



"I have benefitted from being transported to the YMCA, from my school, every week to participate in the YMCA's YouthWorks Mentoring programme as part of my school curriculum. This programme focuses on developing my employability skills for work which should help me get a job when I leave school at Christmas. Without the YMCA transporting me to participate in this programme, I would not be able to attend and benefit from this mentoring programme."

**Hayley (Age 15)**  
 School Pupil



"I am pleased that the YMCA has a Mountaineering Club that transports me and other students to mountain areas across Scotland every month at no cost. Being able to transport mountaineering club members ensures that cost is not a barrier to accessing the Scottish landscape, ensures that we can undertake adventurous activities in challenging environments and ensures that mountain walking is accessible to most people to explore the outdoors and experience the diversity of Scotland's natural heritage as well as meeting like-minded people."

**Travis (Age 17)**  
 Mountaineering Club Member

## AIM OF MINIBUS REPLACEMENT APPEAL:

We have started this Minibus Replacement Appeal to replace our 15 year old minibus (SW53 GOK) by raising £26,400 to purchase a replacement Ford Transit minibus.

## BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION OF REQUIRED VEHICLE:

Having purchased our current minibus in 2003, it has since travelled over 110,000 kilometres across Scotland, the United Kingdom and Europe to empower young people, YMCA members and partner organisations. Sadly, it has now become unreliable and uneconomical to continue repairing. In the last two years the YMCA has expended over £5000 in maintaining the current minibus to keep it on the road. As a consequence, the YMCA's Board of Trustees have launched a fundraising appeal to purchase a replacement Ford Transit minibus which will incorporate the latest:

- **safety & security features** to ensure the wellbeing of all our children, youth members and drivers;
- **utility materials** to keep repair costs low;
- **performance & efficiency technology** to reduce fuel consumption and carbon footprint;
- **comfort & convenience features** to benefit passengers.

## OBJECTIVES FOR REPLACING MINIBUS:

1. **Empowering young people** and YMCA members, by ensuring the continued provision of transport;
2. **Promoting inclusion** for individuals and groups by removing barriers to closer collaboration;
3. **Enhancing quality of services** for young people and families by operating low cost excursions, residential trips and outdoor education experiences;
4. **Increasing volunteering opportunities** by recruiting drivers to drive vehicle to deliver YMCA programmes;
5. **Ensuring wider community benefit** to partner organisations, voluntary organisations, health services, adult learning, employment agencies, schools and churches accessing transport.

## APPEAL TARGET APPEAL TARGET

**£26,400**

**funded by:**

**Aberdeen YMCA  
 contribution**

**£7,000**

**Mountaineering Club  
 contribution**

**£7,000**

**Grant Funding**

**£6,400**

**Fundraising activities**

**£6,000**

**Sale of existing bus**

**£0**

*Minibus will be scrapped as part of eco-friendly scrappage scheme provided by Ford that has been factored into the total cost of the minibus at £26,000*



"The YMCA minibus has been crucial in increasing opportunities for young people across the city. Having access to the minibus takes the strain of transport away allowing pupils to attend variety of activities including sporting fixtures, university events, Duke of Edinburgh and various curricular outings. The support of YMCA helps to empower young people across the city ensuring they aspire to be outstanding."

**Neil Hendry**  
Head Teacher  
Aberdeen City Council



"Undoubtedly, our YMCA minibus has been a crucial asset for YMCA services to children, young people, families, partner organisations and the local community. The impact of the minibus on all users is significant and key to our success. By donating now, donors and supporters will literally be keeping us driving forward in top gear to empower young people with our award-winning work!"

**Michael G A Will MBE**  
Executive Chairman  
Aberdeen YMCA

## OUR CURRENT MINIBUS:



## MEASURING IMPACT:

We will evaluate the impact of replacing our minibus by:

- Questionnaire results from users to evaluate impact of programme activity enhanced by using minibus;
- Questionnaire results from partner organisations to evaluate impact of minibus on community projects;
- Quantitative data in relation to number of beneficiaries and community groups using minibus.

Success will be an increase in numbers of beneficiaries using minibus on an annual basis.

## FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY:

In purchasing a replacement Ford Transit minibus, Aberdeen YMCA would, thereafter, create a restricted minibus replacement fund in its accounting to deposit future donations and contributions from users to replace minibus in another 10 years in 2028.

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR SUPPORTERS?

In addition to exercising philanthropy or corporate social responsibility, all supporters and funders, regardless of size of donation, will be recognised by inclusion on our YMCA website, Annual Report and register of 'Friends of Aberdeen YMCA'.

## 6 ADVANTAGES OF USING A MINIBUS

1. Minibuses leave you at the desired destination, whilst public transport takes you only to the nearest station;
2. Minibuses can be used for long distances as well as for short ones, in the UK and across Europe;
3. Minibuses provide the necessary flexibility and contingency to change itinerary during journey;
4. Minibuses represent the ideal mode of transport in case you have to reach several destinations in a shorter period of time;
5. Minibuses are the cheapest mode of transport in terms of cost for users: a third cheaper than train and half cheaper than plane;
6. Minibuses are usually available with one or two drivers at your disposal for the entire journey, therefore making it the safest mode of transport for users.

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