



ABCD Pathfinder Site Grant Funding

Leeds City Council is looking to fund 5 new ABCD Pathfinder sites:

Three pathfinders will be funded in either Woodhouse, Armley, Moor Allerton, Meanwood, Halton Moor or Little London.

One pathfinder will be funded to deliver ABCD in Holbeck.

One pathfinder will be funded to deliver ABCD with the Roma community in the Leeds area.

Introduction

Leeds City Council (LCC) is looking for organisations with a commitment to Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) to work with them to deliver new pathfinder schemes in Leeds.

Leeds has pioneered the use of ABCD, a neighbourhood-based community building approach founded on the principle that given the tools and the opportunity, small groups of citizens can change the things that they believe need changing in the community better than anyone else. ABCD Pathfinders have facilitated citizen led action and evidenced a range of positive impacts including an improvement in health and well-being and reduced loneliness and social isolation in our communities.

This is an exciting time to work in Leeds on ABCD as we continue to grow and develop our approach. If you are interested in applying, please get in touch.

Resources

The total grant available is £25,000 per pathfinder per annum with work expected to commence no later than **1st January 2022**.

For an application pack please email: ABCD@leeds.gov.uk

Application deadline: **4th October 2021**

Want to know more?

A virtual Question and Answer session will be on Wednesday the 8th of September 10:00-11:30am.

Please email us at abcd@leeds.gov.uk for an invitation.

Project Delivery

The ABCD Pathfinders will be underpinned by the five core principles of ABCD: citizen-led, relationship oriented, asset-based, placed-based and inclusion focused. The successful organisation will support this through the employment of an 'ABCD Community Builder' who will operate at a neighbourhood level to work with people in the community to develop a vision and a plan, asking: what is best done by the community themselves, what is best done by the community with support and what does the community need outside help with? Community Builders will:

- Grow and nurture community connections
- Have conversations to understand what people care about
- Find out the strengths and assets within the community
- Engage local community groups and associations and places where people come together and support each other.
- Build connections through social interaction, activities, and creating spaces that are welcoming and create shareable moments.
- Support communities to take action to make the changes they want to see.
- Foster celebration of people's gifts and skills throughout the process.