

Which category best fits your application?:

Community

Please provide a short summary of what you plan to do if successful with the grant? (max 250 words):

YES, Brixham is housed in The Edge, a redundant chapel in Bolton Street. The building is 180 years old. Fortunately, the structure and roof are relatively sound. However, the floor in the main hall area has suffered over the decades from damp and in places is decidedly spongy. We would like to affect some repairs to these damaged areas and also to the floor in our upstairs activity, yoga and dancing, room. The second one is important as we don't want to risk the floor deteriorating and giving way under some of our more energetic visitors.

This work is essential to the smooth running of our community activities which provide activities and entertainment, free of charge, to some of the most marginalised and vulnerable in our town.

We are a very frugal organisation and any grant awarded will be well spent. We are very committed to community wealth building and as far as possible, purchase all goods and services locally.

What is the role of your organisation in Brixham?:

The mission of YES is to create a welcoming and supportive environment where people of all ages and backgrounds can come together to create opportunities. Our Vision is for a vibrant Brixham where everyone feels valued, connected and able to live a fulfilled life. We achieve this by running a six 'day a week' drop in advice and information service. Alongside we offer purposeful activity, entertainment and volunteering opportunities to all members of our community.

Unlike other areas in Torbay, Brixham has not got a dedicated community centre. We attempt to fill that gap and also be a hub for the lonely isolated and vulnerable.

When will this project take place?: The Edge, Bolton Street, BRIXHAM. TQ5 9DH

How will your project further the Community Goal of Brixham chamber of Commerce?:	All of the work of YES is aimed at strengthening the community of Brixham. YES provides support, advice, information and guidance to those who are; in need, isolated, lonely and vulnerable. We promote wellbeing within the town, and plan and run events to bring the people of Brixham together. Regular live music events with performers drawn from our own community and in August '23 YES will be running an afternoon music and craft festival at the rugby club.
Where is the project based?:	The Edge
How much funding will the project require in total?:	£4500
How much funding has been secured so far and where from?:	We have secure 50% + of the funds required from our own resources. So we are asking for a contribution of £2000 from the Chamber' centenary fund.
Anything else you'd like us to know about your organisation/project?:	For the last 25 years YES have been embedded in the community of Brixham. First working with young people and for the last decade with residents of all ages.  The shocks to community resilience of the pandemic and now the cost of living crisis have pushed many of or fellow citizens to the limit.  At YES we aim to help people through times of crisis and enable them to resume their place as active members of the community.