Appendix 2

Small Grants Panel & Funding

The Small Grants Programme is to enable young people to apply for funding to support other young people in their communities to build youth participation and leadership. The programme is aimed at strengthening the participation of young people as decision makers. Grants between £500-£1500 are available for young people to plan and deliver group work programmes or events, to support the participation of young people in their local community.

Young people aged 4-25 can apply if they are part of a statutory group or an EA registered and verified group. The funding will open for applications between April-June each year and all programmes must be completed by the end of the following March.

All information relating to small grants and how to apply can be found at www.eani.org.uk/smallgrants

The Panel

The Small Grants Programme is developed and administered by a panel of young people, aged 15–20 from across Northern Ireland, representing both statutory and voluntary youth provision. The panel's role is to design the scheme, decide on key themes, assess applications, and visit successful groups to see the projects in action. They will evaluate the scheme each year and make changes based on the feedback they receive from other young people. Please contact sgp@eani.org.uk if you have young people interested in joining the panel.

