

Crawley County Local Committee Community Initiative Fund application



CLC Reference: 420/C

Local Councillor: Bob Lanzer

Status: Fundraising Stage

Overfunding enabled (refer to 'what we'll deliver' section)

Project cost: £49,840.00

Crowdfunding target: £49,751.00

Project Title: Where warriors are made

About:

Our Warrior gymnasts have outgrown their current training site & need to expand. We need a van & mobile equipment to deliver our positive workshops to even more kids of Crawley & West Sussex.

Nicky's WorkShop is a TeamGym gymnastics club that helps over 200 kids/week keep active & reach their Physical, Mental & Gymnastic potential. We would like to go mobile and transport our coaches and equipment to schools/ colleges/clubs across Crawley & West Sussex to every day kids and motivate them to interact within a team. It would give the local kids an opportunity to train on specialised apparatus in ANY environment. Teamgym has no age limit. It concentrates on empowering the gymnast to solve their own problems within a team culture. They will discover how to play to their strengths and accept their weaknesses as an individual and as a team. They will learn to tackle initial impossibilities with step by step breakdowns and a possible pathway to achieve their goal. The world is a much faster place now and kids expect instant results. We aim to teach patience and coping mechanisms when faced with challenges and to trust in our NW Motto - Dream Believe Achieve

Project Delivery Manager: Nicky's WorkShop

What we'll deliver:

- To promote TeamGym gymnastics to hundreds of every day kids in Crawley, West Sussex & surrounding areas
- To inspire kids to keep active and form team bonds in the real world - as opposed to social media and gaming relationships
- To engage with schools/ colleges/ clubs and spread the motto – Dream, Believe, Achieve
- To deliver Elite coaching, a European judges eye and 30 years experience to everyday kids

What the extra funds raised will be spend on:

- Partly towards a deposit on a full-time training ground
- Employ a Special Needs and Behaviour Solutions coach in support of delivering new disability-friendly workshops

Why it's a great idea:

This project is the only thing we can do right now to bring our positive workshops to more children & adults of Crawley and West Sussex. We have tried everywhere to find a permanent training facility for our warrior gymnasts but as yet our local council can not help us. We have a big following who can see our vision including Henry Smith MP. In the interim a new school year has just started and we'd really like to catch the Spring/Summer Term starting 2020. With the help of you we can spread our motto of Dream Believe Achieve With over 30 years coaching experience and an International Judge, Nicky Webster and her passionate, highly motivational warrior team will deliver elite coaching to hundreds of children, giving EVERY kid - a chance no matter what background, class, or ability. You never know if you like something until you try it... so let's give these kids a chance please. Something new to look forward to and experience in a warm surrounding.

Steps to get it done:

- Buy van
- Buy equipment
- Use school contacts etc to start workshops 2020
- Deliver physical activity in a fun, motivational NW way.
- Use equipment to promote existing gymnasts
- Start driving

We are a family run club & have a large community following. The Club founders Nicky & Carlton Webster have an amazing team behind them & are fully supported by their community. Nicky has 30 years coaching experience in Crawley & surrounding areas and is 1 of only 7 international teamgym judges in Great Britain. She judged the European Championships in 2014 and 2018. She is at the top end of our discipline & wants to take this knowledge back to her roots at the early stage of development. Carlton is a highly motivational, passionate gymnastics coach who's background comes from Kyokushinki Karate. He is a Great British 3X medallist & has had experience in theatre, music, tv, & a colourful DJ career. His old skool ethos is highly motivational & definitely something kids need in their lives at the moment. Our coaches have been flown to Scotland twice now to

run their annual development summer camp and spread our ethos and motto - so once we are mobile we could drive anywhere.