

PROAct Newsletter

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Recent developments

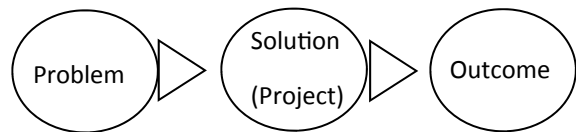
Bid Writing

During the most recent PROAct session, we looked at Bid Writing, and how our attendees could go about gaining access to funding. Through this, we learnt how to correctly structure an application via demographics, and what it is that funders are looking for and what they are most likely to fund. Our aims for the session were to provide a better understanding of the bidding process, some 'tools & techniques' to use as a bid writer, and some knowledge to share with others in their organisations. The 5 keys to making a successful application were; Demonstrate a need for your project, show that your project is well planned, accurately cost your project, provide evidence of good management and to illustrate how the project will make a difference. Tips such as 'There is no magic formula', 'be clear and concise' and 'Contact the grant giving organisation about your idea and get clarity on making schemes etc. if this is possible' were provided. We hope that our attendees learnt from these and were able to incorporate this knowledge into their own organisations so that they too may find access to funding so that their organisations can find success in their fields of work.



What is a project?

Temporary rather than permanent social systems or work systems that are constituted by teams within or across organisations to accomplish particular tasks under time constraints.



Smart Objectives

- Specific → S
- Measurable → M
- Attainable → A
- Relevant → R
- Time Based → T



Care Leaders—From looked after to looking after

This week we were provided a presentation from one of our very own attendees, Clare Bishop, who works for Care Leaders. Their aims are to develop better and more opportunities for the care leaving community, by 3 rules; Engagement, Empowerment and Employment.

They hope to help shape services that provide city-wide support to the care leaving community, by promotion, proactive commitment and producing positive peers. They try to provide a sense of responsibility to their care leavers, and to provide opportunities, so that they may go into the world with an even chance .

They are also running a project that goes by the name of Pilot Peer Project, a recruitment of 10 peer mentors to look after the community and provide one to one independent support. Their aspiring outcomes are to provide a difference for those who are making similar steps after them, to support younger children through the transitions of life, to sustain independence for care leavers and to promote placement stability.

The long term benefits from this will be less dependency, to break the cycle of the norm, and to provide fully independent lives to those who they serve



Dates of upcoming PRO-Act sessions:

- Tuesday 27th May

Upcoming Details:

27th May: Full Course Evaluation

- Final Session -

