

## NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

## REPORT

To: Education (Community Services) Sub-Committee	Subject: PROPOSED GRANT TO MOODIESBURN YOUTH EXCHANGE GROUP
From: Director of Education	
Date: 9th February 1998	
Ref: JMcG/LL	

**Purpose of the Report**

The report makes recommendations concerning an International Youth Exchange to Lancaster Philadelphia by the Moodiesburn Youth Exchange Group based at the Pivot Community Education Centre in Moodiesburn.

**Recommendation**

The sub-committee is asked to note the contents of the report and approve the proposed grant award of £80 per participant at a total cost of £1440.00 plus staff travel costs of £955.00.

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**Report by Director**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1. Members will be aware from previous committee reports that the Community Education Service strongly supports and encourages groups to undertake International Youth Exchange Programmes. These programmes encourage young people to learn about other cultures. They promote international citizenship ideas and help young people to acquire knowledge and new skills.

**2. Proposal**

- 2.1. Moodiesburn Youth Exchange Group has been preparing for nearly two years to undertake a very ambitious exchange to Philadelphia. It has been fund raising and the group leaders have already made a preparatory visit to ensure that the programme, living quarters and other arrangements comply with all of the necessary regulations and requirements.
- 2.2. The proposed exchange will involve a group of 18 young people and two leaders travelling to America from 11 June 1998 returning on 25 June 1998. An excellent mixture of visits to sites of historical interest and a range of joint cultural and social activities have been arranged by the host group. Some outdoor environmental work will also be overtaken.
- 2.3. The incoming exchange will take place in the summer of 1999 and will be the subject of a second report to the sub-committee.
- 2.4. The total cost of the outward leg will be approximately £6,500. The group have applied to a variety of bodies who fund exchanges and have managed to raise £1300 to date by various fund raising activities. The cost to each participant will be £150.
- 2.5. The provision of grant from community education youth exchange budget will allow for early purchase of airline tickets thus achieving a substantial overall saving. An award of £80 per participant is proposed. Staff travel costs of £955.00 would also be funded.

### 3. Recommendation

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