



West Cornwall Youth Trust General Information

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The West Cornwall Youth Trust (WCYT) was established in 2009 to provide help to deserving young people in our area to undertake worthwhile activities that they might otherwise not be able to afford. It aims primarily to offer financial assistance to charitable organizations who can, in turn, help West Cornwall youngsters between approximately 10 to 21 years of age who may be:

- Underprivileged.
- Seriously financially constrained.
- Socially disadvantaged.
- Disabled.

Other categories may also be considered, at the Trustees discretion.

West Cornwall residents are described as living west of a line approximately joining St. Austell to Newquay, including the Isles of Scilly.

Background to the WCYT

The WCYT was initially set up with funding from the Roy Fletcher Charitable Trust (RFCT), based in Shropshire.

The RFCT was started in 1978 by Roy Fletcher, a successful Shropshire businessman and philanthropist. Its main focus is to offer financial help to Shropshire residents who are socially disadvantaged, underprivileged or physically handicapped, whether young or old. Since Roy Fletcher's death in 1991, the RFCT has been managed and expanded by his four children

What do we hope to achieve?

That our financial support will help young people achieve some of the following:

- Integrate and interact better socially with others.
- Improve their self-esteem and confidence.
- Respect and tolerate others.
- To work as part of a team.
- Understand and respond to self-discipline.
- Experience responsibilities and leadership.
- Widen their life skills.
- Help to develop their physical, moral and mental abilities.
- Develop their character leading towards responsible adulthood.

The WCYT aims to give disadvantaged youngsters the chance to experience activities enjoyed by their more fortunate peers. We favour educational or adventurous activities that provide an element of challenge. We do not usually offer help with an organization's general running or core funding costs.

How will we decide whom to help?

- By researching, appraising and selecting potential organizations carefully.
- By offering help through charitable organisations, rather than to individuals.
- By requiring feedback on the results achieved, if a grant has been made.

How to apply for help from the West Cornwall Youth Trust

- Carefully consider if your request will match our aims, objectives and criteria.
- Clearly assess the help you are seeking.
- Either download or request our application form and our application guidelines.
- If necessary, please contact us for any advice and guidance.
- Complete and submit our application form.

How do we operate?

We will generally consider applications at the next Trust meeting following receipt of all the information we need, and we will communicate our decision soon thereafter. The Trustees do not advertise the WCYT and do not seek any publicity.

Grants will normally only be given to charitable organisations and not directly to individuals. It is an important part (and a condition) of our grant-making policy that we have feedback from the organization to measure how successful, or otherwise, our grant has been in helping to achieve both the organization's aims and our own.

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