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v invites further applications for vinvolved teams

v is inviting further applications for vinvolved teams in 14 local authority areas of England.

The vinvolved teams are part of vinvolved, the national youth volunteering programme which aims to inspire half a million more young people to get positively involved in their communities.

The vinvolved teams are experts on the ground who provide high quality support, advice and guidance to young people and organisations interested in engaging young volunteers. The teams also work with young people in their local area to champion youth-led action and recruit Youth Action Teams – ambassadors to champion volunteering and inspire their peers to volunteer.

To date, v has appointed 93 vinvolved teams and is now keen to invite a further 14 to ensure that there is full coverage across the country so that young people are offered a high quality and consistent service.

The charity is opening the application process to all organisations irrespective of whether they previously applied in June when the original funding was announced. However, it is providing a 'fast-track' mechanism for applicants in recognition of the reduced time available before funding starts in April 2008.

More than £75 million is being invested in the programme, which has been designed by and for young people to make volunteering a compelling choice for all 16-25 year olds in England, especially those harder to reach.

v is now inviting applications for the following 14 Local Authority Areas:

Area	Number of posts	Funding available per annum
Dudley	2	£100,000
Essex	6	£250,000
Halton	2	£80,000
Hertfordshire	6	£250,000
Knowsley	2	£80,000
London (East)*	6 - 8	£240,000 (Year 1) £300,000 (Years 2 & 3)
London (West)**	5	£200,000
Luton	2	£80,000
North Lincolnshire	2	£80,000
Oxfordshire	5	£200,000
Southend-on-Sea	2	£80,000
Thurrock	2	£80,000
Wakefield	2	£100,000
Wolverhampton	2	£80,000

* London (East): This sub-region comprises the City of London, Barking & Dagenham, Bexley, Greenwich, Hackney, Havering, Lewisham, Redbridge, Newham and Tower Hamlets. Organisations applying to host a vinvolved team in the East London sub-region should note that in the first year of operation, there will be 6 vinvolved team posts covering all East London Boroughs except Newham, where we currently have a pilot vinvolved team. The budget for year 1 will therefore be £240,000. This will rise to £300,000 in years 2 and 3, to fund 8 posts and include coverage for Newham.

** London (West): This sub-region comprises Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon and Hounslow.

For details of how to apply, visit www.wearev.com/nyvpapplication.

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