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Three out of five NYVP grant applications pass to next stage

More than half (59%) of the Expressions of Interest (EOI's) submitted by organisations seeking funding through v's new National Youth Volunteering Programme (NYVP) have successfully passed to the next stage.

v, the youth volunteering charity, received 750 EOI's from a diverse range of organisations seeking to develop and deliver innovative volunteering opportunities for young people aged 16-25. Of these, 444 have been invited to submit Full Applications with comprehensive details of their project proposals by the October 19 deadline.

More than £70 million is available under two strands of the NYVP, which will create a national framework to inspire a new generation of young volunteers in England.

Strand One will establish a network of specialist teams to build capacity for more youth volunteering opportunities in every local authority area in England. Strand Two will fund the direct delivery of innovative new volunteering opportunities.

Terry Ryall, v's Chief Executive, says: "We sought to stimulate innovation and diversity in the sector and the response has been very positive. The ideas coming through at this stage clearly demonstrate a youth-led approach and reflect young people's passions and concerns about their communities.

"We acknowledge that there will be disappointment among those organisations who have not been invited to progress to the next stage. However, the applications were assessed against a common set of criteria designed to ensure that the NYVP improves the quality, quantity and diversity of youth volunteering opportunities for young people."

A list of successful applications will be announced in November, 2007.

Ends

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Notes to Editor

- All Expressions of Interest were assessed against a common set of criteria by a Panel that included Trustees and members of v20, the charity's youth advisory board. For a full set of criteria visit v's website www.wearev.com
- v is the youth volunteering charity launched in May 2006 whose mission is to inspire a new generation of young volunteers in England aged 16-25. v is supported by the Office of the Third Sector in the Cabinet Office.
- The charity was set up to implement the recommendations of the Russell Commission outlining a new national framework for youth action and engagement, following a nationwide consultation which included 6000 young people.
- v is led by the cares, interests, passions and beliefs of young people. A Youth Advisory Board made up of twenty young people called v20 is involved in all aspects of the charity's work. Four members of v20 sit on v's Board of Trustees.
- v works with and builds upon the current voluntary sector infrastructure, funds the creation of volunteering opportunities through grants rounds and implements programmes to create awareness and positive understanding of volunteering for young people. For more information on v, visit www.wearev.com