




The vision for Youth Work in Leeds – ‘Making Connections’ Report

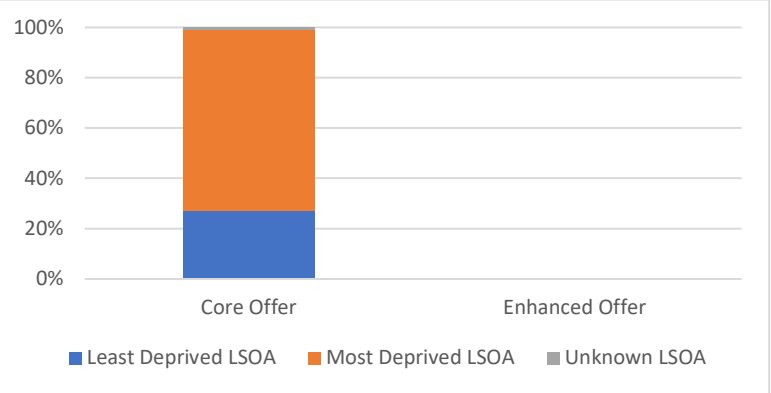


Area	South South East
Core Offer Team Leader	Glen O’Malley
Enhanced Offer Delivery Partner	
Date of Report	30 th May 2023

Indicators	Last report	This quarter	Comments
<p>TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 172 Total Number of Youth Work Hours:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p style="color: #4a86e8; font-size: 2em; transform: rotate(-45deg);">core offer</p>  <p style="font-size: 1.5em;">550 hours</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p style="color: #f08080; font-size: 2em; transform: rotate(-45deg);">enhanced offer</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p style="color: #90d190; font-size: 2em; transform: rotate(-45deg);">YAF & Other</p>  </div> </div>			<p>Overall the 172 Core Youth Work sessions delivered have engaged 743 Individual young people in a range of diversionary programmes / activities which have contributed to the reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour in the South, Southeast Area.</p> <p>Overall engagement levels in the Core Youth Work programmes were 643 known young people and 100 Unknown young people.</p> <p>Where possible new sessions have been created where new Youth Workers In Training have been recruited.</p> <p>Outer South Core Team has seen a higher than normal number of sessions cancelled during the January to March period due to staff leaving positions, annual leave & sickness.</p> <p>Access to Mobile units has resulted in some regular sessions having to adapt to detached and this mixed with the cold weather & dark nights has reduced the number of young people engaging in sessions.</p>

As the light nights have approached the Youth Service Core Team have seen an increase in outdoor sessions and at Mobile sessions (when vehicle available).

Session Attendance by LSOA



Three quarter of young people engaged in the Core Youth Work programmes during the January to March period were from the most deprived LSOA areas.

- 609** individual from most deprived LSOA areas.
- 131** individuals from least deprived LSOA areas.
- 3** individuals from unknown LSOA areas.

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

	Core Offer
Outer South	
ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD	244
MORLEY NORTH	22
MORLEY SOUTH	153
ROTHWELL	324
	743


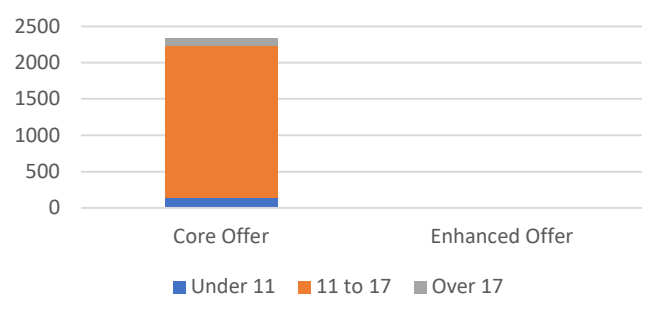
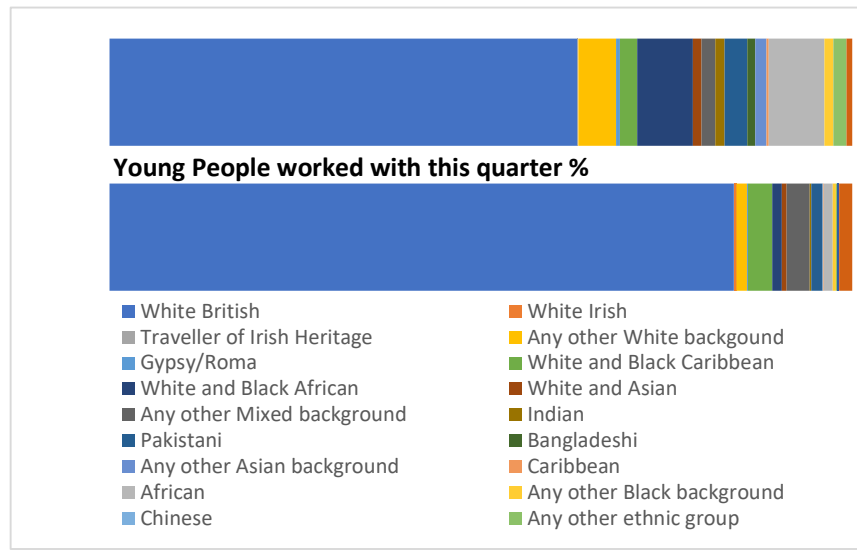

Two wards were priority to increase engagement levels within during this quarter, Temple Newsam and Morley North Wards.







Morley North Ward core Youth Work engagement increased from 12 during the last quarter to 22 this quarter. A new weekly session has been established at Gildersome Meeting Hall and this has contributed to the small increase.

Young People Attending by Age

601 Young people aged **11 to 17** were involved in the Core Youth Work sessions during the January to March 2023 period.

119 Young people aged under **11** were involved in the Core Youth Work Sessions during the January to March 2023 period.

 		<p>23 Young people aged 17+ were involved in the Core Youth Work Sessions during the January to March 2023 period.</p>
<p>Young People Attending by ethnicity Wedge Area %</p> 		<p>Overall the Youth Service SSE Core team engaged <u>34%</u> of participants from a cultural / ethnic background.</p> <p><u>64%</u> of participants were from the White British.</p>
<p>Young People Attending by Gender</p>  <p>Male 396 Female 342 Withheld 3 Unknown 2</p> <p><small>*We recognise how young people choose to identify may not be reflected above. These categories are the options available in Core+ and for DFE</small></p>		<p>Overall across the South, Southeast Core Youth Work delivery the attendance is balanced between male and females. Sessions are designed to be inclusive and all young people are welcomed at sessions.</p>

<p>data purposes on statutory reporting for Local Authorities. We are actively looking at improving the way in which we record gender and identity.</p>		
<p>Young People who have shared they have a disability, accessing provision</p>    <p>C&YP with disability 1 C&YP with no disability 742 Not known 0</p>		<p>During the registration process Youth Workers are engaging with young people to ensure any disability issues are recorded and the Core + system is being explored on how this information can be recorded.</p> <p>Core Youth Work Sessions at Tingley & Windmill have seen an increase in the number of young people attending and presenting at youth groups with ASD or behavioural issues.</p>
<p>Young People who have shared they have Caring responsibilities</p>    <p>Carer No Carer 743 Unknown</p>		<p>On reflection of the last quarterly figures Youth Workers were concerned regards the number of participants with carer responsibilities engaging in provisions. It was recognised more carers are engaged just not recorded on the Core + system. Since the last quarter the Young Person Registration Sheet has been updated and details can now be entered on Core +.</p>

Sessions by Priorities


👍 Help children & parents to live in safe, supportive & loving families	17
👍 Ensure the most vulnerable are protected	22
👍 Support families to give children the best start in life	13
👍 Increase the number of children & young people participating & engaging in learning	74
👍 Improve achievement & attainment for all	18
👍 Improve at a faster rate educational progress for children & young people vulnerable to poor learning outcomes	1
👍 Improve achievement and close achievement gaps	2
👍 Improve Outcomes for children and young people with SEN and/or disability	11
👍 Improve social, emotional and mental health & wellbeing	110
👍 Encourage physical activity and healthy eating	101
👍 Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours	44
👍 Promote Sexual Health	27
👍 Minimise the misuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco	46
👍 Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour	120
👍 Help young people into adulthood, to develop life skills and be ready for work	25
👍 Improve access to affordable, safe and reliable connected transport for young people	0

Whilst all Core Youth Work Sessions align to the Children's & Families eleven priorities the Youth Service SSE has also been developing links to the Safer Stronger Communities priorities.

LGBTQ Awareness Sessions – Young people have been taking took part in awareness session that promoted equality and raised awareness about different identities in terms of gender and sexuality. Young people learnt the difference between gender and sexuality as young people do not always understand the difference between the 2. Young people researched using their phones and then made the relevant flags associated with each gender/sexuality.







Cost of Living Crisis - Young people have been focussing on the impact the cost of living crisis is having on their lives and the wider impact on their families. Group member have noticed that their families are struggling to find local work and are unable to access transport to reach areas that have job opportunities. This combined with higher prices for fuel, food & household items are stretching the families. Some young people are reporting having to wait for new items such as essential clothes.

Employment Support – Young people attending the Windmill & St Gabriel's youth groups have been supported in accessing employment opportunities. Youth Workers from the Core Youth Work Team have been supporting young people to create CV's and look for part time employment. Some of the young people had a previous CV but was finding that they weren't getting any response. Youth Worker encouraged and supported group members to include sections around , education, skills, hobbies, qualifications and positive aspects of their personality.

<p><u>Community Safety Meetings</u> - Youth Service SSE Advanced Youth Work practitioners have been attending the Community Safety Meetings to engage with partners to ensure issues related to young people are focussed upon. The meetings share information around locations, issues and level of engagement in each of the respective areas. This enables the Advanced Youth Work Practitioners to deploy resources to areas of concern and address issues with young people,</p>			<p><u>Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour</u> – Outer South Mobile has been targeting known hot spots in the local area. The Core sessions have focussed on Positive relationships within the community. Young people evaluated the different relationships they have in their lives. Together Young People & Youth Workers explored the positive attributes people look for within these different relationships. Young people provided an insight into the different relationships they have with parents, siblings, friends and wider community members. The group discussed their positive relationships and agreed that the most positive relationships they have are with friends. Some young people feel that they have negative relationships with parents/carers, siblings and the wider community. Youth Workers provided opportunities to focus on resolution skills and focus on how the group members can be more accepted in the local area.</p>
<p>Safeguarding / Early Help - 4</p> 			<p><u>Staff Training & Awareness</u> - Youth Service SSE has ensured all Youth Workers, Youth Support Workers & Youth Workers in Training are fully aware of Safeguarding responsibilities. All Core Youth Workers have recently completed Safeguarding Refresher Training, all new staff have undertaken Introduction to Safeguarding and during Unit Visits and supervision all Core Youth Workers are questioned / reminded of their responsibility.</p> <p><u>Young People Support</u> – Youth Service SSE Core Team have been supporting some young people who have been referred by partners such as cluster, schools, GPs, social workers & mind mate. Core Youth Workers have been encouraging young people to attend local provisions and get involved in the activities provided. This can be a positive experience to young people who are struggling with some aspects of their lives.</p>

Evidence of young people's involvement			<p><u>Youth Summit</u> - The Outer South Youth Matters members were involved in the planning, preparation and delivery of the Outer South Youth Summit in partnership with local councillors and community committee staff. Cllrs undertook a meeting with the group who requested that the summit visits local Youth Groups. As a result of the meeting two group members attended the Youth Summit at Morley Town Hall and presented to the other young people the work they undertake within the group and the Youth Summit Visited four Youth Work sessions to ensure all young people had a voice. Young people learnt about democracy, funding, budgets, and Young people had the opportunity to speak with local councillors and ask them a range of questions.</p>
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Leeds Youth Work Vision:

 Youth work will be valued and understood.	 Participation and Empowerment.	 Collaboration.
 Inclusiveness, equality, and diversity	 Respect and positivity	 Quality, safety, and well-being

What has gone well and why? Contributing factors?

Recruitment of Youth Workers in Training – Youth Service SSE have seen two of the three Youth Workers in Training commence, this has enabled the Core Youth Work Team to provide additional staff and create some new Youth Work sessions.

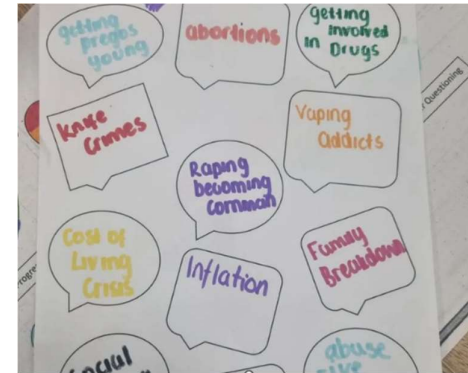
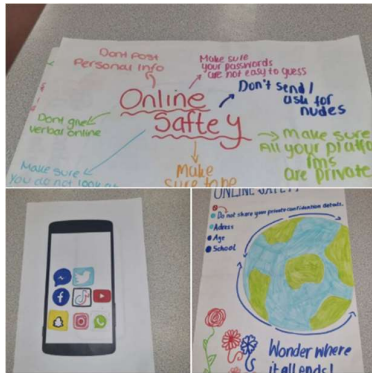
Unknown Young People – The number of Unknowns engaging in Core Youth Work sessions ahs been a concern over the last couple of months, having worked with the Core Youth Work Team the numbers have reduced from last quarter **602** to this quarter being **101**. This is a massive improvement - Well Done Team!

Youth work will be valued and understood:

Environmental Work – Youth Workers from the Core Team have been supporting young people in participating in environmental work, this quarter the young people have been engaged in litter picks, designing & placing dog fouling posters, making bird boxes, putting together garden chairs and planting plants. The Young people continue to explore how they can contribute to saving the environment within sessions.

Session Participation Levels – Numbers of young people attending the Core Youth Work Centre Based sessions has risen during the January to March period, some sessions have reported 80+ young people engaging in the weekly sessions. This has been challenging for staff as the building layout and numbers engaging can create complications. The Core Youth Work team has been able to manage the situation due to new staff being appointed but did experience a period where limits on attendance was being considered.

Special Occasions – Young people engaged in the Core Youth Work sessions have been having fun in the weekly sessions whilst focussing on Pancake Day the young people experienced making Pancakes, safety & hygiene in the kitchen. Group members utilised the sessions to design cards and arts & crafts for Mother's Day and created cards during the lead up to Valentines Day.



Participation and Empowerment:

Youth Activity Fund Consultation - Youth Service SSE Core Youth Work Team have been working with Communities Team to ensure as many young people as possible have been engaged in the YAF consultation. Youth Workers engaged young people during centre based, mobile sessions and during trips out in the holiday programme.

Vulnerable Young People Support - Young people accessing centre based Youth Work have been provided access to free food during the sessions, the Youth Service SSE Core Team have been offering warm food to young people to ensure they are able to eat healthy food during the cost of living crisis. sessions have offered Stews, Toast, Spaghetti Bolognese & TBC.

Young People engaged in decision making - Young people from the Outer south Youth Matters groups have been involved in the planning of the February school holiday programme, young people focussed on funding available and options available during the holiday period. Group members then selected the best value and of most interest to the respective age groups.

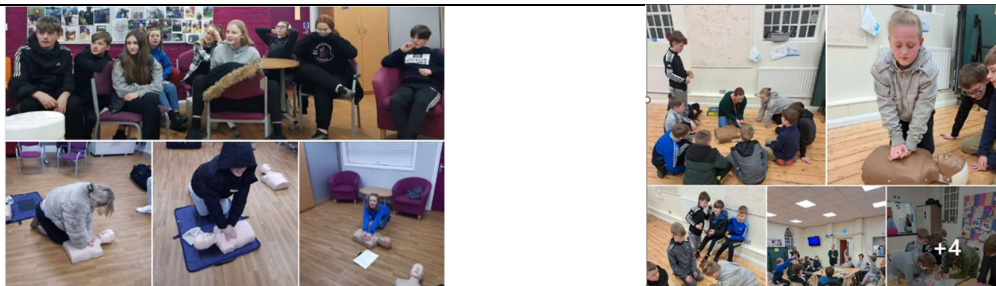


Collaboration:

School Partnership - Youth Workers from the SSE Core team have been interacting with local Primary Schools to share information on the Youth Service Core offer programme, Youth Workers engaged with Years 5 & 6 regarding local provisions and focussed on Anti-Social Behaviour and the impact on the local community. Feedback from school staff has been extremely positive.

West Yorkshire Trading Standards – Vaping Sessions – Staff from West Yorkshire Trading Standards attended provisions across the SSE area, engaging with Core Youth Workers the sessions focussed on the health impacts of vaping, groups members offered their vapes up at the start of the session, looked at the chemicals and the impact on their bodies. Since the information sessions fewer young people are attending sessions with vapes.

British Red Cross – Youth Service SSE Core Team have been working with the British Red Cross to provide knowledge & experience of dealing with accidents / injuries. The Red Cross delivered First aid sessions across the South, South-East area. The information & skills provided will enable the group members to respond to accidents with positive knowledge.



Inclusiveness, equality, and diversity:

Pick N Mix LGBTQ+ Group - Young people's negative experiences in the school environment were frequent topics which the group returned to repeatedly during group discussions. The proposed Scottish reforms to gender reassignment laws and the Governments response as well as new laws in Russia to prohibit the promotion of LGBTQ+ were also discussed at length. Young people were able to discuss any issues they were experiencing in a safe environment and youth workers were able to offer support and information to help young people ensure they were being treated fairly, could challenge issues confidently and remain safe. Young people gained a wider understanding of LGBTQ+ issues nationally, globally & historically and were able to share how they felt openly. This helped to address any confusion or anxiety. Young people felt supported, listened to and safe. They were able to apply knowledge gained through groupwork to their own lives.

Gypsy Roma Travellers – Youth Service SSE team have been engaging with Leeds GATE and colleagues from the West Youth Service team in the planning of a new session targeting GRT young people, the session aims to engage young people aged 11+ and provide support, guidance, information and social activities during a weekly session. A programme is being planned and resources ordered after consultation with the young people.

Equality & Diversity Work – Young people from across the SSE area were engaged in activities in support of LGBTQ history month, Youth Workers enabled young people to engage in activities, quizzes & provided information on cultures, identity and religious celebrations. The Youth Service Core Team is also making progress on the Culture Cohesion Quality Mark and managers have been undertaking Equality Diversity & Inclusion.

Respect and positivity:

February School Holiday Programme – Young people from across the SSE area participated in a diversionary programme of activities during the February School holiday period, working with local Youth Matters group a programme was designed and offered to young people. The programme facilitated by the Core Youth Work team offered a range of physical, fun & educational activities to young people aged 11+. The programme included High Ropes, Tree Trekking, Paintballing, Ice Skating, Swimming, Laser Zone Leeds, Bowling & Quasar, Mc Donald's, Ninja Warrior, Arcade Club and Wrestling. The trips were offered at reduced prices to ensure all could engage and most of the trip's food was provided to assist with the cost of living crisis.



Issue Based Work – The Youth Service has also undertaken work with young people in Core Youth Work sessions around Holocaust Memorial Day, Mental health Awareness, Internet Safety Day, International Women’s Day, Gambling Awareness & Climate Change. The sessions have enabled young people to explore their knowledge, develop a better understanding and stay safe.

Race Equality Week - During the Race Equality Week in February all groups participated in group work discussions. The resources from Race Equality Matters focused on worksheets and You Tube videos that had a new theme every day to discuss. The groups enjoyed making a promise to “call out people who were directly or indirectly racist”. The group discussed unconscious bias and how the media can “twist” stories that are published to incite hatred. The Youth Workers will revisit the work every quarter so that young people are always thinking about the issues raised.

Quality, safety, and well-being:

Anti-Social Behaviour - Youth Workers from SSE Core Team have been working with partners & Police in addressing Anti-Social Behaviour with young people, local hot spots have been identified via Community Safety Meetings and the Youth Service SSE have directed detached teams to focus on the locations and the issues being experienced. Young people have been involved in using substances, gathering in large numbers and causing a noise nuisance. Young people were guided on making their community safer, asked to reflect on their actions and the potential consequences to their lives if they were prosecuted.

Weapons Awareness – Young people attending Youth Service Core sessions have been engaged in sessions around carrying weapons, following a local incident it was recognised that knife Crime is everywhere. Youth Service Core Team provided information, activities and extended the bag search policy when attending Youth Work provisions. Young people were also encouraged to sign the pledge not to carry weapons and information from the Crime Stopper Fearless campaign shred in all Youth Work Venues.

Leeds Sexual Health Service – Youth Service SSE Core Team has been providing young people access to the 3 in 1 registration in a number of centres based and mobile sessions, the 3 in 1 enables young people aged 13+ to access the C Card, pregnancy testing & contributes to the reduction, prevention of young people becoming engaged in sexual activity. Three new sessions have been established in this quarter and Youth Workers are looking at potential of more sessions.

Physical Health – Young people have been able to develop their physical health in several regular sessions, a new Gym project is now fully operational and seen Core Youth Workers trained to be able to support young people using the new resources. The sessions offer young people affordable access to sports equipment and staff who are trained. These sessions have been received well and average attendance is 20 young people per session. The sessions are available on a Wednesday and Friday and two Youth workers are also working towards level 2 Gym instructor course.

Alcohol Consumption – Some young people have been identified as possibly drinking before coming to youth work provisions and alcohol suspected to have been brought into youth centres. Young people engaged with discussion-based work around alcohol use and understand why the youth club/youth service views this as a serious issue. Youth workers approached the issue in a non-confrontational way and with the emphasis on young people's well-being. Any bag searches were implemented sensitively and with respect.

What has not gone well and why? Contributing factors?

Mobile Units - The continued challenge with the Youth Service Mobile Units has created operational challenges, the age and frequency of safety inspections has resulted in vehicles not being available for Core Youth Work sessions. Progress is being made on the procurement of some new vehicles however they will not be available until 2024 at the earliest.

Compliments and Feedback

1 - "what youth service do for the young people in the area is amazing" – Parent - Jemma Walker.

2 - From: Khan, Farrah <Farrah.Khan@leeds.gov.uk>

Sent: 29 March 2023 17:40

To: McCarthy, James <James.McCarthy@leeds.gov.uk>

Cc: Fuggles, Victoria <Victoria.Fuggles@leeds.gov.uk>; Mortimer, Lyndsey <Lyndsey.Mortimer@leeds.gov.uk>

Subject: feedback

Hi James

Just to let you know today at Scrutiny Cllr Renshaw wanted to pass on thank you to the locality youth workers for all they do in her area. She wanted you to let them know

Thank you

Farrah Khan MBE

Pronouns She/Her
Chief Officer Family Help
Race Equality Staff Network Ambassador
Tel: 07891270089

3 - "Thank you so much for taking me today , it's the first time I've been ice skating!" – young person on YAF trip to Doncaster Dome.

4 - "This place is brilliant, can we come again?" – young person visiting Planet Ice.

5 – Windmill - The Stone Brig Lane lights committee who attended Windmill to present the money, remarked how lovely the group were and how busy it was. They said the building was perfect for the group. As they were leaving the building, they came out to see the rest of the group waiting to attend the senior session. They were shocked at how many young people actually attended the group. They said the group was fantastic and would be donating to the youth club again.

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Jaime Liddell
Honestly you guys do an amazing job for these kids xx

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Parent

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Sarah Robshaw
Thanks for all you do for the kids. They thoroughly enjoy it. Where do I find the survey to complete?

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Parent

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Olivia Young
They were an absolute pleasure!



- British Red Cross.

What are your plans and priorities for the next quarter?

To continue the focus on Youth Worker & Youth Worker in Training recruitment to enable sessions to be increased.

To progress the replacement of three Mobile Units across the city.

To further develop and deliver the Gypsy / Traveller session on a Wednesday evening.

To apply for school holiday funding to enable a diverse programme of diversionary activities to be delivered and young people consulted on what they would like during holiday periods.

To focus on delivering more sessions outdoor due to the lighter nights and more young people being on the streets.

To develop a Voice and Influence/Participation and Empowerment in each of the three wedges and to promote existing Youth Matters sessions.

To distribute the Curriculum Calendar and ensure staff are utilising in session planning.

To continue delivering Water Safety Work across the area to enable young people to remain safe.

To focus on hotspot areas and reduce Young People related Anti-Social Behaviour.

To increase number of environmental sessions with young people across the SSE area.

To provide support for those young people who are about the sit GCSE and A Level exam.