

# SUCCESS! ... Barnfield Beats!

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The Youth Opportunities Fund provides the opportunity for young people to request money to fund buildings or activities. Sometimes, these requests are not compatible with the entry criteria or, occasionally, when the young people get the money their plan doesn't translate well from paper to reality. But sometimes, it works out great, and the improvements made to the Barnfield Youth Centre are a perfect example of this.



Barnfield Youth Centre wrote to the YOF panel last year asking for recording and other musical equipment. The panel were impressed by the bid and the request was granted. Now, Barnfield is the proud owner of a soundproof recording room with a live PA system, new instruments including guitars, amps and microphones, and a live music room connected to a computer to make recording and changing tracks easier. There is no doubt from the point of view of the YOF system that this has been a great achievement, and the young people at Barnfield are not the only ones impressed by it. 'Recording is easier, before we had nothing really,' Says Frankie Connolly, and Bardhi Hasani thinks that 'now being able to record is the best thing about getting this money.'



This is just one example of YOF funding making a huge difference to the lives of young people, and anyone who wants the chance to improve facilities in their area can give it a shot too. If you would like more information, speak to your local youth worker and they can help you get in contact with the YOF panel or look at [www.younglavin.org.uk](http://www.younglavin.org.uk).

