

**The Methodist Church
Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District
District Education & Youth Team**

Grants policy- guidelines

- The committee approves grant requests in a flexible and discretionary manner at committee meetings, or by email correspondence
- The District provides financial assistance for start-up initiatives, the cost of local or District events including holiday clubs and toddlers clubs, travelling to events, or for the purchase of equipment – where connected to Youth or Children's activities. The District acts as a partner with the local church and Circuit in providing funding for these activities
- Subsidy for Connexional youth events or other Christian events is normally limited to 20% of the cost (where felt justified, transport grants of up to £20 per person may be approved)
- Funding may be granted for the purchase of laptops or projectors in exceptional circumstances, when used exclusively for youth or children's work
- Assistance with start-up grants for Youth or Children's worker projects is limited to £550 maximum, grants for equipment limited to £250, and grants for overseas travel limited to £100 per person
- Grants will not be approved for structural work to buildings (although decoration of premises for youth/children's work may be acceptable)
- No retrospective grants will be awarded, and repeated requests from a single group in one financial year are discouraged
- To apply for a District Youth grant, please email Ken Martin:
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