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Application No 02

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Application Details

Project Brief:

Project Name: Wade Hall Youth Engagement Programme
Organisation: First Kick Foundation (CIC)
Project Location & District: The Place Community Centre and surrounding areas, Wade Hall, Leyland South Ribble
Project Duration and Proposed Start Date: 26 weeks (1 June 2026 – 29 November 2026)

Project Summary:
This project will deliver a free, inclusive, and needs-led youth engagement programme aimed at young people aged 7–16. It combines structured youth club sessions with detached outreach during school holidays, creating a consistent and visible presence in the community. The programme is designed to:

- Provide safe spaces for young people
- Offer positive alternatives to antisocial behaviour
- Support personal, social, and emotional development

Activities will be co-designed with local young people and delivered by trained youth workers, ensuring relevance, accessibility, and engagement.

Evidence of Need:
The project is directly informed by a 12-week consultation with over 25 young people living in Wade Hall. This consultation identified significant gaps in provision and clear risks to community safety and youth wellbeing:

Key findings

- Majority reported there is “nothing to do” locally
- Almost all participants had witnessed antisocial behaviour (ASB)
- Many reported an increase in:
 - Substance use
 - Theft
 - Disruptive behaviour
- Some young people viewed negative behaviour as “normal” or “fun”
- Limited understanding of how behaviour impacts the wider community

Demand for provision

- High demand for a safe youth club environment
- Strong interest in:
 - Sport and physical activity
 - Gaming and social space
 - Creative activities

- Increased feeling of safety if provision existed locally

These findings demonstrate a clear need for early intervention, positive engagement, and structured activities to reduce risk-taking behaviour and improve community cohesion.

Aims and Objectives

The programme aims to:

- Reduce youth-related antisocial behaviour and low-level crime
- Improve young people's decision-making and risk awareness
- Increase confidence, resilience, and emotional wellbeing
- Strengthen community relationships and belonging
- Provide safe, accessible, and engaging activities

Target Beneficiaries

- Young people aged 7–16 in Wade Hall
- Approx. 260 individuals engaged over the project
- Focus on vulnerable or at-risk young people

Project Activities

A. Weekly Youth Club

Two weekly sessions at The Place for ages 7–16 (up to 20 per session), offering sports, gaming, creative activities, and team-building, alongside themed sessions.

B. School Holiday Outreach

Delivered three evenings per week during school holidays, providing informal sports, outreach engagement, and free healthy meals in community settings.

C. Informal Education and Mentoring

Activities include workshops on safety, risk awareness, substance misuse, and consequences of behaviour, supporting positive decision-making and behaviour change.

Delivery Model and Partnerships

The programme will be delivered through strong partnership working with:

- South Ribble Borough Council
- Lancashire Police
- Progress Housing Group
- Local schools and children's services

Engagement methods

- Referral pathways via partners
- Social media promotion
- Community outreach and leafleting

This multi-agency model enhances safeguarding, referral support, and long-term impact.

Outputs

Over the 6-month period, the project will deliver:

- Weekly youth sessions (2 per week)
- Holiday outreach sessions (3 per week)
- Engagement with 260 young people
- Over 1,200 total attendances
- Regular informal education sessions

Outcomes and Impact

Short-term outcomes

- Safer spaces for young people
- Increased participation in positive activities
- Improved awareness of risks and consequences

Measurable outcomes

- ≥10% reduction in youth ASB in the area
- 80–90% of participants demonstrate:

- Improved decision-making
- Greater risk awareness
- Increased confidence and wellbeing
- Stronger sense of belonging

Wider impact

- Improved community cohesion
- Reduced demand on local policing
- Positive peer influence among young people

Monitoring and Evaluation

A robust evaluation framework will track outcomes using:

- Attendance records
- Baseline and exit questionnaires
- Youth worker observations
- Participant feedback
- Partner feedback (including police and community stakeholders)

Progress will be reviewed monthly, with a final evaluation report capturing impact, learning, and future recommendations.

Safeguarding and Risk Management

- All staff are DBS checked
- Regular safeguarding and first aid training
- Full risk assessments for all delivery settings
- Alignment with national safeguarding standards

This ensures a safe and supportive environment for all participants.

Budget and Funding:

Cost Item	Cost Calculation	Total (£)	Funding Source
Static Youth Club Staffing	£35/hr × 2 staff × 2 hrs × sessions over delivery	£7,280	PCC
Holiday Outreach Staffing	£35/hr × 2 staff × 2 hrs × 3 sessions/week × 8 weeks	£5,760	PCC + First Kick match (£3,040)
Healthy Meals (Holiday Sessions)	£5 per head × 20 young people per session	Included above	PCC / match funding
Summer Holiday Sessions (add. cover)	Funded sessions supported by SRBC	£2,880	Match funding (South Ribble BC)
Total Project Cost		£15,920	Mixed funding
Funding Requested (PCC)		£10,000	PCC
Total Match Funding	First Kick + SRBC contributions	£5,920	Partners

Sustainability and Legacy

First Kick Foundation is committed to sustaining provision in Wade Hall beyond the funded period by:

- Using evaluation data to secure future funding
- Strengthening partnerships and referral pathways
- Building community engagement and local ownership

	The project will establish a long-term foundation for youth provision in the area and support ongoing reductions in antisocial behaviour.
Priority Supported:	Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Partner Consultation	
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire	This is one of the stronger First Kicks applications, showing clear consultation and planning. The need in Wade Hall is evident, though inclusion of supporting crime data would strengthen it. Local police should be included in referral pathways and delivery where possible. Clarification is also needed on participant numbers, as the stated attendance figures appear inconsistent and impact overall reach.
ASB, Prevention and Problem-Solving Command	Agrees with OPCC comment. A key strength is that Ria Armstrong has recently moved from leading PNE to overseeing First Kicks and brings significant experience in delivering this type of project. On that basis, I would be comfortable endorsing the application, as her expertise gives confidence in its successful delivery.