



# The Youth Bus Progress Report 2007/08

## And proposal for extension of contract 2008/09



## OVERVIEW

2007-08 so far has been an exciting year packed full of young people, their ideas and an enthusiastic staff team. As you can see from the figures detailed below we have exceeded all our expectations for the amount of young people we have worked with over the last year. New partnerships have been established and as a direct result of this work closer links have been made between the Youth Service and our organisation.

### 2007-2008 Figures overall

Participation	Summer 2007	Sep 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008
<b>Middleton Park</b>	308	155	159	82	79	121	166
<b>City &amp; Hunslet</b>	355	150	268	180	163	321	175
<b>Beeston &amp; Holbeck</b>	222	99	82	147	92	93	73
<b>TOTAL</b>	885	404	509	409	334	535	414

### Ethnicity Breakdown

Participation	Summer 2007		Sep 2007		Oct 2007		Nov 2007		Dec 2007		Jan 2008		Feb 2008	
	WB	NW	WB	NW	WB	NW	WB	NW	WB	NW	WB	NW	WB	NW
<b>Middleton Park</b>	303	5	151	4	157	2	81	1	78	1	117	4	161	5
<b>City &amp; Hunslet</b>	346	9	138	12	254	14	169	11	157	6	318	3	170	5
<b>Beeston &amp; Holbeck</b>	203	19	95	4	75	7	139	8	85	7	91	2	72	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	852	33	384	20	486	23	389	20	320	14	526	9	403	11

NB: WB = White British  
NW = Non White

### Comparison Figures – 6 months

#### **Participation Overview 2007 for Comparison purposes**

Participation	Summer		September		October		November		December	
	N	E	N	E	N	E	N	E	N	E
<b>Middleton Park</b>	78	230	26	129	30	129	62	20	19	60
<b>City &amp; Hunslet</b>	94	261	50	100	49	219	152	28	10	153
<b>Beeston &amp; Holbeck</b>	87	135	26	73	39	43	65	82	22	70
<b>TOTAL</b>	259	626	102	302	118	391	279	130	51	283

#### **Participation Overview 2006 for Comparison purposes**

Participation	Summer		September		October		November		December	
	N	E	N	E	N	E	N	E	N	E
<b>Middleton Park</b>	149	0	22	0	33	8	64	27	33	19
<b>City &amp; Hunslet</b>	46	4	42	0	31	30	34	43	13	12
<b>Beeston &amp; Holbeck</b>	99	0	30	0	56	7	32	52	20	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	294	4	94	0	120	45	130	122	67	34

NB. N = 'NEW' applies to any young people accessing The Youth Bus that have NOT previously done so.  
E = 'EXISTING' applies to those who have accessed The Youth Bus before.

## **Summary**

Comparison has been made from 2006 against 2007. These figures are based on the same 6 month period and highlight:

- In summer 2006 - 294 new young people accessed the provision – 298 accessed in total
- In summer 2007 – 259 new young people accessed the provision - 885 accessed in total

We are now working regularly with 428 young people monthly compared to 151 the previous year. This represents an increase of 280% over the previous year.

Ward Comparison based on participation figures shown above August to December 06 and 07

Based on total number of people accessing the provision

<b>Participation</b>	2006	2007	% Increase
<b>Middleton Park</b>	355	783	120.56%
<b>City &amp; Hunslet</b>	255	1116	337.65%
<b>Beeston &amp; Holbeck</b>	299	642	114.71%
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	909	2541	179.54%

## **Highlights**

### **Beeston & Holbeck Ward:**

- The consistency of the young people attending the Youth Bus in our Beeston and Holbeck sessions has meant that we can run set sessions, enabling us to take the young people deeper and work more meaningfully with them.
- In Holbeck we have 10 young people working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- One original volunteer, a single mum from the Normanton's area, has now joined our staff team and will be shortly commencing her Level 1 training in Youth and Community Work.
- We also now have several young leaders from this ward on our youth forum and working in a variety of other locations within the St Luke's Group.
- A group specifically from Cottingley which has been described as an "inspiration" by one of the workers – especially with all the 'bad press' the area has had over the years. The workers now have a relationship with the parents whereby any misbehaviour is reported and parents are enforcing loss of privileges.
- The Cottingley group are very active and sporty – 8 now are accessing sport at Club Level and we are working in Partnership with Leeds United to establish a Girls League Academy Team.
- Cottingley has now accepted a ground rule working agreement as the staff experienced a great deal of bullying and racism in the first instance. We have an Asian Worker and German Worker currently on this session.
- Young People in Parkwood's are consistent – they really appreciate the provision – they look forward to the visit and the staff now have a trust system in place whereby the young people feel free to discuss personal issues. This has led to some intense work around access to the education system.

**Residentials** - We have had a couple of opportunities over the last little season to take young people that initially engaged though the Youth Bus on residentials – we have done this in partnership with other local organisations such as the 'Church of the Nazarene' and 'Getaway Girls'. These have provided a great foundation upon which to build deeper relationships with the young people whilst providing the young people with opportunities to go caving, gorge walking, climbing etc.

## City & Hunslet Ward:

- Our sessions in City and Hunslet are developing well and we are engaging a group of particularly hard to reach young people in the Hunslet Moor area
- In City and Hunslet the staff team have now got enough of a relationship to challenge bad behaviour and have addressed certain issues. This will lead to more structured session in the future.
- We have out grown the bus numerically in Balmorals.
- We are also working in partnership with a couple of other organisations in Balmorals (see partnerships) – with the aim of setting up longer term static provision within the area.
- In Balmorals we now have had opportunities to work on a one to one basis with a particular young person who have been identified by the Police through the tasking group.
- The Arthingtons young people are probably the most motivated people we come across and they love to participate in physical activities – particularly as there is no other youth provision nearby. With regular and consistent work the staff now find that this group are willing to undertake activities that are not necessarily within their comfort zone. For example – Bullying, Self Confidence and Self Esteem sessions.
- Emotional and Behaviour has been challenged in the Arthingtons through sessional work and this has made a great difference to the attitude of the young people to the staff team.

## Middleton Park Ward:

- Two young people who live in the Middleton Park Ward are in the process of becoming young leaders – it is great to see them taking the steps to lead in other areas.
- Sissons/Throstles is a good range of both younger and older young people. 8 of the older girls engaged on a residential recently during which they participated in confidence building, team work and outdoor adventure activities.
- Manor Farms has consistent young people attending. The staff teams are beginning to gain respect from the young people which has reduced damage to the vehicle and abuse of the staff.
- As there is not much space for sports in Manor Farms the staff have done some good team work sessions. The staff and young people are now making arrangements to go on external trips – for example a day out bowling during the Easter Holidays and also a foray to find local places to play sport (in this case an area of garages with flat ground)
- The staff teams have just started linking with Belle Isle Family Centre to promote local activities for young people.
- Young people from Belle Isle are engaging well in physical activities in particular sport and also the creative activities such as cake decorating.

**Sierra Leone** - In May 2007 a group of young people that were originally engaged though the Youth Bus were asked: 'if you were given the opportunity to spend this Christmas in the poorest country in the world, building a home for street kids and kids trapped in prostitution, would you take it?' Ten young people between the ages of 14 and 20 took up the challenge and spent the next 7 months fund raising – doing everything from bag packing in supermarkets to sponsored events to make this opportunity a reality. The aim of the trip was to make the 'impossible, possible' - encouraging local young people, from differing 'wards', to dream bigger dreams for their lives whilst providing practical help for those in desperate circumstances. It was a fantastic trip. Upon return one of the young people wrote:

*"Sierra Leone most definitely has to be the most beneficial experience of my life so far. It seems surreal to think that just two weeks could be so life changing, influential and powerful. It is hard to describe how much it has impacted me, my future, my opinions and my general ideas about life!"*

## Partnerships

**Youth Service** – we have worked with the Youth Service in a number of different areas for varying periods of time – in Holbeck we have had one worker on a fortnightly basis since November 07 however this ceased as of February 2008 due to a restructure, originally Westwood's where we had 2 Youth Service staff attending on a weekly basis and now Sissons/Throstles where a Youth Service staff member will appear sporadically.

**Church of the Nazarene** – we work with the Church of the Nazarene in Balmorals. Over the last few months we have been looking into longer term provision within this area. As a direct result of this a fortnightly club is currently being piloted – the Church of the Nazarene and the Salvation Army working together to staff this.

**Cupboard Project** – we have worked with the Cupboard Project a little in Manor Farms, and were also due to support them at their 'Miggy Fun Day' (unfortunately this event got rained off, soon after we arrived).

**Getaway Girls** – in partnership with Getaway Girls a number of young people from the Cottingley area have had the opportunity to go to local games – Leeds United and Rhino matches. A number of girls have also had the opportunity to develop their own sporting ability by joining local sports teams.

**Leeds Fed** – We worked in partnership with Leeds Federal Housing Association and the Youth Service in Middleton Park on Mischief Night – playing a part in providing an evening of fun and safe activities for local young people on an evening that is renowned for 'mischief'.

**Leeds United and Thomas Danby College** – Additional sessions on Saturdays for 13 weeks in order to get young people to excel at football and to move onto Leeds United Academy Level.

**Leeds United** – are putting 30 young people from all areas of the Youth Bus sessions through the Coaching Award to put towards their Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

## Proposed Future Partnerships

We are working closely with O2 based at the Arlington Business Park on a programme of fundraising and volunteer action. We aim to link up volunteers from O2 into the Inner South Mobile Youth Provision – this will bring a new diverse range of skills to the teams.

As more and more funding streams are now being pooled within Children Leeds ISCB (Integrated Strategic Commissioning Board) should the Area Committee be interested, we could pursue this possibility for future mainstreaming of the Youth Bus. The consistently increasing participant numbers have established a need for this service and it has highlighted many gaps in static provision which are currently being filled by local voluntary sector organisations. This commissioning stream will be coming on line as from September 2008.

West Yorkshire Youth Association have now brought the Connexions Mobile Youth Provision from regional to Leeds through the IYSS [Integrated Youth Support Services], however, they currently only have 4 vehicles to cover 5 wedges. This is a possible route to sustaining provision long term and St Luke's are currently in discussions with WYYA [West Yorkshire Youth Association] to look a several models of operation. Should the Area Committee be interested, we could pursue this possibility for future sustainability of the Youth Bus.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Signposting**

Signposting has worked reasonably well in areas where we have provision to signpost to. We have identified several areas where lack of provision is an issue. Through Children Leeds South and the South Area Plan we aim to highlight these gaps in order to attract future funding into the areas to support new static provision.

There is a general lack of provision for the 8 – 12 year olds across the board, as Youth Service primarily work with 13 + same as the Cupboard Project in Manor Farms.

### **Additional Provision**

Still a thorny issue for all concerned – the vehicle has been used on a regular basis by the Police for Operation Champion and also for research purposes. There has also been a fair amount of interest in the vehicle, however, a definite reluctance from other agencies to pay for hire of the unit.

Financially the cost of repairing damage caused to the vehicle by other users who are not used to driving the vehicle has been very high.

### **Parking and Security**

Current parking is satisfactory and secure at Two Willows.

## TIMETABLING

### The Youth Bus Current Weekly Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SUNDAY
<b>12 noon</b>						
<b>1pm</b>	Shopping fortnightly					
	Team Meeting fortnightly					
<b>2.30</b>	BP and Travel	BP and Travel	BP and Travel	BP and Travel	BP and Travel	BP and Travel
<b>3.30 to 5.30</b>	Session Team 1 Arthingtons	Session Team 1 Hunslet Moor	Session Team 2 Manor Farms	Session Team 1 Belle Isle	Session Team 2 Cottingley	Monthly Session Team 2 Floating Sessions Or Ward Rotation
<b>6pm to 8pm</b>	Session Team 2 Holbeck	Session Team 1 Balmorals		Session Team 1 Sissons/ Throstles	Session Team 2 Parkwoods	
<b>8.30</b>	Bus Return					

BP= Bus Preparation

The current timetable has worked well – through consultation with young people we have adapted times slightly over the period of the 2 years and have finally settled with the above model which suits all age groups the best.

The young people enjoy consistency – we have had regular, and often very vocal, feedback from them about this matter. The text system to advise if we are running late, have staff issues etc works incredibly well.

Throughout holiday periods – both the young people and the staff enjoy the provision through the day. It enables us to run more productive sessions as we have daylight and on average a slightly higher turnout of young people.

With regard to weekends - Sunday afternoons seem to go down really well – we have not necessarily attracted high numbers in some of our larger areas but this however has meant more better quality one on one sessions. This work has gone particularly well in Hunslet Moor, Belle Isle, and Sissons/Throstles areas. Beeston and Holbeck numbers were generally lower however this has been a trend throughout the year and the staff team feel that this has been of great benefit to the young people as they have been able to access more external opportunities that other wards.

Through regular communication we have always been open to altering the service from the Area Committee Members and have regularly reminded Members to inform us of any alterations they'd like to locations.

## Costing 2008-2009

Over the last year St Luke's CARES has supplemented the provision through other funding streams, in particular BBC Children in Need and our Young Leader Support Work which provided 0.33FTE worker. This funding stream finishes at the end of July 2008 and therefore cannot be recounted into this year's costing.

### Proposal 1

To reduce sessions to 6 per week ie term time and school holidays, x 50 weeks = as per original tender.

£27,650	Staffing
£ 1,404	Resources
£ 1,404	Training and backfill for sessional cover
£ 1,872	Management Fee
£ 468	Damage Waiver
£ 2,500	Fixed Costs Insurance and fuel
<b>£35,298</b>	<b>Total</b>

Per Ward = £10,933+ proportionate amount of Fixed costs based on number of wards participating

### Proposal 2

Term time only provision 9 sessions per week and 1 weekend per month 39 weeks per year

£32,169	Staffing
£ 1,634	Resources
£ 1,634	Training and backfill for sessional cover
£ 2,178	Management Fee
£ 545	Damage Waiver
£ 2,500	Fixed Costs Insurance and fuel
<b>£40,660</b>	<b>Total</b>

Per Ward = £12,720+ proportionate amount of Fixed costs based on number of wards participating

Other sources may be able to pay for the school holiday provision (e.g PAYP/Youth Services) however this has not been discussed as yet and as such there is no guarantee.

### Proposal 3

As current provision (ie term time and school holidays) = 9 sessions per week and 1 weekend per month for x 50 weeks

£42,538	Staffing
£ 2,160	Resources
£ 2,160	Training and backfill for sessional cover
£ 2,880	Management Fee
£ 720	Damage Waiver
£ 2,500	Fixed Costs Insurance and fuel
<b>£52,958</b>	<b>Total</b>

Per Ward = £16,819 + proportionate amount of Fixed costs based on number of wards participating



## General notes on costings for 08/09

The Youth Bus costs just over £35 per hour to run which equates to £105 per current session plus fixed costs for Insurance and Fuel

### Breakdown per hour

£29.54 per hour Salaries (based on 1 Team Leader, 1 Youth Worker and 1 Driver)

Due to the nature of the young people we work with and in some areas the high numbers we need 3 staff members at all times – this is often supplemented by volunteers and partnerships – however we cannot rely on outside agencies as the provision cannot operate for Health and Safety reasons without the minimum number of staff.

£ 1.50 per hour resources (for example – pens, paper, plastic cups for water, staff clothing)

£ 2.00 per hour Management Fee

£ 1.50 per hour Training and Development (equates to £0.50 per worker)

£ 0.50 per hour Damage waiver

£2,500.00 Fixed annual costs for Insurance and Fuel

There are many variances on the above options – reducing session times etc however, basically the costs remain much the same.

We currently have a good quality team employed on this provision – this could be compromised in the event of a reduction in number of wards or if we did not run the provision during holiday periods and were only able to offer short term contracts with reduced hours.

## **What our young people say!**

**CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY WARD!**