



**COMMUNITY FUND  
FUND**

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Application No 01

Organisation:

Pendle and Clitheroe MP

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Application Details

Project Brief:

**Project Name:** POP (Positive Opportunities Pendle) Project  
**Project Location & District:** Pendle – specifically the Waterside area, one of the top 10% most deprived wards nationally.  
**Project Duration:** 12 Weeks  
**Proposed Start Date:** 1st March 2026

**Commissioners Priorities:**

- Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls
- Rebuilding Trust and Confidence in Policing

**Project Summary:**

Pendle has one of the highest ASB rates in Lancashire (46 incidents per 1,000 people in Colne vs. county average of 30). ASB incidents rose by 25.9% in early 2025 compared to the previous year. This project targets 12–15-year-olds in Waterside to reduce ASB through structured youth work, social action, and community engagement. By empowering young people to co-design solutions, the project aims to create lasting behavioural change and improve perceptions of youth in the community.

**Summary of Activities:**

- **Three 12-week programmes** delivered by PAC (Positive Action in the Community).
- **Programme Phases:**
  - **Connect & Create:** Self-awareness workshops (e.g., “Map of Me”), creative activities to explore identity and aspirations.
  - **Influence & Action:** Leadership development, team-building at Whitehough Outdoor Centre, visits to local services (Police, Fire Station).
  - **Innovate & Activate:** Social action projects designed and delivered by young people, culminating in a celebration event.
- **Additional Activities:**
  - Creative CV building (written, video, podcast formats).
  - Behind-the-scenes visits to local venues (Municipal Hall, Pendle Leisure).
  - Engagement with local mentors and businesses.

**Other Diversionary Activities & How Project Complements Them**

- Limited free activities in Waterside; existing options like Colne Citadel and Colne Open Door are adult-focused.
- Youth clubs further afield exist but require paid membership or pay-as-you-go, creating barriers (cost, distance, accessibility, lack of connection).
- Project's role: Provides accessible, affordable local provision for young people, complements adult-focused services by promoting to families, and works alongside neighbourhood policing, Children & Family Wellbeing, education, and health services through shared referrals and collaboration.

**Participation Model:** Lundy Model (Space, Voice, Audience, Influence) to ensure meaningful youth involvement.

#### **Programme Structure & Cost**

- **Three courses run consecutively**, applying learning from each to the next.
- Young people completing earlier courses will **support delivery and promotion** of later ones.
- **£43k covers approx. 12 months**, with flexibility for savings and potential additional activities (e.g., reunion session or repurposed underspend based on young people's input).

#### **Issue Identified:**

High ASB rates and deprivation in Waterside contribute to community tensions and youth disengagement. The project addresses root causes by promoting empathy, resilience, and positive identity among young people.

#### **Targeting & Engagement**

- Active promotion highlighting benefits and opportunities.
- Balanced group: those at greatest risk and those motivated to engage.
- Aim for **inclusive approach** to reach unseen or unheard young people.

#### **No. Of Individuals Expected to Engage:**

8–12 young people per programme (24–36 total), plus wider community impact through social action campaigns, events, and social media engagement.

#### **Referral Pathways:**

Police, schools, early intervention panels, and local organisations.

Based on PAC's existing process; will be **formalised with stakeholders if funding secured**.

#### **Initial criteria:**

- Age 11–16
- At risk of ASB or disengagement from school
- Social isolation or poor socialisation
- Benefit from small group intervention

Includes **self-referrals and partner referrals** for higher engagement.

#### **Partners Involved:**

- **PAC (Positive Action in the Community):** Lead delivery partner with experienced youth workers.
- **Lancashire Police & PCSOs:** Engagement, mediation, and trust-building.
- **Lancashire Fire & Rescue:** Educational visits.
- Local businesses and mentors for social action support.
- MP involvement for visibility and advocacy.

**Amount Requested From PCC:** £43,008

**Overall Cost & Breakdown:**

Total project cost: **£43,008** across three 12-week youth programmes.

**Sessional Costs (£11,820):**

- Youth workers at **£18.50/hour**, delivering **4 hours per session** across **36 sessions**.
- Admin support at **£18.50/hour** for **10 hours per programme**.
- Project management at **£25/hour** for **108 hours total** (direct delivery).
- Additional costs include IT/mobile and staff travel.

**Project Delivery Costs (£26,430):**

- Trips, activities, and transport.
- Refreshments at **£30 per session**.
- Resources and session materials.
- Celebration events at **£1,240 per programme**.
- Young people's incentives (£20 per participant).

**Overheads (£1,758):**

- Finance support: **£185 per programme**.
- Insurance: **£288 per programme**.
- Organisational infrastructure: **£195 per programme**.
- Venue hire/utilities at **£17.70/hour, 4 hours/week, for 12 weeks** (= £850 per programme).

Cost per programme: **£13,948**

Cost for all three programmes: **£41,844**

PCC request set at **£43,008** to cover delivery and contingency.

**Evaluation Suggestions:**

- **Qualitative:** CSP data analysis, street audits for environmental changes.
- **Quantitative:** Feedback from young people, partners, and community; tracking perceptions, attitudes, and ASB engagement.
- Collaboration with analysts to **drill down local data** for Waterside.

**Sustainability Beyond Initial Funding**

- **Legacy impact:** Young people become role models, promoting positive alternatives and community engagement.
- **Programme sustainability:** Use evidence and data from delivery to support future funding applications (public, private, philanthropic, trusts).
- PAC's **strategic plan (2025–2030)** prioritises early intervention, committing to develop sustainable funding models.
- Funding applications will commence after the first programme to leverage impact evidence.
- Holistic sustainability approach: even if financial sustainability is challenging for free services, strong evidence of impact will drive future investment.

Priority Supported:

**Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour  
Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls  
Rebuilding Trust and Confidence in Policing**

Partner Consultation

Office of the Police and Crime  
Commissioner for Lancashire

Overall, this appears to be a worthwhile project, and the organisation already seems well embedded within several schools.

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The Waterside area of Colne has consistently recorded above-average levels of antisocial behaviour and has experienced significant underinvestment, making this proposal timely and relevant. The project is well-structured and persuasive.