

1. Group/Organisation Information

Group/Organisation name: Baltic Street Adventure Playground

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Is your group/organisation constituted? **YES**

If so, please give further information, ie. Charity Number etc. SC048684

If another organisation is supporting your proposal please give information below.

Organisation name:

Address:

Email:

Phone number:

Contact person:

Charity Number:

2. About your proposal (please feel free to add extra sheets if necessary)

Proposal title: Garden/sensory garden land purchase

Tell us about your proposal - What will be done, who will do it, where will it take place, how long will it run for, how do you know that it is needed?

Please see attached document.

Who in Calton Ward will benefit, and how?

Please see attached document

Start date: As soon as possible End date: Ongoing

3. About your proposal costs

Please split your costs into:

- a) Capital (ie. Building costs, equipment)
- b) Operating/revenue (ie staff costs, running costs)

Please note that capital costs cannot be more than £62,500 and operating/revenue costs cannot be more than £10,000.

	Item	Cost
Capital costs	Land Purchase –	£25,000
	Sensory garden material costs	£2,500
Operating costs		
TOTAL BUDGET		£27,500

Have you secured, or applied for, any other funding to deliver the proposed project? **YES**

Please let us know more about other funding you have, are applying for, or are expecting to have?

We recently acquired £10,500 from RSPB, Awards For All, Glasgow Eastern Merchants & The Greggs foundation to revamp our garden area, growing space and chicken/Rabbit area.

We are constantly on the lookout for new sources of funding to support our programme.

This work has begun and is coming along very well.

4. Does your organisation or group have a bank account with a least 2 unrelated signatories?

Yes

5. Are the staff and any volunteers who will be involved in delivering this proposal (if it was chosen through the public vote to be funded) registered with the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme?

Yes

6. Do you have adequate insurance cover for this proposal?

Yes

7. Your Declaration

If this proposal is funded, I will take full responsibility for the payment made on behalf of all those involved.

Signature: *A Kennedy*

Date: 25/02/2019

Please return all completed forms to: Rllett@cpagscotland.org.uk (note the R and I are capital letters, the rest is lower case)

or by mail to: Rosie Ilett, Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland, Unit 9 Ladywell Business Centre,
94 Duke Street, Glasgow G4 0UW

If you need any help – please phone Rosie on 0141 406 5050 or 0141 552 3303 – leave message if needed.



Baltic Street Adventure Playground

Background

Baltic Street Adventure Playground (BSAP) is funded by Big Lottery, Asda, Tesco, Fare Share and Children in Need.

Access is free and open to all local young people under 18. The core group is 6-12 year olds and provides activities 5 days per week; including construction, arts, performance, physical play and gardening.

The Adventure Playground is supervised for children from 6 to 12 years, and younger children are welcome accompanied by a parent, carer or guardian. We also support teenagers/young volunteers and volunteers in general on a daily basis.

The area has raised beds where the children are encouraged to grow seasonal fruit and veg which they nurture, harvest and later use in their cooking to encourage healthy eating.

There is also a food surplus provision operating from the playground. This provides essential groceries to families who may be facing financial difficulties and addresses significant levels of poverty within the local area. There is currently between 20-30 families who use this service (this number rises significantly during school holiday periods).

Baltic Street is child-led. The children choose what to do and get involved in everything from the day-to-day management to the development of the site, the food growing and the cooking. Specially trained play staff ensure the safety of children when cooking food on a campfire and support the children to pursue their own play, from make-believe to construction projects.

The playground staff support early years out with the core hours by providing access to BSAP to local nurseries giving pre-5 children opportunities to experience outdoor learning while supporting early year's staff to improve their skills by understanding of risk management alongside the child.

The Organisation: was created from a community-led arts project with arts collectives Assemble and CREATE Lomond and has grown over four years to be a valued part of the local community.

The site is a 50x80m space with mature trees, tree-houses, grass-covered hills and tunnels, climbing wall, campfire, raised beds, a container for tools and a Wikihouse office space.

The Playground is situated in a residential area and is the only green site in the estate.

As well as play opportunities various activities are provided to support the whole community i.e. gardening, building, volunteering, construction workshops, cooking workshops with parents, volunteer inductions, arts workshops (performance / visual arts).

The organisation works collaboratively with local partners to support various seasonal community events, it delivers skill development programmes, mentoring for teens, volunteering opportunities and training courses from partners (PEEK, NHS, GCPH etc)

Staff deliver a core programme and the facility is open 5 days a week (3-6pm Tues-Fri, 11-5pm Saturdays) and an additional 12hrs a week in school holidays when the need for the facility increases.

The layout and facilities change on a regular basis to reflect the ideas and projects identified by young people. Children have access to project staff at all times and can attend board meetings on request.

The Young People: The majority of families in the area are experiencing high levels of social exclusion and disadvantage. Our purpose is to provide a consistently available space where children can play freely and safely, address hidden barriers to communication, creativity and play. We aim to encourage independent thought and shared responsibility, provide an emotionally, socially and physically nurturing place, giving children access to experiences and activities not otherwise available and building a network of families, children and organisations to develop a sense of community. This commitment comes from a long-term understanding and commitment to the area.

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Dalmarnock is an area among the most deprived communities in Scotland. Statistics show that 33% of children in the area are estimated to be living in poverty in comparison to 19% across Glasgow. Many of the children in the area have higher levels of vulnerability, assessment carried out by health professionals show many young people as being developmentally delayed, this also reflects the higher referrals to child and adolescent mental health services in the area.

The area has high levels of unemployment, poverty and drug and alcohol misuse. Many parents are challenged with substance abuse which has a huge impact on their children. Levels of poor health and well-being, learning disabilities and mental health issues are all above the Scottish average. Many issues in the adult population impact on the support and positive role models available to young people. The team at BSAP help to address these barriers by providing confidence building by giving opportunity for participants to experience social interaction, risk assessing, group activities and positive role models. BSAP is also a major source of food for many of the children and a means of introducing healthy food into their diets.

According to the 2016 Scottish Index of multiple deprivation, Dalmarnock is among the top 5% of deprived areas in Scotland. This tool breaks Scotland into 6976 different data zones and ranks them on levels of deprivation. This study looks at indicators such as income, employment, health, education housing, access and crime.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
	Data_Zone	Intermediate_Zone	Council_area	Total_populatio n	Working_ag e_populatio n_revised	Overall_SIMD16 _rank	Income_domai n_2016_rank	Employment_domai n_2016_rank	Health_domai n_2016_rank	Education_domai n_2016_rank	Housing_domai n_2016_rank	Access_domai n_2016_rank	Crime_domain _2016_rank
3542	S01010046	Dalmarnock	Glasgow City	817	568	163	98	189	22	851	883	5,516	1,193
3543	S01010047	Dalmarnock	Glasgow City	828	533	78	91	40	89	202	402	6,261	2,199
3544	S01010048	Dalmarnock	Glasgow City	925	593	85	77	101	45	279	234	4,353	2,117

The difference we make: Over 300 local children currently use the Playground as green-space for play in the area is limited and would involve travel for children to access. Children's Meetings take place on a regular basis and young people have informed us that without the playground they would be inside or on the streets. BSAP offers a wide-ranging programme of healthy, constructive physical activities, provision of food, opportunities to learn and interact meeting many of the needs of the participants. It helps to support the young people's aspirations and understanding of the world by increasing social connectedness and reducing the effects of social isolation.

During the six weeks (twenty days) of summer 2018 the playground had two thousand three hundred and twenty accumulative child attendances. Over the five day October 2018 programme the playground had five hundred and twenty five accumulative child attendances and during our three day Half-Term programme the playground hand 505 accumulative child attendances.

Proposal

What difference could we make following land purchase?

We currently have a five year lease on this piece of land but as with the territory we are constantly moving forward and developing. The purchase of the land would allow us to plan a longer term sustainable space for the children and families of Dalmarnock to use for years to come. We are hoping to increase our indoor workspace to allow children to use tools in a safe environment while allowing them to learn valuable and transferable skills. Over the last 5 month we have over three hundred new children registered on the playground and are hoping that this influx continues.

The space is also going to be used as a sensory area and we are looking to work alongside local families who have knowledge on this area to create a bespoke sensory area. This in-turn will hopefully encourage more families dealing with additional support needs to use the space regularly.

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We have also identified and begun delivering an intergenerational programme where our staff and children deliver bags of food to local elderly people. This in turn would not only support any elderly people who are struggling to make ends meet, but also hopefully establish a relationship between locals young and old. This will be paired with our plans of encouraging volunteers of different age ranges to help maintain our garden area.

Right now we are working with Save Our Service Veterans Scotland twice a week. The veterans help us with on-site muscle work and in turn we provide a hot meal for them. Not only is this a great way of getting work done on the playground but also allow these ex-service people to socialise and exercise twice weekly. This has become a very mutually beneficial partnership.

We are also looking at a variety of different projects with the children and adults of Dalmarnock.

The team: The success of the playground is built on a dedicated, passionate team whom many are local residents and understand many of the challenges families often face. By understanding the local community the staff are in a strong position to engage and support local families, by sign-posting and enabling engagement with appropriate local services where required.

The whole team approach has been an integral part of the design, ethos and structure of BSAP since the project was first commissioned. The team are experienced, enthusiastic, practical and empathetic, and have a wealth of community, youth, arts and project management experience as an asset.

In addition to the main playground, Baltic Street is delivering capacity building and outdoor play sessions for Inspiring Scotland.

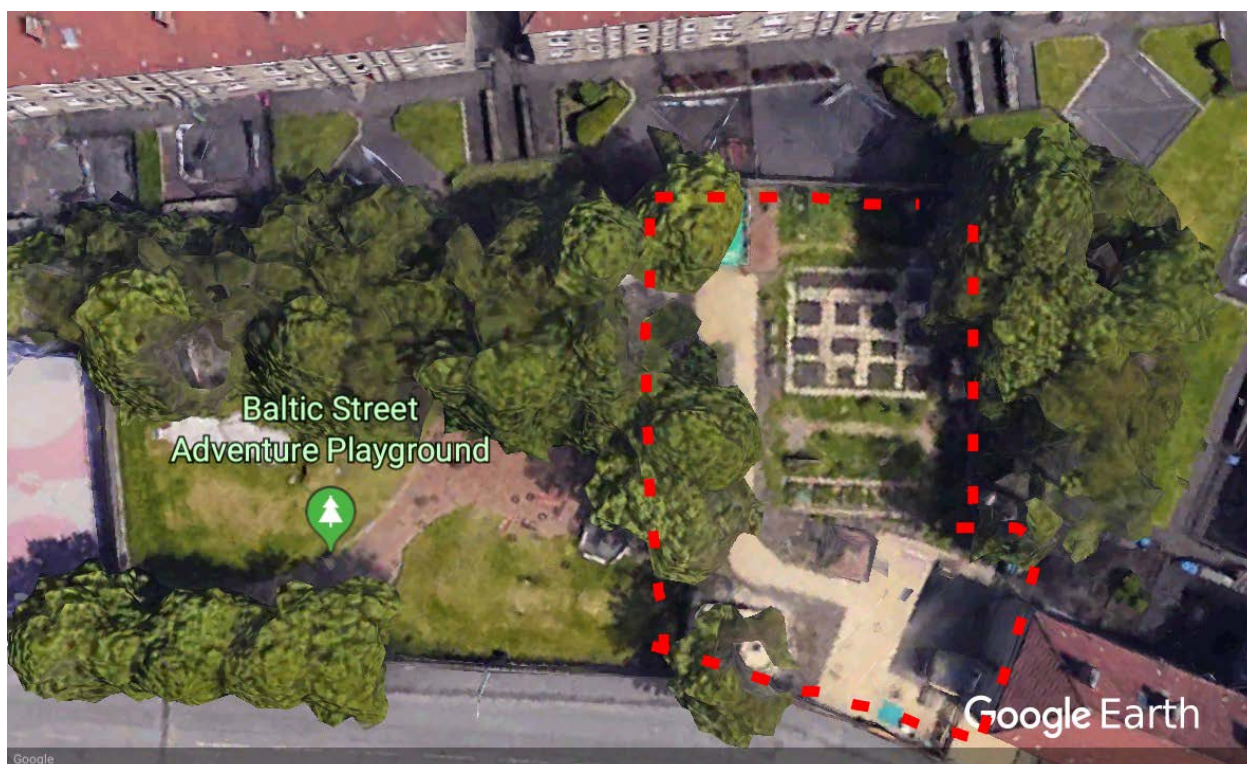
Our commitment to child-led activity is the heart of our mission and the foundation of our success therefore the need to build permanent facilities on the site for workshops, an office and toilets to replace the current Portakabin and Wihouse was identified as a need. This would allow for expansion of the number and age of children and families we can give support to in the future.

What is special about BSAP is that young people decide what happens. It is important that young people are a part of the community that they are growing up in, to nurture their physical, social, emotional and developmental well-being, for them to grow in confidence and increase their capacity for independent action.

The section of land **26m by X 36m** is owned by **Scottish Episcopal Church** and is available for us to purchase for **£25,000.00**. We hold a 20 year lease (with option to extend) on the remaining land. Therefore once we own the section of land currently held by **Scottish Episcopal Church** we will be in a position to submit capital bids for the new building, increase the services we can offer the community and double our turnover.

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We have the support of award-winning architecture firm ASSEMBLE to create the architectural plans for capital bids. Securing the future of the Playground and enabling new facilities to be built will have many benefits.

Financial Targets:

Historical accounts and forecast accounts showing planned financial growth

Year End	Hist Jul 15	Hist Jul 16	Hist Jul 17	Fore Jul 18	Fore Jul 19	Fore Jul 20
Unrest Inc	3342	729	0	5000	7000	8000
Rest Inc	30119	61368	99875	159000	229000	284000
Total Inc	33461	62097	99875	164000	236000	292000
Wages / Sal	21356	48077	79040	108280	142850	190000
All Other Exp	1321	10982	20835	50720	83150	92000
Total Expend	22677	59059	99875	159100	226000	282000

The purchase of the land would be overseen by the Board of Directors. The asset would be protected by the asset-lock in our governing documents. The land would be subject to a covenant on re-sale that it must be used for community benefit.

The Board will oversee the purchase process and subsequent development of capital bids.

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