

Grant summary

Organisation

Just Drop In

Funding request

Funding is requested towards the Bright and Bold LGBTQ+ Peer Support Group. A fortnightly group which provides a safe and positive space for local LGBTQ+ young people aged 18-25.

Total cost

£3,262

Funding request

£1,340

The difference between the total cost and the amount requested will be bridged by the charity's own funds/fundraising.

END OF REPORT

Macclesfield Town Council Large Community Grant application form

Grants from £250 up to £2,000

Community for Voluntary Services Cheshire East (CVSCE) is a registered charity and independent organisation that provides support and services to groups. CVSCE provides support to Macclesfield Town Council's grant programme by reviewing completed grant application forms to ensure they meet the criteria set out in the Council's Grants and Funding Policy. For more information, please refer to the policy.

CVSCE can also offer guidance on completing the application form.

Your Contact details

Please complete table 1.

Table 1 Contact details

Applicant name:	██████████
Position in organisation:	Chief Officer
Organisation:	Just Drop-In Youth Info and Advice Ltd
Address:	15 Brook Street, Macclesfield SK117AA
Contact number:	██████████
E-mail address:	████████████████████
Contact address (if different from above):	As above
Telephone number:	As above
Website:	www.justdropin.co.uk

Contact details for senior member of the organisation

This must be the chair, secretary, treasurer or a senior member of your committee and different from above.

Please complete table 2.

Table 2 Contact details for senior member of the organisation

Senior contact name:	
Contact address:	Co Just Drop In
Telephone number:	
E-mail:	
Position in organisation:	Business Operations Manager

Organisation profile

Please complete table 3 to describe your organisation profile, selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Table 3 Organisation profile

Registered charity:	Yes
Registration number:	1081416
Voluntary organisation:	Yes
Community group:	No
Company Limited by Guarantee:	Yes Company Number 3884673
Not for profit organisation:	Yes
Social enterprise:	No
Other:	
How long has your organisation been in existence?	25 years
What does your organisation do? (A summary of this information will be used on our website if your application is successful). Maximum of 50 words:	Just Drop-In is here to help and support children & young people who are finding life hard. The charity has a heartfelt commitment to improve the mental health and wellbeing of local children, helping them to find their feet and themselves. They provide free counselling, wellbeing and parenting services.

Please complete table 4 on your organisation's land, premises and facilities, selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Table 4 Land, premises and facilities

Own its own land/premises/facilities	No
Hire private land/premises/facilities	No
Hire local authority land/premises/facilities	No

Lease the land/premises/facilities	Yes
Please give details of lease expiry date/length of lease	07/06/2027

Please complete table 5 to indicate how many staff, paid or otherwise, are involved with your organisation.

Table 5 Number of staff

Number of full time paid staff	8
Number of part time paid staff	9
Number of casual paid staff	9
Number of full time unpaid staff	0
Number of part time unpaid staff	0
Number of casual unpaid staff	60 volunteers

Previous funding

Has your organisation received a grant from Macclesfield Town Council before?

Please complete table 6, selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Table 6 Previous funding

Previous funding from Macclesfield Town Council	Yes
If yes, please tell us when and how much was awarded:	1,555 March 2025 Grant Committee
How did you hear about the Community Grant Scheme?	Word of mouth

Your project/activity/event

Complete table 7 to describe you project, activity or event.

Table 7 Project/activity/event description

Date of activity/event or anticipated start date of project:	01/10/2026
Name of project (maximum 10 words):	Bright and Bold LGBTQ+ Peer Support Group
Briefly describe what the grant you are requesting is required for and why it is needed (maximum 150 words):	We are seeking the running and promotional costs for our fortnightly group which provides a safe and positive space for local LGBTQ+ young people aged 18-25. The group was set up 4 years ago as a direct response to young people telling us

	there was no local safe age specific space for them to meet in Macclesfield Research shows that the LGBTQ+ community face significant inequalities. The often face discrimination, family disruption, and challenges at school. They are significantly over represented in mental health statistics and this impacts on their life chances. LGBTQ+ individuals are disproportionately affected by social isolation and loneliness due to factors like discrimination, lack of family acceptance, societal and self - stigma. A lack of local support and visibility for this age group has further compounded these issues. Bright and Bold seeks to address these issues for local young people
If you are successful with your application, please describe what your project/event/activity will achieve and what difference it will make to your organisation/area, how it will extend/develop community activity and how it meets the criteria listed in the Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants (maximum 150 words):	We are applying in line with the Town Councils Value of Inclusion and Strategic Aim of Healthy Communities The group provides a safe place where young people can support each other whilst also having input from Community Volunteers who are supported by a member of the JDI Team. People within the LGBTQ+ community are more likely to experience mental health issues and are often less willing to seek help, the group acts as a vital wider gateway into other services including counselling and mentoring, volunteering and community groups. Bright and Bold empowers members to 1. Laugh more and feel that they can make and sustain new friendships. 2. Build strong social bonds that improve emotional health and wellbeing 3. Increase their social capacity, and their trust in their own abilities. 4. Face the world with more hope, confidence and skills.

	5. Develop social efficacy building self determination to influence the world they live in. We want to reach as many young people aged 18-25 to come and access this valuable support.
How will your project or service be sustained in the future? Maximum 50 words):	We are fully committed to sustaining the group, even within the challenging financial climate for local charities such as ours. We have managed to find funding from a range of sources from grants to trusts to corporate support and will continue to do this. We were recently unsuccessful in gaining funding from a national grant provider hence our application to the Town Council this year. We keep our costs as low as possible and have a strong focus on value for money.
If your application is for an event and you make a profit, please state how this will be used:	All of our services are free.

Projected expenditure

Complete Table 8 with estimates of your total project costs and provide brief details. Use a separate sheet if necessary and provide quotes.

Table 8 Projected expenditure

Item	Estimated cost	Details
New build/refurbishment	0	0
Furniture/fixtures/fittings	0	
Equipment purchase	80	This is for small purchases to be used in sessions like art materials costed as £20 a quarter
Equipment hire	0	
Premises/facility hire	0	
Materials	260	This provides £10 a session for refreshments throughout the year.
Advertising/marketing/publicity	200	This will be used to buy promotional materials including badges and flags to promote our offer.
Workshops/seminars/training	300	This will fund two social activities a year which take place at local businesses. Beneficiaries choose where to go.

Item	Estimated cost	Details
Volunteer costs	500	This is for the cost of two volunteers and includes mandatory training, expenses and DBS checks. £250 pp
Employee costs	1,625	Funded by Just Drop In
Building costs	297	Funded by Just Drop In calculated at 10% of all project costs for electricity etc.
Total Cost	3262	

Projected income

Complete Table 9 to specify match funding from other sources (external grants, own contribution etc), selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Macclesfield Town Council will take into account your ability to obtain funding from other sources and from your own existing funds when recommending an award.

Table 9 Projected income

Funding,	Item	Amount	Applied for and expected to hear date	Confirmed
	Own existing funds/fundraising	1,922		Yes
	Amount requested from Macclesfield Town Council	1340		
	Balance outstanding	0	Confirmed	Yes
	Please state exactly what the town council funding will pay for: All running costs highlighted above apart from employee costs and 10% towards building running costs			
	If there is a balance outstanding or you are not awarded the full amount requested from Macclesfield Town Council, state below how the shortfall will be covered or whether the project will be delayed: We are committed to this invaluable intervention. We may need to reduce the numbers of sessions per year if we do not secure funding. We would also need to limit our marketing and reach.			

Funding,	Item	Amount	Applied for and expected to hear date	Confirmed
	No other applications in process but always looking for new opportunities			

Accounts summary

Answer the questions below and complete Table 10 to summarise the organisation's most recent accounts.

Are the figures a projection because the organisation has been running less than 15 months? No

Are the figures from the organisation's latest accounts? Yes

If your organisation is VAT registered, please supply your VAT number: Not VAT registered

Table 10 Accounts summary

Account year ending	March 2025
Total income for the year:	659,165
Total expenditure for the year:	679,091
Surplus or deficit:	Minus 19,929
Total savings or reserves in the bank at year end:	307,567

Our 2020/21 accounts are not yet available, but we have had a moderately increased income and expenditure and expect to end the year with a surplus of around £1,000.

Bank details

Complete Table 11 with the organisation's bank details.

Table 11 Bank details

Organisation's bank account name (payee name):	Just Drop In Youth Info and Advice Ltd
Organisations bank account sort code and account number:	

Project beneficiaries and equality

Complete Table 12, selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Table 12 Project beneficiaries and equality

Total number of people you expect to access your event, activity or facility:	Minimum of 20
Which groups will benefit from your project (i.e. age, disability, ethnicity, disadvantaged etc.)?	Young people aged 18-25 who self-identify as being part of the LGBTQ+ community
Which geographical area (whole parish or ward(s)) will benefit most from your project, event or activity?	All of Macclesfield
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of age?	Up to 25 for young people
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of disability?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of gender reassignment?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of marriage and civil partnership?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of pregnancy and maternity?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of race?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of religion and belief?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of sex?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of sexual orientation?	No

Supporting documentation

Please complete Table 13, selecting Yes or No to indicate if you have the documents.

You do not need to send these documents in with your application (apart from your Governing Document, which must be signed, and Safeguarding Policies, to be supplied by e-mail or post within 7 days of submitting this application) but we may request copies at a later date.

Up to date Annual accounts/income and expenditure	Yes
Governing Document	Yes

Safeguarding policies	Yes
Relevant insurances	Yes
Quotes/estimates for equipment	Yes
Affiliation to a Governing Body	No
Equalities and Inclusion Policy	Yes
Planning permission	Not required

Data Protection

Please ensure that you read this section before submitting your application.

Grant application administration

Part or all of the information you supply to us will be held on our IT system. This information will be used for the administration of grant applications and for statistical analysis.

Copies of your application, but with personal details redacted, will be provided at the relevant council meeting for consideration of awarding the grant.

For transparency purposes, information about successful grant applications is added to our website and made available to the local press. The press may request contact details of someone able to provide additional information.

Please indicate below if you consent to us passing on your name and email address to the local press for this purpose.

Yes

Grant application support

Please indicate below if you agree for this form to be shared with CVSCE for the purposes of evaluating the application against Macclesfield Town Council's criteria for grants:

Yes

Please indicate below if you agree if you agree to CVSCE contacting me by the following methods to provide feedback or offer additional support on completing this application:

Postal address	Yes
Email address	Yes
Phone	Yes

Declaration

Please complete table 13 – two signatories are required.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all the information contained within this application is correct.

I confirm that I understand, agree and accept the terms and conditions of this grant as set out in the Grants and Funding Policy.

Table 13 Declaration

Signed:	
Date:	23/06/2026
Name:	
Position in group:	Chief Officer

Signed:	
Date:	23/06/2026
Name:	
Position in group:	Business Operations Manager

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