

**What type of organisation are you?**

Registered charity, 1148195

**Main contact details**

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**Secondary contact details**

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**Organisation name**

Potternewton Woodcraft Folk (PWF)

**Total annual income in last financial year**

£1,000

**Organisation address****Please tell us as much as possible about your organisation**

PWF runs the weekly Potternewton Elfins group, for ages 6-9, at Bracken Edge School. WF is an educational movement for children and young people, rooted in co-operative values and principles. Our groups transform lives by developing children's self confidence and awareness of the wider world through games, arts and crafts activities, outdoor adventures, cooperative activities and discussions about big ideas. Camping and residential trips provide an opportunity to put our values into practice. Our inclusive approach means that a higher than average proportion of members have additional needs, and we subsidise costs for those in need. This bid is to ensure we can provide more opportunities for around 30% of children and volunteers on low incomes, and engage more members in deprived areas.

**Social links (optional)**

[woodcraft.org.uk/leeds](http://woodcraft.org.uk/leeds) and [leedswoodcraft.org](http://leedswoodcraft.org),

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/leedswoodcraft/?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/groups/leedswoodcraft/?ref=br_tf) , @yorkswoodcraft

**Name you'd like displayed on your profile**

Potternewton Woodcraft Folk

**Summarise your project in one sentence**

We want to buy camping equipment, subsidise trips and train volunteers to enable all children in our groups to participate in activities.

**Which category best suits this project?**

Young people

### **Describe the project you want to fund more fully**

Support from Co-op customers and members will help us grow our group, providing transformative experiences for more children, and adult volunteers, on low incomes.

We will:

- buy camping equipment to enable new members to join summer camps;
- train new volunteers, eg. first aid, food hygiene, bushcraft;
- subsidise activity costs and travel;
- do school and community outreach to engage new families unable to access other extra-curricular groups;
- promote co-operative values and principles through our work.

Children benefit directly by learning through play about Co-op values eg self-help and democracy. Volunteers gain valuable experience and a sense of community, which improves confidence, wellbeing and employability. The wider community will benefit through our social action activities.

### **Roughly how many people will benefit directly from the project?**

30

### **Total cost of the project**

£2,100

### **What are the main things that that you need to fund or buy to make the project happen?**

£100 Materials (eg. clay, paints, banner making, parachute)

£100 Subsidies for children/ volunteers on low incomes

£100 Activities with instructors and entry fees, eg. climbing wall, guided environmental visits, swimming

£50 Outreach costs (eg stall hire, flyer printing, increasing people impacted to 200+ per school assembly)

£250 Volunteer training (eg. first aid at £45 per head, food hygiene, bushcraft)

£1500 Camping equipment (eg tents at £150 each, sleeping bags at £40, camping mats £20)

### **Are you looking for any other sources of funding? Please tell us about these if so.**

We collect donations from families with children participating in our groups each term, where they can afford to contribute, to offset the costs of our activities. We apply for Giftaid where applicable. Members will undertake fundraising eg sponsored

events. We will apply to Leeds Council MICE fund to support our hall hire and group registration. The listed project costs are unaffordable since previous Youth United funding ended in March 2016, especially if we wish to engage low income families.

**Enter the postcode of the main location where the project will be taking place.**

LS7 4HE

**Project completion date**

31/03/2018

**Is there anything else that you want to tell us about your project to help us consider your application?**

WF has strong historic links with the Co-op, until recently receiving grants eg. for head office and hall hire, that parents now pay towards. Co-op and WF values and principles are the same, with our focus on the next generation of co-operators. Many of our adult volunteers are Co-op members, bank, shop and book funerals with the Co-op. WF runs 350+ groups under one national charity number, so local funds and volunteer time are spent less on admin and more on working directly with young people.