

## Your information

### Your Project

#### Project details

What is the name of your project?

Common Ground 2022

When is the planned (or estimated) start date of your project?

31 May, 2022

#### Project country

What country will your project be based in?

England

#### Project location

Where will your project take place?

Northamptonshire

Tell us the towns, villages or wards where your beneficiaries live

Brighton and Hove

What is the postcode of the location where your project will take place?

NN6 9LY

#### Your idea

What would you like to do?

Brighton and Hove Woodcraft Folk hope to take 50 children to Common Ground International youth camp at Kelmarsh Hall, Northampton from 29 July - 8 August. The pandemic had a catastrophic impact on many families' finances, as well as their mental health. We want as many young people as possible to enjoy Common Ground, regardless of their financial background. Many of our families are on benefits and low wages, so the costs including travel are a barrier to attending. To ensure that all who want to attend can do so, we will need to subsidise the costs. Therefore we are applying for 50% of camp and transport costs. We will also fundraise locally to further help those in most need. Children and families have missed school and been isolated from friends and outdoor activities during the pandemic. Being outside in nature benefits mental health problems such as depression and anxiety. Common Ground will bring together thousands of young people from the UK and around the world for 10 days of camping, co-operation and friendship. The theme of the camp is International Friendship and Solidarity, and it will be a great opportunity for young people to make new friends and broaden their horizons. There will be fun activities: co-operative games, sports and craftwork. There will also be an extensive programme for all ages, including under 5's. Participants can learn about different topics that will shape their futures - Bushcraft, Arts, Media, Anti-discrimination, Environment and Human Rights in interactive workshops. In the evenings, there will be live music and entertainment in a family-friendly setting. Brighton and Hove Woodcraft Folk is an independent branch of the cooperative, voluntary national children's organisation Woodcraft Folk. We run weekly groups for children aged 6-18 years, and have outings, residential trips and camps.

How does your project meet at least one of our funding priorities?

Build strong relationships in and across communities. Woodcraft Folk's motto is "Span the world with friendship" and promotes bringing people together and building strong relationships between individuals and communities. At this international camp all participants will meet and live cooperatively with people from all over the world. Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage. Outdoor experiences help young people develop hard and soft skills applicable later in life either in a personal or work capacity. Young and older people will be working co-operatively in mixed age work groups for basics such as cooking and cleaning. These camp activities develop communication skills, team building, leadership,

problem solving, food preparation and hygiene, personal growth and independence and the value of working together.

How does your project involve your community?

Our groups are popular and well known locally through schools and word of mouth. There are over 100 local people involved in our District (including volunteers, parents and young people). During our weekly meetings we encourage and value contributions from all our members from the very youngest in a friendly and welcoming environment. Parents and families are welcomed at our group nights and other activities, and we get to know one another. As well as our face to face meetings we also use email and WhatsApp to communicate with families. We have been planning in our groups about this International camp for several years and families are very positive about the opportunities the camp will give their children. Our young people have told us how keen they are to attend the camp and how disappointed they were when it was cancelled in August 2020 due to COVID.

### Project costs

List the costs you would like us to fund

Camp attendance (50% of £215 pp) £107.50 x 50 children £5375  
Coach travel to and from camp (50% of £1200) £600  
Lorry hire to transport equipment (50% of £800) £400

Tell us the total cost of your project.

£12750

### Who will benefit from your project?

### Your organisation

## Organisation details

What is the full legal name of your organisation?

Woodcraft Folk Brighton and Hove District

What is the main or registered address of your organisation?

## Organisation type

What type of organisation are you?

Unregistered voluntary or community organisation

## Organisation finances

What is your accounting year end date?

31 December

What is your total income for the year?

## Contacts

### Senior contact

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