

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for Folkestone East**  
Subject: Folkestone Youth Project - Natural Curiosity.

**Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive**

Date decision taken: 4 July 2019

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**Name and address of applicant(s):**

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**Name and description of project:**

Natural curiosity - we want to establish natural science sessions where young people will learn to look closely at the environment around them and learn amazing things that can be done with nature such as dying fabrics and producing art. It will also encourage young people to take part in science based activities and compliments our other work onsite.

To add a new activity to our current opportunities for young people aged 10 -20 years. Young people will use Our Urban Wilderness space to look at natural science and nature. We aim to ignite an interest in both and to use these sessions as a basis for supporting young people. Young people will use the plants they have grown and find onsite and do science based activities such as using microscopes to look closely at structure or producing plants for natural dying. They can also produce artworks influenced by their investigations which we would like to exhibit to the local community.

**DECISION:**

**To provide funding of £529.96 to the above project.**

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**Reason for decision:**

We have a long established history of supporting young people in this area. Our project is based in an area of need and many of our young people need the opportunity for free, safe activities that help them to improve social skills and also help their emotional and physical development. Although in its early stages our young people are enjoying exploring our outside space. They have taken photographs, dried flowers and have expressed an interest to doing other work. Some of our young people are regularly excluded from education and not receiving introduction to science.

**Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:**

None

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**The decision set out above was made by me.**



**Signed:**

**4 July 2019**

**Councillor Michelle Dorrell  
Folkestone East**