



ABERGAVENTNY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SMALL GRANT SCHEME
APPLICATION FORM 2023/24

This application form is to be used to submit an application to Abergavenny Town Council Community Small Grant Scheme. Please read the guidance notes carefully before completing the form.

Completed forms to be returned to Clerk@abergavennytowncouncil.gov.uk or by post to Town Clerk, Town Hall, Cross Street, Abergavenny, NP7 5HD.

Section 1 – Contact information

a. Group Name	Abergavenny Community Centre [Trust]
b. Contact Name	Marion Pearse
c. Contact Address	Abergavenny Community Centre
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	Postcode NP7 5YB
d. Contact email	aber.hub@gmail.com
e. Position in Group	Centre Manager
f. Contact tel no	07751666481

g. Bank Account
Details

Name of your organisation's bank account

Name: Abergavenny Community Trust

Sort Code: ~~250000~~ Account Name: ~~820000~~

Section 2 – Tell Us About Your Group

a. Briefly tells us about the activities that your organisation/group undertakes

The Trust promotes sustainable behaviours, encourages participation and social inclusion, supports families in their various forms and facilitates educational, social, welfare, leisure and recreational activities to enable people to mix together.

The Abergavenny Community Centre is a '*cradle to the grave*' place that brings people together to do everyday things, keeping more people active and involved.

The Centre is a community resource. In addition to its own charitable activities we encourage other organisations and individuals to use the multi-purpose space for private ventures and for delivering services. Having a shared space is widening the reach of the Centre, enabling more people to access emergency food and participate in activities.

The small, part time team is supported by twenty volunteers who come regularly to help out at coffee morning, lunches, gardening, toddlers group, dementia friendship cafe, singing, chair yoga, knitting club and the monthly Sunday afternoon teas. Other social events and activities convened throughout the year include:- The Big Lunch, World Bistros [inspired by Abergavenny's cultural landscape]; outside space for the Orchard group to host Apple Pressing days; the annual Seedy Sunday [seed swap] event; and the annual plant sale that raises funds for WaterAid.

Furthermore, in response to needs expressed by residents the Trust is developing its 'Supporting Families' work. The Community Centre is becoming known in the area for delivering accessible, engaging and meaningful family-centred activities. Currently, there are more than 120 families on the combined half term, summer holidays, 'hands-on cooking' and community kids' registers. Last Summer (Aug 2023) 102 children participated in the holiday programme consisting of outdoor learning & play, art club and 'cooking for life' activities. For a second year, demand for the places on the Art Club and Cooking activities exceeded our ability to supply. Over the October Half Term, with our partners, we offered Origami sessions - attended by 30 children and family members, two craft sessions, a hands-on cooking activity and our first halloween disco was attended by forty-five children/adults with many of those coming to the Centre for the first time.

b. Charity Details (if applicable)	Charity Number 1177133
c.VAT Registered?	No

Section 3. Tell Us About The Community Project/Activity You Want To Undertake

a. Which objective does this project mainly contribute towards (**please tick one**):

- Giving Children and Young People the best possible start in life
- Support for community wellbeing inc. volunteering and active citizenship
- Supporting an economically thriving community
- Protecting and enhancing our natural environment

b. Please give more detail on how your project will meet the objective you selected above.

In recognition of expressed needs and a desire to invest in local people the Trust seeks to develop a skilled team of vocational Playworkers to help run the holiday sessions and offer further enrichment experiences and opportunities.

c. Total Project Cost	£2,300
d. How much are you applying for from Abergavenny Town Council?	£1,000
e. Have you raised the balance of funds?	Applications for funding are in progress

(25% of the total project costs should come from other sources)

f. Please specify how you will use the Town Council grant?

Services Provided:
 Three day accredited Level 1 Playwork training for up to 15 people.
 Quote based upon: Delivery from experienced, qualified Playworker, Forest School practitioner and trainer; public liability insurance; travel and transport with accommodation; workbooks for each learner; all practical equipment and materials, preparation, planning and marking; registration with Agored (the awarding body); IQA with Ray Ceredigion.

3 days delivering training £750.00
 3 days (prep, planning and marking/ IQA) £600.00
 Agored registration £120.00
 Travel and accommodation £300.00
 Course materials £100.00
 IQA from Ray Ceredigion £162.40
 Room hire, refreshments and project management £268

Total cost: £2,300

g. How will your project benefit the community of Abergavenny?

The Trust recognizes the wider community benefits that come from engaging residents in its *supporting families to safeguard children*, work.

Up to fifteen individuals aged 14 years and over will benefit from free Level 1 Playwork training & accreditation.

Up to fifteen individuals will be equipped with practical experience, knowledge and skills as stepping stones to a vocation within the childcare sector.

By investing in local people the Trust is tapping a resource and building strength and resourcefulness needed to support the holiday activities work.

h. If your project involves working with young people does your organisation have a safeguarding policy?

Yes	No
X	

i. When will your project start and finish?

Start date

April 2024

Completion date

July 2024

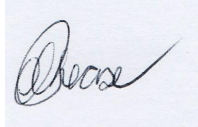
j. Are there any outstanding permissions i.e. planning permission required before this project can start? If so, please list together with expected dates when permission will be granted

N/A

Section 4

This application is to be signed by a person holding a position in the organisation applying for the grant. Before submitting the application please ensure that you have all the additional information as set out in the guidance.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Jones", is placed on a light blue rectangular background within a larger rectangular box.

On behalf of
(name of group)

Abergavenny Community Centre, Trust

Date

29 January 2024