

SUCCESS STORY



My name is Alan Carle and I have been a member of the Ballantrae youth club for the last 7 years. I am 17 years old and over the last year have become a youth leader at the club. I go along to community centre every Wednesday night and help the youth workers set up games and activities for the group. I also take responsibility by leading and organising competitions or tournaments in the club as they are very popular with the younger group members. These were usually football, badminton and basketball as we did not have much other equipment in the hall.

When I found out there was a public funding event that people voted on who gave you money, I thought this would be a good way of getting more equipment and games for our club. I worked with three of the younger members of the club called Chloe, Ewan and Freya, and together we asked other group members what they would like for the club and wrote our pitch for the event.

On the day the four of us went along to Girvan Academy where we got key pads for voting on other projects. Our pitch was about half way through the day and I was really nervous as I had the most to say. Once it was over I felt relieved and excited about the announcement at the end.

When they announced we were successful, it felt brilliant and I was relieved that we had actually got the money. We now have the full £825 we applied for and we have started buying some new sports and games equipment for our hall. We have just purchased a table tennis table that is proving really popular for competitions and everyone in the group is very glad we were able to get it.

The day was long but all worth it in the end