



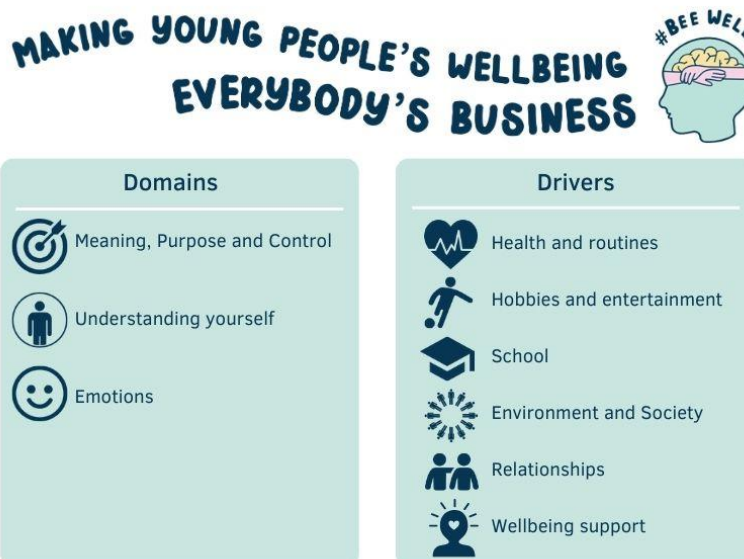
#BeeWell Young People’s Participation and Engagement Grant

Specification & Evaluation Criteria

Grants of up to £2,000 each are available to support VCSE organisations in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton to facilitate engagement sessions for young people to help develop the #BeeWell programme.

1. Background

#BeeWell is a youth-centred wellbeing programme that has launched in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton (HIPS) in 2023. The programme delivers a wellbeing survey to young people in years 8 and 10. You can read more about how the surveys were co-created and see the questions here: [The #BeeWell Survey - #BeeWell \(beewellprogramme.org\)](https://www.beevellprogramme.org)



An animated video was co-created with young people to introduce the survey to students: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJIzggMzybk>

From January 2024, each school will receive confidential results to guide school action. From March, wellbeing data will be published by neighbourhood in an online dashboard. Local partner agencies, community organisations and businesses will then act on the data to improve young people’s wellbeing.

2. Aim of the Participation and Engagement Grant

Participation grants are available to local organisations to hold sessions with groups of young people from a range of backgrounds, with a range of experiences and needs, from Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton.

The grants will support organisations to work with groups of young people to:





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- a) Gain their views and help to create a region-wide, young people's group to help make decisions about how we act on the results of the wellbeing survey.
- b) Help us understand the results of the wellbeing survey from a young person's viewpoint.

The #BeeWell team will provide briefing notes and resources to support the sessions.

We look to benefit from the expertise of the VCSE sector who have existing relationships with young people, or who can mobilise quickly to establish a diverse group of young people.

3. Expected outputs

Organisations will engage with diverse groups of young people and support them to participate and share their views.

The sessions will support young people to help the #BeeWell team to:

1. Create a region-wide, young people's group that will help make decisions and design the #BeeWell programme.
2. Interpret the results of the survey, sharing their understanding of what the results mean for young people.
3. Develop options for what we need to do to improve young people's wellbeing in response to the survey results.

As a result of the funding, we require:

- 5-6 sessions with young people held at intervals between November and May. These will be organised in such a way to allow a #BeeWell focused discussion and are likely to be in addition to the usual scheduled sessions. Briefing notes will be provided in advance to help plan the sessions. Example areas we will be seeking feedback on are detailed in the **appendix**.
- At least one of the sessions will be a wider, joint event, with the organisations supporting some volunteers from their groups to attend and present the group's views. This might be in person or online, depending on the preference of young people and their situation.
- Summary feedback from the sessions is to be provided to the #BeeWell team, with the option of feedback being presented by the young people involved. We are open to ideas being presented in a variety of ways, of the young people's choosing.
- The grant will support organisations to help develop the skills of young people in an area they wish to improve, such as confidence, public speaking, creative design etc.

4. Requirements

We are looking for representation from a wide variety of locations across Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton, and different groups of young people.

The grant will help organisations to seek the views of young people with a wide range of needs, representing the barriers young people face in relation to their wellbeing, and different experiences of those barriers.

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We would like to hear the views of a wide range of young people, including: those not in education, employment or training; within the youth justice system; who represent the social economic, culture and ethnicity of their communities; who have special education needs and disabilities; represent the LGBTQ+ community; etc.

It is not expected that each individual group can represent the full range of individuals, but the Panel will seek to ensure a diverse range of need and experience is represented across the total the grants awarded.

The ages of the majority of the participating young people should be between 12 and 16 years.

The group may be an established youth group, or the organisation may be able to develop links with further young people and bring a new group together from November.

There is no minimum or maximum group size, but we do ask that participation is meaningful and in line with the value of the grant.

Organisations wishing to apply for a grant must be a registered, youth facing, VCSE (voluntary community social enterprise) sector organisation. We will not be able to award grants to borough and district councils, schools, colleges, or early years settings.

Organisations are limited to applying for one grant award of up to £2,000.

Please ensure all relevant permissions are obtained where photography or video are used.

5. Costs

Grants will be awarded up to £2,000. The total fund is £20,000 and we aim to provide grants to 10-12 organisations.

Please detail in your bid what your expected costs will be and how this money will be utilised. For example, to provide food for the young people, transport costs, hire of specialist equipment or expertise, room hire costs, staffing, etc.

The financial breakdown provided will feed into the Panel's decision making and ongoing monitoring of the grant.

6. Timeframe

Closing date for applications is 5pm, 10 October 2023. We aim for applications to be evaluated and awarded by 20 October 2023.

7. Applications

All applications must be submitted using the online MS Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/0PH301ffdF>

Applications will be decided by a Panel against the following evaluation criteria:

- The Panel is confident that the organisation will work with a representative group of young people and are those that might not usually engage in decision-making groups. The application will give

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a clear picture of the experiences and needs of the young people that will be involved, and the barriers they face, so that the Panel can award grants to a range of organisations.

- The Panel is confident that the organisation operates within, and will engage young people living in, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton.
- The Panel is confident that the organisation will deliver within the timescales.
- The funding request is within the specified limit.
- The Panel is confident that the aims, requirements and expected outputs, as set out in sections 2, 3 and 4 of this specification, will be met.
- The Panel is confident that the organisation will help develop the skills of young people in an area they wish to improve, such as confidence, public speaking, creative design etc.

Additional criteria:

- The Panel will seek to ensure that a wide range of young people’s needs, barriers and experiences are reflected across the total number of successful organisations across Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton.

8. Further Information

If you have any queries, or would like to arrange an informal discussion, please email the team at HIOW.BeeWell@Hants.gov.uk.

Appendix

Example areas for which we will be seeking feedback in the sessions and suggested timeframe is set out below.

We will provide further briefing notes / resources to help plan the sessions.

Across all the sessions we will include questions / topics to gather wider insights around young people’s wellbeing.

Nov – Dec:

1. Understand the ambitions of the young people involved, what do they wish to get out of participating in this group and what could be put in place to support them with that ambition across the timeframe, e.g. confidence building, public speaking, etc.
2. What would a young people’s decision-making group look like? What would it be called? How would members be recruited? How would it link with their local group, and other young people in the area? What would incentivise young people to be involved?

Jan- Feb:

3. How should we share the #BeeWell wellbeing data with young people? How can we get feedback about what the data means to young people? This might include volunteer young people helping to present the data. What training might be necessary to help young people to do this?

Mar- May:

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4. Interpreting and responding to the data: what do young people see in the headline findings for the region, as well as neighbourhood data for your area? What are young people's priorities for improving well-being? (The data will be available at a neighbourhood level from March.)
5. Act on the data by developing options and voting on options for spending a youth commissioning pot.

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