



local network fund
for children and young people

New Fund for Community groups in Cambridgeshire!

Local community groups are to get a boost as Cambridgeshire has been chosen as one of the areas to receive three years funding from the £150 million Local Network Fund for Children and Young People. The Local Network Fund enables local voluntary and community groups to tackle child poverty and provide opportunities for young people. **£360,000** is available for Cambridgeshire groups to bid for in this financial year.

The Local Network Fund is a programme of the Government's Children and Young People's Unit and is administered in Cambridgeshire by Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England).

Local Network Funds are used to support local and community groups under four main themes. These are:-

- **Aspiration and experiences:** activities that give children experiences, or help them achieve goals, that other children may take for granted.
- **Economic disadvantage:** activities that help families improve their living standards and cope with the difficulties that come from being on low incomes.
- **Isolation and access:** activities that help children who are isolated or alone, or have trouble accessing services.
- **Children's voices:** activities which give children and young people a way of expressing opinions, or to get advice on matters of concern.

Local voluntary or community groups interested in applying for a grant should contact the Local Network Fund Call Centre on **0845 113 0161** (RNID Typetalk 180001 0845 113 0161) or Local Network Fund Development Officer Jenny Roberts on 01353 860850 or email jenny.roberts@camsacre.org.uk

Note to Editors:

The Local Network Fund consists of grants between £250 and £7,000 for groups working those aged between 0 and 19 years. The Fund's budget is £40m this year and for each of the following two years. These funds are used by voluntary and community organisations for projects benefiting children and young people and include setting up, administrative and outreach and support costs. The Fund is managed by the Children and Young People's Unit and administered through a network of 57 local funds. The Children and Young People's Unit works in partnership with community foundations, rural community councils, councils for voluntary service and other grant making trusts to provide an experienced fund administrator in each area.

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