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| **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**  **Please be aware that for decision making purposes the contents of this bid will be shared with a panel which includes local community members. By signing this form you are consenting to that information being shared**. | |
|  | **Active Citizens Fund**  **Application Form** |

1. **IN THE BOX BELOW, PLEASE STATE THE NAME OF THE NPU PARTNERSHIP TEAM OFFICER TO WHOM YOU HAVE SPOKEN*:***

**NPU Partnership Team officer**: Stefanie Sadler Sgt Phil Southern Lozells NHT

1. **ABOUT YOU / YOUR ORGANISATION / GROUP**

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| **Project name:**  **Summer 2022 Activities at Georges Park** |

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| **Name of organisation/group:**  XXXXXXXXXX | **Organisation/group postal address and website details:** |

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| **Project contact/owner:**  XXXXXXXXXX | **Position in organisation:**  Treasurer | **Contact details:**  Daytime telephone number(s) XXXXXXXXXX  Fax  Email: XXXXXXXXXX |

1. **DOES YOUR ORGANISATION / GROUP HOLD A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT WHICH HAS AT LEAST TWO SIGNATORIES?** XXXXXXXXXX

**If your answer is “No” please state in the box below, the name of the organisation that has agreed to hold funding for you**

**Name of organisation:**

**Name of contact within that organisation:**

1. **Please list the names, addresses and positions held of all members of your organisation’s management committee.** *Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.*
2. **PLEASE LIST THE NAMES, ADDRESSES AND POSITIONS HELD OF ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR ORGANISATION’S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.** *Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.*

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| **Name** | **Address** | **Position** |
| XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | Treasurer |
| XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | Chair |
| XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | Secretary |
| XXXXXXXXXX | XXXXXXXXXX | Vice Chair |

1. **PLEASE IDENTIFY IN WHICH OF THE AREAS LISTED BELOW (IMPACT AREAS) WILL YOUR PROJECT BE ACTIVE**

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| **NPU** | **Impact Areas** | **To be completed by applicant** |
| Birmingham East | Bordesley Green, Erdington, Sparkhill / Sparkbrook |  |
| Birmingham West | Birmingham city centre, Lozells,  3 estates (Northfield/Kings Norton) | LOZELLS HANDSWORTH |
| Coventry | Hillfields, Wood End and Bell Green |  |
| Dudley | Brierley Hill, Dudley Central |  |
| Sandwell | Princes End, Smethwick, Soho & Victoria, West Bromwich central |  |
| Solihull | Chelmsley Town, Smithswood |  |
| Walsall | St Matthews, Willenhall |  |
| Wolverhampton | Bilston, Whitmore Reans |  |

1. **PLEASE TELL US ABOUT ALL PREVIOUS FUNDING YOU HAVE RECEIVED EITHER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE (WMP), THE VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT (VRU) AND / OR OFFICE OF THE WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (OPCC)**

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| **Project** | **Funding programme (ie Active Citizen’s Fund, Victims’ Fund etc)** | **Amount awarded** | **Financial year awarded** |
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1. **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

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| **Provide a brief and clear description of your project:**  **Our project idea is to host various activities within Georges Park for people across all age ranges with a focus on youngsters aged between 5 to 18 in Summer 2022.**  **The activities will run throughout the Summer holidays in 2022, keeping youngsters occupied during the school break and off the streets. We will have a regular schedule of various activities that can be enjoyed by all.**  **The activities will be designed to also strengthen the community spirit in the area, encourage people to look after the environment and get involved in learning new skills which they can further develop in the long term.**  **Georges Park is situated in Lozells which has a higher than national average of youngsters, during the school holidays the park is well attended by youngsters and families with young children.**  **Activities will include**  **Arts and crafts workshops**  **Outdoor kickboxing**  **Woodland activities/ Forest schools**  **Outdoor cooking lessons**  **Canvas painting sessions**  **Gardening activities**  **Sports activities**  **Musical instrument activities/ lessons**  **Cycling Sessions** |

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| **How will your project help to prevent or reduce crime and support community safety in the local area?**  **From past events we have hosted, we know that community events bring people together. The opportunity to do group activities as a community helps increase community relations, neighbours become friends and look out for one and other. The Friends of Georges Park have a clear focus to help build a stronger ‘community spirit’ in the area through events and activities.**  **We believe an area with strong community is a safer area for everyone.**  **The activities will also directly impact the attendees, most of whom we expect will be youngsters who will be on a summer break from school. The activities will help keep them occupied. But also in the long term inspire them to be good citizens, from looking after the environment to learning new skills which they can use for inspiration for their chosen career paths in the future.**  **We know from feedback taken from the community that some parts of the park are a ‘no go’ area for children and families, this includes the bandstand. The bandstand over years has become an area od the park where most drinking and drug taking takes place. We want to claim this area back for the community, and that is why we held our arts and crafts workshops over the summer 2021 in the band stand. We believe the more positive activity we can host in the band stand the more safer it will feel for the community. We want the local residents to feel safe across all parts of the park.**  **We intend to use the bandstand to host many of the future group activities, currently it is the only area of the park that has some shelter.**  **We also plan to host some activities in the woodlands. Again another part of the park which is underused by families as they feel un safe in the woodlands. By holding outdoor nature activities in the space it will open up a new area of the park for families to enjoy and learn in.** |

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| **How will your project promote/encourage/develop citizenship and volunteering?**  **We have successfully hosted various activity sessions in the park during Summer 2021 which has encouraged people to be good citizens.**  **One example of this was our Community Flower Bed Planting day, we replanted a flower bed as a community, people of all ages completed this task together. By engaging the community and especially younger members of the community on this project we were able to inspire them to continue to look after the flowerbed and take care of the wider environment.**  **We also hosted kick boxing activities in the park during the summer, this was led by a professional coach who is experienced in working with youngsters with behavioural issues. Throughout these sessions the youngsters learnt about discipline, respect and the benefits of keeping active. This inspired some of the youngsters to be good citizens and also take up a new form of exercise.**  **By hosting various activities we hope to attract a wide range of attendees from all backgrounds. After hosting various other events in the past naturally we have grown our volunteer numbers. We hope to achieve the same in the future.** |

1. **ACHIEVEMENTS AND OUTCOMES**

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| **What effect do you hope your project will have? What difference will it make?**  **We have trialled various activities in Georges Park over the past year which have been successful in engaging the community. We have seen more and more people use the park over the last 15 months since the beginning of the pandemic.**  **Our bike training programme over the Easter holidays was well attended by children and also by local women. This is remarkable because Lozells has a high** XXXXXXXXXX **and culturally it is uncommon for women to take part in sports.**  **For some of our older women participants it was their first time on a bike, and they learned how to ride in Georges Park.**  **We expect the Summer Activities programme will continue to inspire the community to broaden their horizon, try new things and develop themselves.**  **We also hope that by bringing more regular family activities to the park will make it feel safer for everyone. We have noticed a lot more families using the park for picnics, exercising, family outings since the we formed our group in Feb 2021. We believe we have made the park a more safer environment and hope to continue this work through future activities.** |

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| **What will your project do to reach your goal?**  **Our project appeals to people of all ages, no matter what background. We want to create a strong community bond by doing inspirational activities in Georges Park, we believe we can help make a huge impact on a positive change for Lozells through this project.** |
| **An evaluation of your project will be required on completion. Explain how you will measure the success:**  **We will monitor the projects impact from day one, we will ensure the following KPI’s are monitored**  **• Group discussions with park users, we will gather opinions by directly speaking to the local residents to monitor the impact of the project**  **• We will monitor booking statistics**  **• We will monitor group activity engagement**  **• We will carry out participatory reviews by users** |

1. **TIMESCALES**

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| **Project start date: July 2022** |  | **Project end date: September 2022** |

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| **Timescale**  **(day/week/month)** | Key milestones and activities to be undertaken |
| 31/6/22 | Have an activities schedule in place for the Summer |
| 15/7/22 | Begin delivering activities |
| 5/9/22 | End of summer activities |

1. **PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING**

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| **Itemised breakdown**  **of costs**  **[What is the money for?]** | 1. **Amount requested from Active Citizens Fund**   **( Maximum £5,000)** | **(B) Amount contributed from other funding**  **(identify source)** | (A+B) Total cost |
| Foldable Chairs x 15 | £350 | 0 |  |
| Foldable Tables x 8 | £650.00 | 0 |  |
| PVC Banners/sun shade/ windbreaks for Bandstand | £900 | 0 |  |
| Materials and Resources for activities | £1400 | 0 |  |
| Professional staff for all activities. One lead staff and one support staff per session, per activity. | £1200 | 0 |  |
| Promotional banners to promote the activities/ flyers | £500 | 0 |  |
| **TOTAL:** | **£5000** | **£0** | **£5000** |

1. **SAFEGUARDING**

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| Safeguarding needs to be considered if the project will ***supervise, care for, or have significant direct contact*** with a vulnerable person during the funded activity. A ‘Vulnerable person’ means:   * anyone under the age of 18, or anyone who: * needs (or may need) community care services because of mental disability, other disability, age or illness, and * who is (or may be) unable to take care of themselves or unable to protect themselves against significant harm or exploitation   The project must consider all the risks that may arise from contact with the vulnerable person, and  taked all reasonable steps to ensure their safety.  If the staff or volunteers involved with the project will, during their activities, supervise, care for, or otherwise have significant direct contact with vulnerable people, there are various steps that could be taken. The exact response will depend of the amount of risk involved, but might include the following:   * Organisation has its own safeguarding and child protection policy and procedures, which everyone, including children and young people in the organisation knows about and uses in their day to day work. This should include having a named person responsible for child protection within the organisation. * Undertake DBS checks for all staff, volunteers and management committee working directly with or with access to the vulnerable people. * Ensure all staff and volunteers receive working with children training which is relevant to their role and updated on a regular basis. * Take appropriate steps to ensure that children and young people are safe, e.g. by conducting risk assessments for activities, by ensuring supervisory staff hold relevant qualifications, by providing adequate training to volunteers. |

Please use this space to explain what safeguarding advice you have taken, and what safeguarding measures (if any) are in place for this project:

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1. **When you have completed the application, please read and sign below.**

**Please note that you must provide a written or scanned electronic signature.**

***“I certify that the information supplied is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and accept that providing deliberate false information could result in legal action being taken against me and withdrawal of funds awarded.***

***“Having considered the information above regarding safeguarding, I confirm that suitable safeguarding arrangements are in place to meet the needs of this project”.***

**Signed for and on behalf of : Friends of Georges Park**

**Print your name:** XXXXXXXXXX

**Your signature:** XXXXXXXXXX

**Position in organisation: Treasurer**

**Date: 16/9/21**

**COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO***: RELEVANT PARTNERSHIP EMAIL ADDRESS*

*Choose from:*

* Birmingham: [cp\_bhambids@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cp_bhambids@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)
* Coventry: coventry\_partnership@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk
* Dudley: [Dy\_partnerships\_team@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Dy_partnerships_team@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)
* Sandwell: Sandwell\_Partnerships@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk
* Solihull: [SH\_Partnerships@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SH_Partnerships@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)
* Walsall: [Ws\_partnerships@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Ws_partnerships@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)
* Wolverhampton: [wv\_partnerships@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wv_partnerships@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

1. **TO BE COMPLETED BY NPU COMMANDER FOLLOWING DECISION MAKING MEETING**

I have assessed the information provided in this application and I approve this project for funding from the Active Citizens Fund. I have confidence in the legitimacy of this project and organisation. The reputation of this organisation and its leaders is well known to local police and does not give me any cause for concern.

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| **Signed ……………………………………………………………………………………………………….**  **Print name, rank and collar number ……………………………………………………………………**  **Date …………………………………………………………………………………………………………..** |

**Addional information requested from the panel are below**

       How many weeks in total will the project run?

The project will run for approximately 6 weeks during the school holidays in summer 2021, we may consider extending it and include weekend sessions too leading up to the summer holidays.

       How much activity will take place – is it daily or weekly?

The activities will be held daily throughout the summer holidays.

       How many young people do you hope to engage with?

Lozells has a higher than average young people population so we have a huge opportunity to engage with them through park activities. In recent activity sessions we held in the park, attendance has been anything between 10 to 15 children per session. We have a GDPR compliant data base of 350 contacts who all signed up to our contact list from an open air cinema event we hosted last month. We can promote the activities via email.

       What is their age range?

Age range from 5 to 17 for youngsters. But we also aim to deliver some sessions for adults too.

       Is there an itinerary for the duration of the programme?

We will create an iteniary in due course for the full duration of the summer activities.

       Is there a contingency plan if the weather is wet?

We will utilize the band stand for majority of the activities. The bandstand has a roof but open around the sides. We hope to be able to purchase some screens with the funding which will make the area more enclosed.  If the weather is extremely bad we would have to reschedule activities.

       Is there community assets that you could use their table and chairs and the funds (if received) could be spent on more materials?

We have in the past borrowed tables from nearby organisations but they were not foldable so it was difficulties transporting them over to the park. We only need to purchase these tables and chairs once and  can utilize the new foldable tables for future activities.

       Could the project focus on more park related things, such as gardening, cycling and other sports games?

Yes absolutely, we will have a variety of different workshops, activities and events that will aim to engage all local residents of variety of ages and background. We want the activities to help bring a closer nit community in lozells.