



ABCD Pathfinder Site Grant Funding

Leeds City Council is looking to fund two new ABCD Pathfinder sites in either:

- Chapeltown
- Little London
- Hyde Park

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 people can change the things that they believe need changing in the community better than anyone else. ABCD Pathfinders have facilitated community 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.

Resources

The total grant available is £50,000 per pathfinder site for 24 months, with an option to extend subject to further funding being available. The expected start date is **July 2026**.

For an application pack please visit:
www.abcdinleeds.com

Expression of interest deadline : **22nd April 2026 at 12 noon**

Want to know more?

Please see the FAQs in the application pack for our frequently asked questions. If you have further questions, please email the ABCD in Leeds team on ABCD@leeds.gov.uk

Project Delivery

The ABCD Pathfinders are 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, what does the community need outside help with and what can outside agencies stop doing so that people and communities can be in the driving seat?

Community Builders will:

- Discover, grow, and nurture community connections.
- Find out the strengths and assets within the community, with the people living there.
- Build connections through social interaction, activities, and creating spaces that are welcoming and create shareable moments, and foster celebration of people's gifts and skills through the process.
- Support communities to take action to make the changes they want to see.

The successful organisation will also need to demonstrate a commitment to embedding an asset-based approach as an organisation, including staff attending ABCD training and being part of other learning opportunities. Communities of interest with support from Forum Central are also invited to apply.

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