# Aspirations for All

The 'Aspirations for All' opportunity has been established in order to provide targeted assistance for young people being supported by Perth & Kinross' youth justice partners.

The grant - up to a maximum of £300 - can be used as part of a personal development programme targeted at supporting young people in overcoming significant barriers to employment/employability.

# **Eligibility**

The programme is aimed at young people aged 12-17 who:

- are being supported by any of the Young People's Partnerships
- are working towards addressing their offending behaviour
- require assistance in overcoming key factors (educational, financial, social, preparation for employment)
  which have had a significant bearing on their barriers to employment.

### **Support Considered**

Grants from the programme can be used for the following purposes:

- fees for courses (vocational or non-vocational)
- opportunities to develop specialist areas of interest (recreational, music, art etc) which, in the opinion of the
  Lead Professional, would have a beneficial and enduring impact on the young person's motivation
- assistance towards the costs of specialist equipment or clothing required for an employment/training opportunity

Applicants are also asked to consider whether there are any equality/diversity issues which should be taken into consideration as part of the application. If there are, applicants are asked to outline how these will affect the outcome of the work/support proposed.

# **Process**

<u>Applications</u> would be considered by a panel (on behalf of the Young People's Partnerships) comprising:

- Services for Young People Team Leader
- Improvement Officer Children's Services

Applications will be dealt with electronically as quickly as possible and the Team Leader will be responsible for promoting awareness of the programme amongst partner agencies.

Applications for sums below £150 will be considered by the Team Leader.

Applications can only be made by the Lead Professional from one of the Young People Partnerships. No cash payments will be made directly to beneficiaries; costs will be met through the provision of invoices or purchase orders.

#### **Exclusions**

The Aspirations for All programme will not cover:

- retrospective costs
- costs of medical treatment
- debts, arrears or other hardship costs
- any costs or allowance that would ordinarily be available through other sources