



## Bulwell play project for girls looks for public support to keep on running

Bulwell Community Toy Library is asking the public to vote for its girls' after-school club to win funding from NatWest bank's CommunityForce initiative, in a bid to keep it going next year.

The girls' after-school club gives girls aged from 9 to 13 the chance to get involved in activities after school such as arts, crafts, games and discussions about things that they choose.

The project is just one of hundreds of charities and projects that are competing for funding from CommunityForce nationally and there are just three awards of £6,000 each up for grabs in each CommunityForce region.

Voting opens on 26th September and you can vote online at <http://www.communityforce.natwest.com> or by calling the CommunityForce helpline on 0800 2100 246. Anyone with hearing or speech impairments can contact CommunityForce on Minicom number 0800 0155 545. Voting closes on 23rd October.

The three projects with the most votes in each CommunityForce area will win the awards - each worth £6,000.

### **Steve Parkinson, Project Manager at the toy library says:**

*"Our girls' club has been running for over 3 years and we really want to keep it going.*

*As well as introducing girls to loads of different activities it gives them a chance to spend time with their friends and talk about things that matter to them in a safe place with supportive staff around.*

*It would be really sad if it had to close so please, please take a few minutes to vote for us - it could make a big difference to the lives of girls in Bulwell."*



**An eleven-year-old girl who attends the club says:**

*"In Girls' Club I get space away from people who are annoying, I get to make things that are useful and crafty. I attend Girls' Club because I like making things, my friends go and it relaxes me. I would also like to do more courses and get more certificates."*

The girls' club meets on Friday afternoons after school during term time, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm at the Children's Centre on Steadfold Close, Crabtree Farm Estate, Bulwell.

**To find out more please call Steve Parkinson on 0115 975 3898  
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