



**Preston Seton Gosford
Area Partnership Funding Project Proposal**
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Organisation Name:	Patchwork EH32		
Type of Organisation:	Registered charity (SC040790) - for children aged 0-5 years, and their carers		
Project Name:	Patchwork EH32: Equipment renewal & venue hire		
Area Plan Priority:	<p><u>'Grow our People' & 'Grow our Communities'</u></p> <p><i>Prosperous</i> Outcome 1.1: People are working, are free from in-work poverty and are able to develop and improve their work skills.</p> <p><i>Community-minded</i> Outcome 2.1: East Lothian has strong, resilient communities, where people respect and support each other. Outcome 2.2: East Lothian people can live affordably and contribute to a thriving community life in a high-quality environment.</p> <p><i>Fair</i> Outcome 3.1: We tackle the causes and effects of poverty in East Lothian and we reduce the gap between the richest and the poorest people. Outcome 3.2: People in East Lothian are enjoying healthier lives.</p>		
Funding Requested:	Any contribution towards the project cost of £2628.89		
Total Project cost:	£2628.89		
Project Proposal:	Start Date:	June 2024	End Date: June 2025
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1. What do you want to do? Summarise your project. (Max 200 words)			
<p>Patchwork (https://www.facebook.com/PatchworkEH32) is a local, family-focused charity based in Prestonpans. We run three weekly sessions plus regular courses and events for the benefit of families with children aged 0-5 years. Our well-established organisation provides valued and well-attended services to a growing community: we offer three play and health/well-being focused sessions weekly (two for children aged 0-5 – 'Play' –, charged at £3 per household, and another – 'Babies' – which is free, specifically for infants aged 0-12 months). This project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade and expand our offering of play resources, renewing items which have undergone excessive wear-and-tear, as well as adding equipment identified as better meeting the needs of our current and evolving demographic, ensuring children across the full age range (0-5) have access to a substantial, safe, varied and quality range of play resources. We also wish to develop our offering for service users with additional support needs (e.g., sensory materials, a chill-out zone), as we strive to make Patchwork as inclusive as possible to everyone in our community. • Obtain support toward venue hire costs for the two sessions we hold at Prestonpans Community Centre, for the period 2024-2025. 			
2. What difference do you want to make? E.g. (example)(Max 200 words)			
<p>Our aims intertwine with many PSG area plan priorities. Having safe, fresh and engaging equipment means we will continue to appeal to a diverse range of families; support with venue hire helps us keep our sessions at an affordable price. Fervently community-minded, this project seeks to meet our service users' priorities, building on the community assets and spaces available to us. Attracting families to Patchwork is not just about play: we support even the youngest children to have the best start, e.g., our sessions provide a route in for (breast)feeding support and nutritionist, infant massage/first aid, and facilitating connections with local libraries. An inclusive space, we want to improve accessibility and offer greater opportunities for children and young people with additional support needs to engage with us, as well as adequately resource our sessions to meet the needs of all new attendees as our community continues to grow. This project feeds into 'Grow our People', specifically insofar as this relates to giving our children the best start in life and generating volunteering (committee) and work (Host) opportunities, and 'Grow our Communities' – ensuring Patchwork remains a key space providing families with the things that allow them to flourish.</p>			

<p>3. Why are you the right organisation to deliver this project proposal? (Max 100 words)</p>
<p>Our sessions are well-established and attended, with Hosts and committee who are in tune with our community, already having significant connections, including strong relationships with collaborative partners (e.g., breastfeeding support, nutritionist, BookBug) who recognise us as a valuable setting through which to support our shared strategic aims and those of the area partnership. The Strategic Assessment feeding in to the East Lothian Plan confirms that areas in Prestonpans, Tranent and Elphinstone are within 20% of the most deprived areas in Scotland. Patchwork is embedded in these communities and operates an "all are welcome" policy. Parents of all ages and backgrounds use Patchwork to meet and share experiences with their babies and children: this is important for sound mental health and to avoid social isolation. The children learn skills that they will take forward in life, in a safe and controlled environment: sharing, being kind, patience, playing together, social inclusivity – parents, grandparents and carers can all attend, forming their own valuable connections.</p>
<p>4. Why is the project proposal needed? Please provide evidence i.e. (Max 100 Words)</p>
<p>We believe our vision can be summed up in three words: <i>maintain, expand</i> and <i>include</i>: to maintain our reputation and the interest of the children, expand our offering and include even more members of our community, we need to resource accordingly. Though we are known for our great range of toys and equipment, much is old: items are donated or were purchased years ago, and several (e.g., slides) now need replacing. So many children attend our sessions that we have to constantly monitor the suitability of resources. We recently discarded various items that were no longer safe, and have consulted with our service users on what else they feel would benefit the attending children, including those with ASN. As regards venue hire, any support that we can receive towards this will free up budget to continue offering our sessions at only £3 per household, maintain our policy of free admission for some families (at Host's discretion), and allow us to direct other fundraising efforts toward adequately resourcing additional, special events throughout the year.</p>
<p>5. Who do you want to help? e.g. Please provide separate numbers for children, young people, working age adults, and elderly people. How will you ensure that this project proposal reaches those in your community who need it most? (Max 200 Words)</p>
<p>Our last Annual Review found, on average, 68 adults and 74 children attend Play weekly, and approximately 17 <i>families</i> attend Babies. The monthly average of <i>families</i> who use our combined services is 120, broken down as follows:</p> <p><u>Average weekly attendees at Babies:</u> Working age adults -17 Infants -17</p> <p><u>Average weekly attendees at Play:</u> <i>Proportional split:</i> Approx. 60% working age adults to 40% older/retired adults (e.g., grandparents) Approx. 20% infants (0-12 months) to 80% pre-school age children (12 months-5 years)</p> <p>Founded to serve the postcode area EH32, Patchwork recently amended our constitution to include families within Blindwells, as well as Wallyford and Tranent. In addition to regular social media posts, we also organise frequent poster and leaflet drops to relevant areas. We invite all members of our community to join our committee and attend our AGM, and ensure our committee and Hosts use all the means at their disposal (word of mouth, social media sharing) to fully inform our community partners and service users of fundraising successes, upcoming special events and developments in our offering e.g., new resources, upcoming courses, who has supported us, and how. Should this bid be successful, it will be communicated through all the usual channels.</p>
<p>6. How many volunteers will be involved in the project proposal?</p>
<p>Our committee currently comprises 11 volunteer members: this includes two Co-Chairs, our Treasurer and Secretary. Within the committee are included our two paid staff members (Play Host and Babies Host) who also undertake a great deal of voluntary work on Patchwork's behalf.</p>
<p>7. How will you show that your project proposal has made a difference? i.e. (Max 100 Words)</p>
<p>We offer a community voice as well as resource: as well as a formal questionnaire ahead of our AGM, we propose offering feedback opportunities on the impact of individual projects undertaken throughout the year. Many local children do not attend nursery until funded hours are available; Patchwork provides a vital opportunity for early interpersonal and social development. Patchwork is attended by families new to not only the area but the country; we foment connections and community. Good resources are fundamental to our sessions: we are confident any support granted will significantly enhance our offering and feedback will reflect this.</p>

8. How will this project proposal be supported beyond the Area Partnership funding, if applicable?

(Max 100 Words)

Patchwork depends on targeted fundraising to survive, so any project we undertake is usually associated with a specific funding source/application. Our committee fundraises hard and prioritises collaboration with local businesses to resource our work comprehensively, for the lowest possible cost. For example: community fundraising (e.g., Teddy Toddle, raffles) facilitates subsidised special events at Halloween and Christmas; we obtained Support from the Start funding to run baby massage/first aid; other funders e.g. One Partnership support Play Host salary; our £3 per household Play fee helps cover other overheads such as venue hire, insurance, Babies Host salary, PVG checks, payroll admin fees.

9. Please provide a breakdown of project proposal costs.

Items to be purchased or activity to be supported with workings i.e. 10 pots of paint £2 x 10	Supplier	Cost
Qwikfold Orange Climb 'n' Slide (18 months+) https://www.smythstoys.com/uk/en-gb/outdoor/swings-and-slides/slides/qwikfold-orange-climb-n-slide/p/163957?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=surfaces_across_google	Smyths Toys	£29.99
Smoby 5-foot slide (age 3+) https://www.smythstoys.com/uk/en-gb/outdoor/swings-and-slides/slides/smoby-red-5ft-slide/p/8026788	Smyths Toys	£69.99
Honda Fireblade Motorbike Ride On https://www.smythstoys.com/uk/en-gb/outdoor/ride-ons/honda-fireblade-motorbike-ride-on/p/220946	Smyths Toys	£50.00
K-MX Bud Racing Team Ride On Motorbike https://www.smythstoys.com/uk/en-gb/outdoor/ride-ons/k-mx-bud-racing-team-ride-on-motorbike/p/233115	Smyths Toys	£39.99
Little Tikes Cozy Pumper https://www.argos.co.uk/product/3048430?clickPR=plp:6:22	Argos	£25.00
Fisher Price Injusa Ride On Scooter https://www.argos.co.uk/product/3109355?clickPR=plp:19:22	Argos	£45.00
Soft play castle building and step & slide bundle https://www.softplaykingdom.com/products/castle-step-slide-bundle-multi	Soft Play Kingdom	£294
X2 packs of 6 costumes – role play (£39.99x2) https://www.hope-education.co.uk/product/early-years/role-play/dressing-up/occupational-tabards-set-1-from-hope-education-pack-of-6/he123194 https://www.hope-education.co.uk/product/early-years/role-play/dressing-up/people-who-help-us-tabards-from-hope-education-pack-of-6-/he128420	Hope Education	£79.98
Pack of 3 foam footballs https://www.amazon.co.uk/Deals-Pack-Three-Soft-Football/dp/B0881GFBNL?source=ps-sl-shoppingads-lpcontext&ref=fplfs&psc=1&smid=A1BAIRU1H5SPR2	Amazon	£24.99
Kickmaster one on one folding goal set	Decathlon	£29.99


https://www.decathlon.co.uk/p/mp/kickmaster/kickmaster-one-on-one-folding-goal-set/_/R-p-e67984d2-17db-4b1e-b924-a74c3b7b168e?mc=e67984d2-17db-4b1e-b924-a74c3b7b168e_c4.c1.c22&c=black white yellow&utm_term=6af9ee1f-3e91-4bda-a9a8-ca8a1e461789&srsId=AfmBOoroNfj-Ek59dHvL9PyUd7l_GmeDDrsAlv1L_xApj70UQpJ7FTQm1tE		
Sensory projector light https://www.therainbowbox.co.uk/products/star-projector-light	The Rainbow Box	£13.00
Blackout sensory tent https://www.amazon.co.uk/Blackout-30-7%C3%9730-7%C3%9734-6-Playhouse-Foldable-Childrens/dp/B0CQ1HYQXL?source=ps-sl-shoppingads-lpcontext&ref=fplfs&smid=A2OE7K3MKIA49U&th=1	Amazon	£22.99
X2 sensory bags – including ear defenders (£26.40x2) https://www.sensorydirect.com/essential-grab-bag-without-oral-chews?srsId=AfmBOooFmJ-Q8VDAgh9XSZdQi1dNK64sHMk6xOJAhIhsAhqL5iVT-9GAlrA	Sensory Direct	£52.80
x4 IKEA high chair with tray (£19x4) https://www.ikea.com/gb/en/p/antilop-highchair-with-tray-white-silver-colour-s29067293/	IKEA	£76
x1 pack of 20 wooden maracas https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/285666968125?chn=ps&_ul=GB&var=587682206358&norover=1&mkevt=1&mkrid=710-166974-033325-9&mkcid=2&mkscid=101&itemid=587682206358_285666968125&targetid=2275367127251&device=c&mkttype=pla&googleloc=9180664&poi=&campaignid=21164695850&mkgroupid=161740877018&rlsTarget=pla-2275367127251&abcId=9402439&merchantid=138820175&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCOjw_qexBhCoARIsAFgBlesWmHmlWfMT3_M3K7BSJF9sfY_oOFG0Mhl3xKcQKFtq8Tv7Btt5YoaAnKQeALw_wcB	eBay	£15.99
x2 packs wooden crocodile castanets (£8.49x2) https://www.amazon.co.uk/TOYANDONA-Instrument-Percussion-Educational-Playthings/dp/B0B8NL74NQ/ref=zg_bs_g_5496200031_d_sccl_12/258-8044953-3642620?psc=1	Amazon	£16.98
Contribution towards Prestonpans Community Centre venue hire for the 2024-2025 period (4 hours per week @ £8.40 per hour)	East Lothian Council	Up to £1742.20
Total Cost of project Proposal:		£886.69 equipment + Up to £1742.20 venue hire = £2628.89
10. Finance		
Can you please confirm if you have applied for or received any other funding to undertake this project proposal.		
Funder	Amount	Confirmed/Pending - decision date
N/A	£	

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Total	£	

Declaration

- ❖ I/we confirm that the information set out in this Funding Project Proposal Form, any appendices and any enclosed accompanying documents are correct.
- ❖ I/we confirm if there are any changes to the project proposal including any new funding awarded, Area Partnership (psg-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk) should be informed immediately.

Signed by Applicant or on behalf of the organisation requesting funding

Sign: 
Print Name: Nicola MacGregor
 Designation: Co-Chair 2023-2024
 Date: 25th April 2024

Connected Communities Manager

Signed: _____
 Print Name: _____
Date: _____