**NAYJ policy on donations to, or funding for, external bodies.**

Criteria

The NAYJ is not a funding body; from time to time it may consider giving small amounts of money to other bodies on an ad hoc basis and subject to the following criteria:

* The NAYJ will not fund revenue costs or asset purchases.
* The NAYJ will not fund any for- profit bodies or public services.
* The NAYJ will not fund individuals other than in exceptional circumstances and only where to do so would substantially further the charitable objectives of the NAYJ.
* Consideration for funding will be given to bodies whose aims and objectives most closely align with those of the NAYJ.
* The NAYJ will primarily consider requests for funding campaigning activities which are aligned with the Association’s objectives.
* Priority will be given to campaigns where NAYJ has an agreed alliance/partnership with the lead organisation and has input into the specific campaign.

Process and decision –making

* Applicants will be asked to provide a short outline of:
1. The campaign the funding will contribute towards
2. What specific activity/purpose the money will be used for
3. What the target outcomes are
* Decisions will be made by trustees at a scheduled Board meeting, on a majority vote.
* Any trustees with a conflict of interests will withdraw from the vote. For the purposes of this policy a conflict of interests is deemed to be:
1. Where the trustee or a connected person (family member, business associate) could gain any pecuniary or other benefit as a result of the decision taken.
2. Where the trustee is an employee or formal associate of the applicant organisation or related to a senior member of staff within that organisation
3. Where there is any doubt as to whether a conflict of interest exists, the Board will determine whether the trustee/s concerned should withdraw from the vote.
* Where funding is agreed the applicant organisation will be asked to provide a short report giving feedback on the outcome of the activity.

Informing members

* Any funding agreed by the Board will be publicised on the NAYJ web site as will the feedback reports.