

Research Project- Topic: What it's like growing up in Reading (key focus areas: health, education, employment, access to food, open spaces, services etc.)

We need:

10 diverse youth leaders

Age 16+

10-week programme

3 hours per week

£8 p/hr

Training with Sally Lloyd-Evans at Reading University. The 10 leaders will be putting together the questions/questionnaires and methodologies, conducting the research across Reading with YP age between 12 – 22 years. Each youth leader engaging with 50 YP totalling 500 young people.

This research will inform future services, planning and funding across the statutory and voluntary sectors. Initial findings will also be presented at our youth conference in November.

Sept: recruit young people as youth leaders

October 18th: final questions and method outlined.

Youth Conference:

November 18th:

RVA and One Reading. One Reading is a multi-agency partnership working together for improved outcomes for children, young people and their families.

We want youth speakers to share stories, how they got involved with local projects etc. Could be one of the following:

Young person's voice / political engagement

Social media – how can we harness it for the good, to be heard, to be change-makers

Social justice projects / activists

Young entrepreneurs

Inspiring stories of change / overcoming adversity

Workshops at the conference will include:

Safety (Police)

Health and Well-being

Politics, voice, social justice

Will also have other speakers e.g. on Reading becoming a Trauma Informed Town

Looked after children?

Co-op Bid: £35K Helping young people have a say in how community spaces are managed. For the bid we need to engage with groups of young people. We need their ideas, feedback and even a willingness to be involved in the project- should we be successful in securing the bid.

One idea may be transforming the library into a creative thinking space: gallery, films, coding club, other digital technologies/activities

Includes setting up a delivery enterprise: e.g. coffee stall, deciding on what activities and services will run- generally shaping the running of, and look and feel of the library. You will also have the budget to manage.

Starts in 2020 for one year.

Big Lottery Bid – Youth Provision in Reading

Steering group of young people who will advise on youth provision across the town. What type of recreational activities do young people want? What other types of youth provision could we be offering? What do YP need / want? What challenges are they facing that we can help them overcome with better support? This steering group will consult with their peers and help shape the project throughout its lifespan.

If you are interested in any of the above please contact: Charlotte Netherton-Sinclair at charlotte.netherton-sinclair@rva.org.uk or call on 07737 263711

Thank you