

RCVYS Training Bursary 2009-2010

Review and Evaluation

Background

At the beginning of Year 3, and following the excellent outcomes achieved as a result of our first year, we increased the money in the RCVYS Training Bursary by £1,500 to £13,000.

This document reviews and evaluates the second 12 months of the RCVYS Training Bursary i.e. April 2009 - March 2010.

General Headlines

- 33 applications were received from 23 different organisations (09/10 - 41 from 28). 10 of these were new organisations
- 28 applications were accepted and funded, 1 application was withdrawn, 1 application was rejected as it was for capital expenditure and 3 applications were rejected due to the organisations already being in receipt of a bursary where training was on-going (09/10 - 38 funded, 2 withdrawn and 1 rejected).
- All of the 28 successful applications were fully funded (09/10 - 37 fully funded and 1 part funded).
- £14,204.80 was applied for, with a total of £12,707.23 being funded, at a mean average of £28.88 per training place (09/10 - £11,063.25 applied for, £10,072.25 being funded, at a mean average of £102.12).
- 440 individuals received a wider variety of general training as a result of the RCVYS Training Bursary (09/10 - 404).
- The type of courses applied for continued to be very mixed, from bespoke or generic volunteer training, to high level accredited qualifications.
- 27 people have completed accredited courses as a result of the RCVYS Training Bursary (09/10 - 32).
- 235 people received training specifically designed to improve the skills of volunteers (09/10 - 309)
- 9% of the applications specifically benefited children, 52% young people and 39% both (09/10 - 39%, 46% & 15%).

Purchased First Aid Training

- £2120.00 has been spent providing an additional First Aid Courses, comprising:
 - 2x Paediatric First Aid
 - 4x Emergency First Aid
- This equates to an additional 72 places.
- This represents a mean average of £29.44 per person.
- Using money from last year's budget, an additional 63 people received First Aid Training
- Every participant has passed.

Other purchased training

Following requests from RCVYS Members, we also arranged 2 sessions of Fire Extinguisher Training.

Recently, several local organisations have recently had a number of opportunities to engage with local broadcast media, and contacted us for help. We were able to address that specific need by commissioning 2 sessions of Professional Media Skills Training over a very long day in March. This was very well received and had proved useful to the groups who participated.

Combined Statistics for 2009/10

- This year, 575 individuals have received training through the RCVYS Training Bursary.
- This year, 162 individuals have completed accredited courses.

Combined Statistics for the duration of the RCVYS Training Bursary (March 2008-March 2010)

- 74 applications were received from 33 different organisations.
- 66 applications were accepted and funded, 3 applications were withdrawn, and 5 applications were rejected
- £25,268.05 was applied for, with a total of £22,779.48 being funded, at a mean average of £26.98 per training place.
- 844 individuals received a wider variety of general training as a result of the RCVYS Training Bursary.
- 59 people have completed accredited courses as a result of the RCVYS Training Bursary.
- 544 people received training specifically designed to improve the skills of volunteers.
- 25% of the applications specifically benefited children, 48% young people and 27% both.
- Over both years, £9,240.65 has been spent providing 228 people with First Aid Training. Several groups have reported using the skills they've learnt on the training to provide emergency first aid during the course of their work.

Summary

The success of the RCVYS Training Bursary can not only be measured in the numbers of individuals benefiting from training, but it can also be evidenced in the lives of the children and young people that the sector has worked with in the last two years.

The significant number of volunteers specifically trained through the programme demonstrates the vital role that they play in delivering services and activities for children and young people here in Reading.

We have been bowled over by the demand from the sector for First Aid training, providing over 200 people with the vital skills that might just save someone's life.

Below are some quotes from some of the organisations who have benefited from the RCVYS Training Bursary this year:

“The Mustard Tree Foundation has benefited greatly from these training opportunities. The Media Training in particular has helped our Senior Staff to effectively spread the message about what how our organisation is supporting the local community. A much wider group of volunteers have gained a range of skills which together can strengthen the community in which we work.”

Tim Clewer - Director - The Mustard Tree Foundation

“The RCVYS Training Bursary has really helped us as an organisation offer a greater service to our stakeholders. We have received 2 grants from the scheme, one was to run a safeguarding and 1st aid course for our volunteering placement providers and voluntary youth club leaders. The second was to run a workshop around working with young volunteers which included good practice guidelines and how to ensure that young people are safe in their volunteering. The CWDC money enabled us to offer the courses at either no cost, or at a substantially reduced cost which is critical when trying to engage with some of the voluntary sector organisations we work with.”

Nick Wooldridge - Youth Volunteering Development Manager (Reading and West Berkshire) - Berkshire Association of Clubs for Young People

“The RCVYS Training Bursary came just at the right time which enabled Reading CAP (Child Assault Prevention) to train facilitators to run a pilot project for key stage two children in four schools. The pilot was a success and we applied for another bursary which then enabled us to train the facilitators to do workshops for key stage one children. We are so grateful to RCVYS for their help which has enabled us to reach more children in order to keep themselves ‘Safe, Strong and Free’.”

Grace Turner - Manager - Reading CAP