



Derbyshire Dales
Council for Voluntary Service

Specification for Growing Golden Opportunities engagement work in the Derbyshire Dales during Summer 2022.

An invitation to tender carry out engagement work with young people in the Derbyshire Dales to inform the Growing Golden Opportunities project, which aims to improve the emotional health and wellbeing of young people in the Derbyshire Dales.

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1. DERBYSHIRE DALES COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The commissioning body for this work is Derbyshire Dales CVS. DDCVS is a Registered Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee. It employs ten staff and has a Board of 6 Trustees / Directors. Its main office is located in Bakewell, Derbyshire. Established in 2001, it has now become a key voluntary sector agency in the area. Derbyshire Dales CVS exists to promote strong, sustainable and healthy communities through voluntary and community action.

We work in the largest and most rural district in Derbyshire, an area which, typically for a rural area, is affected by issues such as lack of affordable housing, poor access to services, low quality employment, limited opportunities for young people and an ageing population. It also has significant pockets of deprivation, one ward in the Dales being in the ten percent most deprived wards in the UK.

2. BACKGROUND

The Growing Golden Opportunities project is funded by Derbyshire County Council Public Health and delivered in partnership with organisations across the Derbyshire Dales. The aim of the programme is to:

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Aims:

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- ✓ Impact
- ✓ Difference
- ✓ Leave a ‘legacy’ for the future

The Plan

Derbyshire County Council Public Health along with community partners are developing this innovative approach and to date have formulated a working group: ‘Growing Golden Opportunities’ for children and young people in the Derbyshire Dales. This group have developed a draft plan to oversee this work.

We will be updating and feeding back progress to relevant groups including the joint Health and Wellbeing Partnership with the Place Alliance – ‘DLIG’, Dales Local Integrated Group and the ‘Children and Young People’s Network’.

The group has already spent time engaging with professionals who work with children and young people in the Derbyshire Dales and they have identified the following themes:

- Emotional education
- General anxiety
- Youth voice
- Social Media
- Eating disorders
- Vulnerable individuals and groups
- Mobility

3. WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO NOW?

The Growing Golden Opportunities Team want to appoint an individual or an organisation to undertake a time-limited piece of engagement work with children and young people who live in the Derbyshire Dales throughout the summer holidays 2022 and the beginning of the school year until mid-September. For the purpose of this exercise, the target audience for this engagement are people aged 5 to 18 years old and also includes individuals who have specialist learning needs and/ or a disability and therefore may remain in education until they are aged 25 years old.

The engagement should provide a representative sample of children and young people's views on mental health and wellbeing. It is anticipated that the provider will be able to engage with between 100 to 150 people via a mixed methods approach which could, but does not have to include, interviews, surveys, face-to-face activities. The provider may want to link to a range of events and activities taking place in the Dales throughout the summer holidays and the Golden Opportunities Team are happy to share local information and contacts as appropriate.

The team are keen to hear about creative solutions which maximise engagement and involvement from across both the main market towns as well as the more rural parts of the Derbyshire Dales. The team will need the results to be broken down so analysis can take place by geographical areas, age, gender etc.

The engagement needs to provide the Golden Opportunities Team with feedback to inform the next stages of the programme delivery and identify positive and negative themes for children and young people when they talk about their mental health. The team would also like to know what support is required to help children and young people feel positive about their mental health and increase their personal resilience. The funding is not able to provide specialist clinical support or a long-term service intervention as the funding available is one off and designed to increase and build resilience within communities and across networks within the Derbyshire Dales as part of a preventative approach. For further information please see the Thrive framework - [THRIVE Framework \(annafreud.org\)](https://annafreud.org)

The Golden Opportunities Team would like the engagement to identify ideas for projects or initiatives that could be developed and delivered over a 12 month period and leave a lasting legacy e.g by creating an approach that builds resilience, shares knowledge or puts in place an opportunity that can be used again and again. It would be beneficial if ideas that have a proven evidence base are developed.

The engagement activity needs to be scoped, designed and co-produced with a small group of children and young people before it is launched. The Golden Opportunities Group are happy to input into this piece of work.

Mental Health can be a sensitive and challenging subject for some people to talk about, therefore the bidder needs to outline how they will create a safe and support environment for engagement to take place, ensure appropriate safeguarding arrangements are in place and ensure consent is obtained from parent/ carers if required.

It is anticipated that this work can be delivered within the available budget of £13,000 and we would like anyone interested in delivering this project to provide a method statement and budget breakdown. The budget needs to cover travel costs/ admin/ room hire and all staffing costs etc. A small budget of up to £2,000 is available to assist with enabling young people to travel and take part in the engagement activity if required.

The outcomes and output from the engagement needs to be written up and analysed so that feedback informs a micro-commissioning/ grant award process in the autumn. Therefore we need a final report to be shared by 7 October 2022.

Representatives from the Golden Opportunities Group would like to invite bidders to an informal virtual meeting to talk through their bid and respond to any queries or questions.

Payment for the project will be on the following schedule:

- 1/3 of budget as engagement commences
- 1/3 budget when engagement finishes
- 1/3 budget when the report is presented, signed off and agreed.

A quality assurance visit will take place whilst the engagement activity is being undertaken by one of the Growing Golden Opportunities Team.

4. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Bids for this work will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Price
- Value for money
- Submission of method statement
- Submission of budget broken down to show staffing costs/ delivery costs/ room hire etc.
- Track record of working and engaging with children and young people
- Appropriate policies and insurances being in place for working with children and young people.

5. WRITTEN PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

As well as addressing the assessment criteria mentioned above, your written proposal should cover the following:

- Experience of similar assignments
- Qualifications and experience of the key staff who will undertake the work
- An identified contact person, and an identified project lead (these can be the same person)
- Date your organisation was established, and the legal status of your organisation.

6. SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL

Your written proposal should be submitted to Neil Moulden, Derbyshire Dales CVS, Agricultural Business Centre, Agricultural Way, Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1AH, or by e-mail to neil@ddcvs.org.uk by **5.00 pm on Friday 24th June 2022**.

Please ensure that full contact details are included with our proposal.

Proposals received after the date above will not be considered.

If you have any queries, please call Neil Moulden on 07483 161659 or e-mail neil@ddcvs.org.uk

Good luck with your proposal!