

## 2013/14 Commonwealth Legacy Fund



### What is the Commonwealth Legacy Fund?

The year of 2014 has been a massive year for Scotland, Glasgow in particular, in hosts the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Glasgow embraced the games and so did YouthBank, the Commonwealth Legacy fund was created. The Commonwealth Legacy fund was a grant pot to keep the spirit of the games alive once they had left Glasgow. It was different from YouthBank's usual grant pot in a few different ways; applicants can apply for up to £750 which is different as usual applicants can only apply for up to £500, the project must leave a legacy of the games within the community, also the project must link in with at least one of the Commonwealth themes: Prosperous, Active, Inclusive, Accessible, Greener and International. The fund ran from December 2013 to June 2014.

### General Overview

The Commonwealth Legacy fund was very effective with **14** successful applications. A total of **£6,068.72** was awarded to these projects and these projects benefitted many different communities across the North East of Glasgow. By combining the application statistics the minimum amount of young people that benefitted from the Commonwealth Legacy fund was **821**. However, beyond the statistics the projects benefitted the wider community also, many of the projects involved putting on a show or sharing their project with others in the community. The project achieved what it set out what it was meant to by keeping the Commonwealth Games alive in Glasgow. Here is an example of some of the projects:

### **K19 Commonwealth Welcome Song – G Town**

G Town media produced a song to capture the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. The song taught many local people about different cultures through music, by educating the local community they came together to celebrate the games. In a recent phone call with the project we were told the project is still ongoing with 12 young people regularly attending and they are working on many different tasks now. When asked if the YouthBank funding was essential to the project, the project leader replied “YouthBank made it happen for us”.

The legacy is that the song is recorded and is still listened to today and the success of this project had allowed the group to attract funding for today's work.

### **K36 Homecoming Event – A+M Dance**

A + M Dance is an organisation that apply to us regularly and we have funded many different projects of theirs. This project brought all of their 14 dance classes together each represented a different country the young people expressed what they learnt about that country through dance. The event brought the community together through the rehearsals and also the wider community through the actual event. At the event each dance group presented food and facts about the chosen countries. Since the project took place more young people have got involved and they show a film of the performance to funders. They stated that ‘YouthBank was vital, especially for transport’

The legacy for young people involved is that they increased their knowledge about countries part of the Commonwealth.

## K35 Glasgow 2014 Portable Records- Bolt FM

Bolt FM is an organisation that has been running for a couple of years now and YouthBank funded an application to purchase new equipment, four Zoom H1 recorders. These recorders allowed young people the amazing opportunity of getting involved in the Queens Baton Relay, Festival 2014 and also the Commonwealth Games by interviewing people at the events, including the cycling time trial that ran through Riddrie. This allowed young people to experience the atmosphere at the events but also share other people's views of the events and the games. The equipment is now still used at 6 different projects across the North East of Glasgow.



### **K14 Ready Steady Commonwealth Cookbook – Fuse Youth Cafe**

This was a project that was already in process, they had been having weekly sessions since November, choosing a different Commonwealth country each week. During these sessions they decided they wanted to make a cookbook of all the recipes and share them with the local community. The recipe book also included the country's flags and some interesting facts about the country. Each recipe was also based on healthy eating, they based the recipe on something the athletes themselves might eat.



### **K08 Rowing Project – PEEK**

This was the first project funded by the commonwealth legacy fund, the project allowed 15 young people the opportunity to have of training and gain a certificate through Rowing Scotland. This was the chance for these young people to learn a brand new skill that they would have never had the opportunity to do if it wasn't for the Commonwealth Legacy Fund. The legacy of the project is that it was the first relationship between local projects and the Glasgow Rowing Club; the rowing club are now working with many local groups, giving more people in Glasgow the opportunity to gain rowing skills and qualifications.



## **Conclusion**

The Commonwealth Legacy Project that YouthBank provided was a huge success, it allowed the Young People North East of Glasgow to celebrate the games in their own way and through many different projects, we had Commonwealth Gala Days, Rowing Lessons, Cooking Classes of different competing countries signature dish and many other projects that allowed the young people of Glasgow to learn more about the Commonwealth Games.

The idea of legacy means that the spirit of the Games is still alive within the North East of Glasgow today and hopefully will be for a long time to come. The young people who attend YouthBank enjoyed the process of the Commonwealth Legacy fund and enjoyed revisiting the projects to see how the legacy of the games was achieved. They enjoyed creating the workshops to promote the fund, hosting the commonwealth showcase event in partnership with the Glenburn Commonwealth Gala day and talking to the groups that benefited from the grants. Young people would like to run more themed grant giving like this and are planning to repeat the format to tackle or promote one element to YouthBank grant giving this year after they update the application process.