

## ➔ More than giving money away ...

**Aim:** To encourage young people to appreciate the range of different tasks involved in YouthBank.

Anyone can just hand out money. This exercise is designed to show the range of functions that need to be carried out in order to hand out money well.

### **You will need**

Flipchart, pens and at least 30 minutes.

### **What to do**

Using a flipchart or large sheet of paper, boardblast the functions and tasks of an operating YouthBank. Introduce it saying: 'YouthBank gives away money to groups of young people in this area. This involves tasks like ...'. Invite contributions.

You should end up with an impressive looking list with a wide range of tasks. They are likely to include such things as:

- letting young people know it exists
- checking applications
- writing cheques
- replying to correspondence
- attending meetings
- preparing accounts and financial statements

The list might grow to include more proactive and developmental aspects (and if it doesn't, you can encourage it):

- looking at the needs in the area
- encouraging applications from groups who don't usually receive funding

### **Discussion**

One of the main things to talk about is the range of tasks involved in a YouthBank programme. The basic activity is handing out money, but in order to make that an effective and worthwhile operation, all kinds of other

supportive tasks are needed. They can be artistic and creative, such as doing design work for posters. They can be routine and organised like keeping the accounts. They can be interpersonal like addressing meetings or meeting groups.

This means that there is a place for all kinds of people in YouthBank, you don't necessarily need people who are already proven and experienced. It is also a good opportunity for discovering hidden talents. Young people are full of surprises about what they can do.

### **Afterwards**

If it hasn't already come up, ask which tasks need to be carried out by an adult. Encourage the group to challenge any assumptions that do not have a sound legal basis. And then challenge those as well.