details of cost breakdown and budgets:	Six sessions per term of each youth Group. Average cost to deliver each session is £100 (arts and crafts, food drink for a film night, drama specialist, personal trainer etc) plus £200 towards end of term meal out. £100 x 12 £1,200 plus £400 food and £300 venue hire = £1,900 per term and £5,700 per year.
What will the money be spent on?/ Resources needed:	Each session will be different but it will be spent on materials such as arts and craft or food and drink (we also have themed nights i.e. Italian or external provider costs. It also includes venue hire - we use New Life Church. Our end of term meal is a highlight and for some the first time they have a meal out without parent/carers.
Any ongoing costs:	Our additional costs are salaries/sessional costs/overheads but these are not included in the costs.
Details of confirmed match funding, include source Cash/Grant:  In kind:	Grant - Young People's Trust £2,000 and Congleton Town Trust £300. We are also applying to various Trusts and Foundations for the remaining amount and are waiting to hear. In kind: Volunteer time. We have on average 4-5 volunteers at each session.
Estimated timescale of project from start to finish:	April 2026 - next school
<b>4: POTENTIAL BENEFITS/ OUTPUTS</b>	
What are the potential benefits/outputs to residents of Congleton	Disabled young people enjoy a much better quality of life. They experience reduced isolation and loneliness which boosts their mental health, emotional wellbeing, and overall happiness. They make new friends, build social skills and raise aspirations.
Are there similar services/ projects provided in the area	No other charity provide opportunities for friendships for disabled young people in our area.
<b>5: EVALUATION</b>	
How will the project be evaluated and who will	After every session we ask for feedback which is then stored on

carry out the evaluation?	our database. When our young person joins they have baseline assessments which are reviewed every 2 years. Parents/carers and volunteers also provide feedback.
Describe how you will promote the Town Council in your project.	When we produce the fliers for the activities we will put the Council Logo on the page with the appropriate Youth Groups. We will also do a thank you on our social media.
Please acknowledge you have read our Grant Application Criteria	Please see the Policy on our Grants page on our website: <a href="http://congleton-tc.gov.uk">Grants - Congleton Town Council (congleton-tc.gov.uk)</a> I/we have read the policy: YES / NO
Will you be attending the meeting to support your application	Date will be provided by the RFO YES/NO

### Declaration

- I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation.
- I understand and agree that the application and supporting documents will be presented on a public agenda, and that any private information will be redacted.
- I certify that the information contained in this application is correct. If the information in the application changes, I will inform Congleton Town Council as soon as possible.
- I give permission for Congleton Town Council to retain this information electronically. The information in this form will be used for the administration of grant applications.
- I understand that Congleton Town Council will use any personal information I have provided for the purposes described under the Data Protection Statement which can be found [Constitution - Congleton Town Council \(congleton-tc.gov.uk\)](http://congleton-tc.gov.uk)
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<b>Signed:</b>	Amanda Hunt	<b>Date:</b>	4th March 2025
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Please return your form and supporting documents to [info@congleton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@congleton-tc.gov.uk) or post to RFO, Congleton Town Hall , Congleton Town Council, . High Street, Congleton , CW12 1BN