The vision for Youth Work in Leeds – 'Making Connections' Report

Area	Outer South
Core Offer Team Leader	Glen O'Malley
Enhanced Offer Delivery	
Partner	
Date of Report	January 2023



Indicators	Last	This	Comments
	report	quarter	
TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 129 Total Number of Youth Work Hours: 331.5 hours			Leeds Youth Service SSE The level of Core Youth Work sessions delivered during this quarter is aligned to the reduction of staffing due to Vacancy levels, sickness absence (including medical procedures) and Christmas close-down period (two-weeks). A higher level of detached work had to be undertaken which is more complex in obtaining young people's details and engaging young people in positive activities.
Session Attendance by LSOA			Leeds Youth Service SSE
100%			Attendance at SSE Core Youth Work provisions continue to engage a higher number of young people from the Most Deprived Lower Super Output areas (1527 young people). The engagement of young people from Least Deprived Lower Super Output Areas in Core delivery reflects on the focussed work in Outer areas including sexual health, LGBTQ and Anti-Social Behaviour work requested by partner agencies (636 young people). This also includes offering young people Youth
■ Least Deprived LSOA ■ Most Deprived LSOA ■ Unknown LSOA			Work sessions in Outer Leeds areas.

Total Number of different young people attending youth work
provision from each ward:

	Core Offer
Outer South	
ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD	221
MORLEY NORTH	12
MORLEY SOUTH	161
ROTHWELL	305

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The Outer South Mobile units have seen long repair periods during the October to December period and this has contributed to lower engagement levels in Morley North Ward as detached sessions had to be undertaken as mobile unit were not available.

Morley North Ward has continued with low figures due to the lack of buildings being available, progress is being made regards the Gildersome Meeting Hall being made available.

A total of <u>699</u> Young people aged 11 to 17 years of age were registered with the Youth Service and are aligned to the Ward figures detailed.

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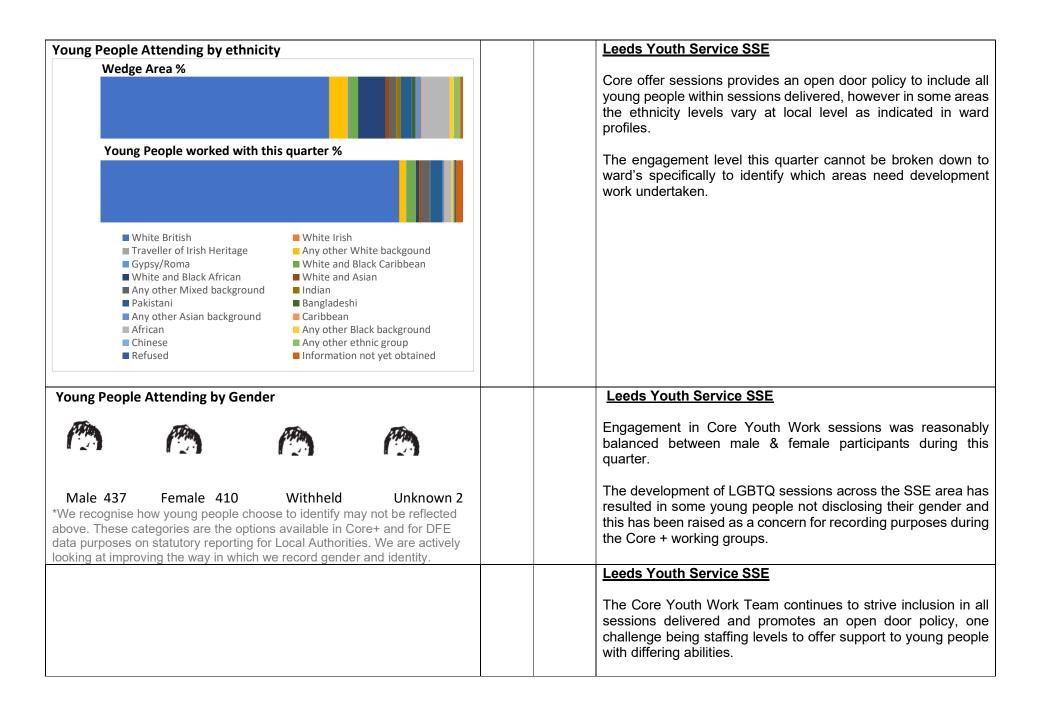
The overall engagement level by the Outer South Core Youth Work team during October to December period was **849** young people.

The primary attendance age being 11 to 17 engaged <u>699</u> different young people in the Core Youth Work sessions.

Partnership work with local volunteers and British Red Cross enabled a further <u>78</u> young people aged under 11 or over 17's to engage with Core Youth Work opportunities.

The Core Youth Work Team engaged a further <u>72</u> unknown young people in sessions, activities and detached work delivered in the wedge. Due to the team not obtaining details they cannot be aligned to specific ward engagement.

Core Youth Work team members have been instructed to reduce the number of unknown young people during the next quarter.



Several young people attend Core Youth Work provisions who have ADHD, dyspraxia and autism and are not included in the figures detailed. It must be recognised not all disabilities are visible and potentially missed in the engagement levels.

The Core + system does not allow Youth Workers to change a young person's ability level and record them on the Core + system, this is planned to be addressed as the working group meetings.

Youth Workers have been requested to identify carers engaged in sessions who identify as carers and ensure this is monitored on Core +.

Youth Worker must be able to include details of carers on Core + when information is shared. This is being developed within the Core + Working group.

Sessions by Priorities

Help children & parents to live in safe, supportive & loving families	13
Ensure the most vulnerable are protected	26
Support families to give children the best start in life	
Increase the number of children & young people participating & engaging in learning	
Improve achievement & attainment for all	18
Improve at a faster rate educational progress for children & young people vulnerable to poor learning outcomes	11
Improve achievement and close achievement gaps	6
Improve Outcomes for children and young people with SEN and/or disability	8
Improve social, emotional and mental health & wellbeing	109

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The key priority for delivery of sessions during October to December was the reduction of anti-social behaviour, overall <u>129</u> centre based, mobile and detached sessions addressed this issue with young people.

Reduce crime & anti-social Behaviour

Core Youth Workers have delivered sessions focussing on reducing ASB in the SSE area with a focus on the run up to Halloween, mischievous night and Bonfire night. Weekly sessions have been delivered on firework safety, bonfire safety and the consequences on breaking the law – buying fireworks underage and throwing fireworks.

Ensure the most vulnerable are protected

Water safety work was delivered in terms of going on frozen over ponds and lakes. This was in response to the recent cold weather in December and the children losing their lives falling through the ice.

	Encourage physical activity and healthy eating	75
4	Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours	48
4	Promote Sexual Health	31
	Minimise the misuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco	44
4	Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour	109
	Help young people into adulthood, to develop life skills and be ready for work	18
4	Improve access to affordable, safe and reliable connected transport for young people	0

Core Youth Workers engaged with young people at hotspots identified via tasking & Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership Meetings. The engagement focussed on actions, responsibility, consequences and impact on local community.

Increase the number of children & young people participating & engaging in learning.

Youth Workers from the Core Team have engaged new young people over the school holiday periods by offering several positive opportunities during the October programme. The programme enabled young people to experience new activities, develop new skills while making new friends. Many young people then engaged in regular weekly sessions because of engaging in the holiday programme.

Help young people into adulthood, to develop life skills and be ready for work

Core Youth Workers have been supporting young people with CV writing and how to apply for employment opportunities. Young people engaged in confidence building activities including interview skills. Young people were directed to the Youth Service SSE Facebook page where several employment opportunities were promoted.

Ensure the most vulnerable are protected

Morley "Pick n Mix" group engages young people from the LGBTQ community in a safe place where they are not judged, explore issues and be themselves without fear of judgement or discrimination. The Session activities include confidence building, communication skills and conflict management techniques.

Support families to give children the best start in life

Core Youth Workers have been supporting local parents who have approached them with concerns and requesting support. Youth Workers have assisted with making professional relationships within the community meaning they have a better

	understanding of young people's home life. Youth Workers have offered parents support around applying for birth certificates helping with housing forms. Assisting finding home appliances that the parents were struggling to obtain.
Safeguarding / Early Help - 1	Leeds Youth Service SSE
	Early Help Meetings - Core Youth Workers have been attending & engaging in the early help meetings in schools, the partnership approach has ensured the most vulnerable are supported and correct agency offering guidance and assisting with families finding solutions to situations.
	One to One Work Support - Youth Workers from the SSE Core Team have been supporting young people on a one to one basis, the reduced service has picked up local cases aligned to Mental Health, school attendance and isolation.
	Safeguarding - Core Youth Workers from the SSE Team have been engaging with vulnerable young people and monitoring Safeguarding concerns. Youth Workers have been providing support, encouragement and assisting the young people overcome difficult situations. 1 case of safeguarding in the area. Youth Workers were alerted to the issue by young people. Ongoing monitoring and meeting with parent arranged.
	Cost of Living Crisis - Youth Workers for the SSE Core Team have responded to the cost of living crisis by ensuring all centre based sessions are offering young people access to hot food / drinks when attending provisions. The focus being on offering access to free food whilst also developing skills around budgeting, cooking home cooked food and developing hygiene skills.
Evidence of young people's involvement	
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Outer South Youth Matters - Have been engaging with local councillors & the community committee team regards the development of the Outer South Youth Summit planned for February 2023. In October the group members engaged in a planning meeting and members have agreed to speak at the summit regards their experience as a Youth Matter Member.

October Scare-Fest & House of Madness - SSE Core Youth Work Team created two Halloween events and planned & delivered them with young people from Tingley, Lewisham Youth Clubs, a scaremaze was created with young people being part of the scare elements in the maze. The three events engaged over 150 young people in two nights they will not forget quickly, even visiting councillors enjoyed the experience. Some were even scared!

Senior Member Volunteers @ Windmill Youth Centre Young people have been engaging as senior members and supporting Youth Workers at Windmill Youth Club, senior members support the planning of the sessions, undertake duties during sessions, pack resources away and evaluate the session content.

Consultations Undertaken - Young people engaging in Core Youth Work sessions have been participating in consultations on NHS Mental Health / St Aiden's Site improvements / Children & Young People Plan and Leeds Youth Voice - Your Health Matters. Some of the consultations was in session activities. some online during sessions and other young people were encouraged to complete online at home.

Leeds Youth Work Vision:

Youth work will be valued and understood.

Inclusiveness, equality, and diversity

Participation and Empowerment.

Respect and positivity

Collaboration.

Quality, safety, and well-being

Participation and Empowerment:-

October School Holiday Programme - The Youth Service SSE Core Team delivered a programme of diversionary activities during the October school holidays, after consultation with local Youth Matters groups a programme was designed and delivered. The programme included full and half day trips to Escapologist Castleford / York Maze / Blackpool / Yorkshire Scare Ground / Barnsley Metro dome / Ninja Warrior / Flamingo Land. The participation levels were extremely high with safe & quality locations being accessed.

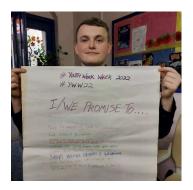
What has gone well and why? Contributing factors?

Positive Experiences – Youth Workers from the Core SSE Team have assisted young people in participating in new experiences during the October to December period, young people experienced watching a performance at Leeds Playhouse and an arts & crafts themed event at Stockeld Park. The opportunities enabled young people to experience new opportunities they would have struggled financially to access.

Year Six Transition – Youth Service SSE has been delivering two weekly transition group work sessions during the last quarter, the sessions have explored the young people's feeling, focussed on anxiety and engaged young people in team building activities. A Christmas craft sewing activity went down well with lots of participation from young people who wouldn't normally get involved. Young people developed basic sewing and manual dexterity skills while having fun creating a Christmas toy and the activity helped to get everyone sitting around a table together so they could participate in some discussion based work.

<u>YAF consultation</u> – Young people attending the Youth Service Core sessions have been encouraged to engage in the Youth Activity Fund consultation, the opportunity enables young people to influence how the YAF funding allocated to each community committee will be allocated to specific activities which young people request in each of the local areas. Over 400 young people have so far engaged in the consultation exercise.

<u>National Youth Work Week</u> - In November Core Youth Work sessions engaged young people in discussions around "what is youth work". This year's theme was a "Festival of Youth Work". Young people made various promises to celebrate the future, these ranged from committing to turning up to the session each week, to supporting friends with their mental health. (picture below).



Youth Work Week



Bonfire Night Work

Inclusiveness, equality, and diversity:-

<u>Pegasus LGBTQ</u> - Group members enjoyed choosing and purchasing a rainbow coloured Christmas tree. The group made decorations for the tree with positive messages written on such as "all love is accepted" and "free to decide". The group also had weekly discussions on LGBTQ issues such as conversion therapy and the gender recognition reform act 2022.

White Ribbon Campaign - During the 16 days of the White Ribbon Campaign against domestic violence towards women, Core Youth Workers engaged young people in the activism - Young people from Tingley Youth Club and Windmill Youth Club were encouraged to research facts and figures regarding violence and abuse against women and children. Groups discussed how they can feel marginalised being female, the males in the group could understand these thoughts but didn't always agree with everything said. Young people talked about the different levels of abuse and how some abuse is just accepted without question. Young people used their phones to research organisations that help women and children who have suffered abuse. All young people were given the opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns in a more private environment as Youth Workers were aware that some young people in the group don't like giving their views Infront of everyone. Some young people completed posters and made a pledge promising to support the end violence to women campaign. (pictures below).







Young people making pledges as part of White Ribbon Campaign – 16 Days Campaign

Collaboration:-

<u>Bonfire Night ASB</u> - The Outer South team offered activities such as games, art & craft and discussions on the mobile provision. The Youth Workers were engaging young people around consequences of throwing fireworks and encouraging young people to stay safe on Bonfire Night. Work was delivered to all youth groups in the run up to Halloween, mischievous night and Bonfire night around safety and consequences. In Rothwell Windmill Youth Club young people looked a special effect to show young people how injuries from fireworks could look. (picture above).

Morrisons Partnership – Youth Service SSE has been working in partnership with Morrisons to engage young people and reduce Anti-Social Behaviour in the areas where stores are located, Youth Service has received support during local events and at Christmas Morrisons donated over 100 selection boxes for young people. The Morrisons Community Champions have attended local events providing resources and donating food for weekly sessions to support the approach to providing hot food at sessions. The partnership has also seen Core Youth Workers undertaking detached around Morrisons stores.

Youth work will be valued and understood:-

<u>St Gabriel's Youth Club</u> - Group members have continued their work to develop the environmental work at St Gabriel's Youth Centre, work has included cutting back hedges, clearing weeds safely, undertaking litter picks and planting new plants. This was followed by young people focussing on their carbon footprint and how they can make a difference. Most young people were committed to reducing their Carbon Footprint.





St Gabriel's Youth Club - Rewards

Rothwell - Selection boxes from Morrisons

Youth Service SSE Core Youth Work

<u>Tingley Youth Club</u> - Young people attending Core Youth Work sessions have been engaging in a partnership with the British Red Cross, the sessions included coping with changes and First aid. The sessions enabled young people to explore situations & solutions and identify the nest outcome for situations. The First Aid enabled group members to develop an awareness of injuries, first aid techniques and how to call for emergency services.





Tingley Transition Work with Red Cross

Winthorpe Youth Club - Healthy Eating

Winthorpe Youth Club - Reopened in September 2022 thanks to local Core Youth Workers & volunteers being identified, working with Winthorpe Tenants & Residents Association the Wednesday evening session opened after a two year closure. Working in collaboration the session is now up and running and engaging a positive number of local young people who are developing new programmes, experiencing positive activities whilst having fun in a safe environment. Young people like making and eating healthy meals.

<u>Pick N Mix (LGBTQ Group)</u> - Continues to support existing and new young people during the Core sessions, group members requested a celebration event for the group and commenced planning a meal out. In December the group members participated in an Indian Meal at a local restaurant, the group members had the confidence to be themselves without and repercussions. The opportunity also enabled young people to experience food from different cultures, creating good awareness.

<u>Lewisham Park Youth Club</u> - The Wednesday evening session targets the Morley South areas of Newlands and Denshaw's, this area has a few vulnerable and disadvantaged young people. The weekly session has offered positive engagement opportunities where issues of concern are explored, and solutions identified. Recently anti-social behaviour has been focussed upon with participants. Local PCSO also engage at the sessions when available to focus on developing relationships between young people and Police staff.

<u>Friday Night Project</u> - The Friday Night session at Morley Leisure Centre continues to offer young people the opportunity to engage in a regular sports session as an affordable price. The Core Youth Workers promote a healthy lifestyle by arranging a variety of sporting activities whilst also providing information and guidance on healthy eating. One of the key issues being experienced is the young people's approach to eating Take-Aways, this work is ongoing.

Rothwell Windmill - Young people participated in discussions themed around World Kindness Day and Social Media Kindness Day. They looked at what 'being kind' meant to them, online bullying and trolls. They explored some of the reasons people might behave this way and strategies for dealing with this kind of behaviour. The group also discussed and agreed a way to bring a little kindness to the internet themselves by contacting someone they haven't been in contact with for a while and asking how they were. Young people shared examples of media they had found helpful or interesting on this subject so peers and youth workers could have a look.

What has not gone well and why? Contributing factors?

Core Youth Work staffing levels have continued to cause challenges in the delivery of sessions, this combined with staff sickness and annual leave has seen a lower number of sessions delivered. Compared to the same period last year (October to December) this year 65 less sessions were able to be delivered.

The period to undertake services / repairs on two of the three mobile units has reduced availability and required staff to attend some planned sessions on detached. This was not received well, and cold weather also put young people off attending detached sessions.

The Morley Friday Night Project at Morley Leisure Centre has seen a reduction in participation levels, staff feel the term time only project has struggled to rebuild numbers after each holiday period, again combined with staff availability has made delivering this session challenging.

Compliments and Feedback

Tingley House of Madness - October 2022



Tara Amelia Deakins
Brilliant night, such a nice atmosphere. Loved seeing all
the kids enjoying themselves! Well Done Youth Service
South, South East

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<u>Lewisham Park Scare-Fest – 05th October 2022</u>

Dear all, Wow what an amazing event this has been. Cllr Senior and I have thoroughly enjoyed the event.

The maze was unbelievable, and I must admit scared me.

What fantastic staff and volunteers, all who have worked to make this event a success.

When I left the attendance was approx. 50 to 60.

Well done everyone

Kind regards

Cllr Wyn Kidger

Lewisham Park Youth Centre Councilor Visit - 5th November 2022

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Subject: Lewisham Park Visit

Hi Sharna / Robina

Thank you for being so welcoming last Wednesday night, Councillor Harland and I found the visit extremely rewarding and humbling; your hard work is clear and the support you gain form your volunteers is fantastic. We both came away discussing the dedication in such an austere venue and how positive you all are. The young people were certainly 'at home' in the centre and your planned cooking is clearly now a must for some children

Can you please thank Megan for being such a great host

Well done and keep up the great work!

Regards

Shaun Watson Youth Service Manager Localities

"Thank you so much for this youth club, she loves coming here" – parent of Windmill intermediate young person

"This make up is sick! Really shows you what could happen though" – young person at Windmill having special FX make up put on them to show how a firework could burn them.

"This toast and stuff is great" – young person at Windmill discussing the toast, crumpets and toasties provided free of charge to all young people due to cost of living crisis.

What are your plans and priorities for the next quarter?

Morley North Wards engagement levels to be increased.

To reduce the number of unknown young people engaging in Core Youth Work sessions.

Mobile Units disruption to be minimised where possible to ensure vehicles are available for delivery of Core Youth Work Sessions.

To focus on resettlement participation levels being recorded on Core + to reflect ethnicity engagement levels during future delivery.

To focus on LGBTQ session participants being recorded on Core + aligned to their identity preference to ensure the rights of young people are respected.

To develop work in the Cottingley Springs Traveller Community to ensure positive engagement.

To ensure preferred candidates are progressed to Youth Workers in Training within the SSE Core Team and engaging in supporting the delivery of Youth Work Sessions.

To focus on developing more Youth Work sessions in the Morley North Ward.

To continue increasing attendance at all sessions, in particular the Pick & Mix LGBTQ group and the voice and influence group,

To develop and increase attendance at the new sexual health drop in at Windmill Youth Centre.

To apply for Youth Activity Funding for the 2023/24 school holiday provision. This is to provide trips and activities for young people during the school holidays.

To continue to tackle reported ASB around the Morrsions supermarket / town centre, especially before and after the Windmill Youth Club sessions.

