



Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Community grant application form - part A

Please ensure you complete all of this form and Part B and send:

- ☐ forms A and B
- ☐ your organisation's last set of accounts
- ☐ the most recent bank statement

to enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk.

1. About your organisation

Name of the organisation
requesting the grant

Abingdon Joint Schools Carnegie Group

Please state briefly what the
purpose of your organisation is

The Abingdon Joint Schools Carnegie Group is a joint state and independent secondary schools venture involving Key Stage 3 students, librarians and English Teachers from 6 schools in Abingdon (Europa School, Fitzharrys School, John Mason School, Larkmead School, Our Lady's Abingdon, St Helen & St Katharine School). Our aim is to provide enriching opportunities for our students and celebrate reading as part of the prestigious Yoto Carnegie Medal Shadowing Program that all 6 schools jointly take part in.

2. Your grant request

Please describe the project for which the grant is needed.

For the Carnegie Shadowing Program – There are various costs incurred to run the three events which make up the Abingdon Carnegie Shadowing Program. These include a Welcome Tea, a Quiz and an all-day Forum. This year, Europa is hosting the Welcome Tea for the first time, and we are hoping the grant will cover the cost of a coach to enable the central Abingdon students

to get to Culham. We hope to use the rest of the grant money to help cover the cost of refreshments and prizes at the events, and the annual souvenir Carnegie pen which the students love to receive. The Carnegie Shadowing Program champions the love of reading across the schools involved, develops literacy and oracy skills, encourages the expression and sharing of ideas, and promotes empathy and collaboration across the community.

What is the total cost of the project	£1300 (total for entire Shadowing program)
How much grant are you seeking	£550
What percentage of the total cost of your project are you seeking via this grant	42%
How do you plan to raise the rest of the money for your project	Expenses incurred will be split between all participating schools and covered by school budgets.
Please show roughly how the costs of the project are broken down	<p>Approx £1300. Est = estimated costs</p> <p>Carnegie Welcome Tea – transport (£200), refreshments £100 (Est)</p> <p>Carnegie Quiz – refreshments (£100), prizes for winners, runners up, and lightning rounds (£150), souvenir pens (£150)</p> <p>Carnegie Forum – refreshments, prizes, guest speaker - £600 (Est)</p>
What fund-raising have you undertaken for this project or others in the past 2 years	We have sought sponsorship for refreshments from Waitrose, Abingdon & Tesco, Abingdon.

3. Local benefit.

How many people take part in your organisation's activities? Give local branch numbers if you are a national organisation.

As members	6 x schools and Librarians
As recipients	100 x students (approx.)

Please fill in the table below relating to numbers of members and/or recipients falling into each category. Estimates are acceptable provided an "e" is put after the figure.

Age profile	0-16	16-65	over 65
- Members		6	
- Recipients	100		

Gender profile	Male	Female
- Members	1	5
- Recipients	40e	60e

Local connection	Town resident	Attend education in town	Neither resident nor attending education in town
- Members	6		
- Recipients	70e	100e	

4. Vision and objectives

Please explain how your project will meet the town councils vision and objectives, which are set out below. **You do not need to respond to each point** but it is important that your project addresses the town council's vision and at least one objectives.

4a. Vision

To develop an inclusive community so that Abingdon is the place where everyone wants to live and where the wellbeing of residents is prioritised. In developing this community, the town will be one which is environmentally sustainable, vibrant, resilient and safe.

The Abingdon Joint Schools Carnegie Group encourages community by bringing students from all the schools together to discuss the shortlisted books and get to know each other. The Carnegie reading list is chosen independently from us, but in the past the books have always been a mix of genres and very inclusive, promoting empathy and exposing our students to other cultures and points of view. Topics have included important issues such as the plight of refugees, the climate crisis, racism, LGBTQIA+ issues, domestic violence and gender inequality, among others.

4b. Objectives

1. **To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency**
2. **To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future**
3. **To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future**
4. **To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity**

By encouraging students across the schools to mix and bond in key stage 3, we are helping to develop their sense of community and belonging. The topics they read about will further their understanding of themselves and those around them, building a foundation of understanding and empathy. We believe that by offering these opportunities we are helping to establish a future generation that will be responsible, respectful, and upstanding members of the community.

5. Other/previous grant awards

Please provide details of any grant awards you have received from the town council, other councils or large organisations that you have received in the past three years

2023 - £550

2022 - £550

2020 - £500

Please list any grant applications to other councils or bodies which are currently pending

None

6. About your organisation

Please explain what structure your organisation has, i.e. is it a charity, a society, or another type of model

The school librarians at the 6 schools are the organisers. Each share responsibility for tasks.

What is the balance of your main account according to the most recent bank statement?

£0 - Each year one of the schools takes ownership of the shared costs. Subsequently all costs/expenses are divided between the schools and settled between us. Each school uses their school budget for the resulting costs, hence we do not have a bank account for this event.

Additional financial information

Does your organisation have any other finances held in other accounts?

No

If so, please provide full details of all your additional finances, including recent figures.

N/A

If these funds are earmarked for any specific projects, please provide further information about this.

N/A