

## INVITATION TO TENDER

# Improving our communities: what are the views and aspirations of young people?

### Introduction

- 1 The EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund is a charitable Fund provided by EDF, the developer of the Burnfoot Hill, Burnfoot North Wind and Rhodders Wind Farms. The fund provides approximately £60,000 per annum to benefit community-led activity in the Hillfoots communities of Alva, Dollar, Menstrie and Tillicoultry.
- 2 The Fund is managed by Foundation Scotland, an independent charity with expertise in grant making and community engagement. Foundation Scotland works with communities and developers across Scotland to design and develop community benefit funds, primarily from commercial scale renewable projects. For further information on Foundation Scotland's work with community benefit please go to <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/community-benefit/>
- 3 The EDF Burnfoot Hill Fund has been operating since 2011. Decisions on grants are taken by a local Community Panel that received assessed applications from Foundation Scotland.
- 4 The Panel notes that very few of the grants made since the Fund opened in 2011 have reached projects or organisations that work with young people aged 10 -18. As a result the Panel wishes to better understand the needs and aspirations of young people in relation to their home communities.
- 5 This project will mainly comprise intense community engagement activity during April – June to identify young people's aspirations for their communities in the longer term (10-15 years) and particular themes and priority projects for the next five years. What do they value about living in their community? What do they want more of or less of? What can they contribute to making their community a better place? If they were parents here in 20-30 years time what kind of facilities and services would they like to see here?
- 6 The project must engage young people directly (aged 10-18) and other relevant stakeholders in a process of discussion and decision-making around key issues, themes and priorities. This includes other community groups that may or may not currently involve or affect young people. The work will demonstrate good practice in consultation and engagement and be inclusive and transparent.
- 7 The research findings will help inform future decisions about the direction and use of some of the community benefit fund – in the short, medium and longer term. However it is acknowledged that the research findings will likely encompass activity in excess of what the Fund will be able to support.

## Task

- 8 The project leader will:
- Engage and support a group of young people as members of a steering group to oversee the project so that it is genuinely led by young people.
  - Compile current data about young people in the Hillfoots by way of background information.
  - Research what young people want to improve their communities now and in the future and how they can contribute to making their communities better places to live.
  - Identify the issues affecting young people and their families in the Hillfoots.
  - Research what activities and support services are currently available to young people in the area.
  - Make links with other relevant statutory and non-statutory agencies to include interviewing existing and potential partners to record their views on current services and ideas for future initiatives.
  - Identify gaps in activities and support and make recommendations for future projects and partnerships that align with the aspirations and issues raised by young people.
  - Develop ideas for future project work.
- 9 The output of the research will be a report to include:
- Research findings.
  - A set of recommendations of what new activities and support could be delivered to inspire young people and better enable young people in the area to get involved in their communities.
  - Proposals for ensuring that young people have a voice and an ability to influence what happens in their neighbourhoods and beyond including with regard to distribution of funds from the EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund.

## Outcomes

- 10 At the end of the project we hope that the project will have:
- Involved a team of young people in guiding the project and helping build their capacity and interest in the future of their communities;
  - Engaged with a diverse range of young people with differing interests, abilities, ages and needs to record their aspirations and needs;
  - Helped to raise awareness of the aspirations and needs of young people amongst other community members/stakeholders;
  - Improved local people's understanding and perception of young people;
  - Delivered a report with a clear set of recommendations for future work including identifying projects that can better meet young people's aspirations for improving their communities.

## **Tender Submission**

11 Organisations/individuals are asked to provide a tender submission which outlines their approach to the project, their relevant experience, the skills and knowledge of the proposed project, capacity to deliver and a breakdown of the proposed budget.

### ***a) Approach***

- Please illustrate your understanding and analysis of the key issues.
- Please outline your approach to setting up and delivering the project.

### ***b) Relevant skills, experience & capacity***

- Please demonstrate your experience of undertaking similar projects including a case study example.
- Please tell us about your understanding of local issues and your experience of working within the area or similar community and your experience of working with young people.
- Please provide information about the skills and experience of the team who will work on the project including capacity to deliver and manage the project.
- Please provide two relevant references testifying your experience of similar projects.

### ***c) Budget***

The cost of your proposal should not exceed £6000 inclusive of VAT if applicable. Please provide a breakdown of your costs.

## **Application process**

12 Written submissions should be no more than 4 sides of A4 and returned by email to: [rachel@foundationscotland.org](mailto:rachel@foundationscotland.org) **by 5pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Interviews will be held in Menstrie on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. The interview will take the form of a presentation, some set questions and an open discussion.

## **Further support and clarification**

13 If you would like to discuss any aspect of this tender, please contact Rachel Searle-Mbullu, at Foundation Scotland via the email above or on 0141 341 4961