

## Youth Work Report

Data Reporting Period: 01/04/23-31/03/24

Our Youth Work Report is a summary of the Youth Work delivered across the wards highlighted below.

Inner East	Inner North East	Outer North East
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	Chapel Allerton	Alwoodley
Gipton and Harehills	Moortown	Harewood
Killingbeck and Seacroft	Roundhay	Wetherby

The delivery of our Youth Work is underpinned by the **11 priorities highlighted in the Children and Young People’s plan 2018-2023**, the **Leeds Vision for Youth Work**, and the shared priorities of the **Safer, Stronger Communities City plan 2021-2024**.

Whilst the 11 priorities are embedded throughout our delivery, for the purpose of the report we will be providing a summary of the Youth Work delivered in line with the most frequently identified priorities, these priorities are highlighted below. The report highlights the top four most frequently identified priorities across the Inner North East and provides a summary of how Leeds Youth Service deliver programmes and provision that are underpinned by the six pillars of Leeds Vision for Youth Work whilst ensuring operational delivery supports the Safer, Stronger Communities Plan.

Children and Young Peoples Plan 2018-2023		
Session Priorities – Most Featured		
09c - Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour		
04 - Increase the number of children & Young people participating		
08 - Encourage physical activity and healthy eating		
07 - Improve social, emotional & mental health & wellbeing		
Leeds Vision For Youth Work		
Youth Work will be valued and understood	Participation and Empowerment	Collaboration
Respect and Positivity	Inclusiveness, Equality, and Diversity	Quality, Safety, and Wellbeing
Safer, Stronger Communities Plan 2021-2024 (Shared Priorities)		
ASB and Public Order	Domestic Violence and Abuse	Hate Crime
Illicit Drugs and Substance Use	Offending Behaviours	Organised Crime and Street Gangs
Exploitation and Radicalisation	People with multiple needs (Street Users and Sex Workers)	Violence and Sexual Crime

**Provision Data 01/04/23-31/03/24**

The below is a breakdown of the associated data with respect to provision delivery and attendance for the period 01/04/23 – 31/03/24.

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<b>Wedge</b>	<b>Number of sessions delivered.</b>	<b>Total Number of Distinct Attendees engaged within INE</b>	<b>Accumulative number of Young People engaged within INE</b>	<b>Total Number of Distinct Attendees from INE engaged in Leeds Youth Service Provision</b>	<b>Accumulative number of Young People from INE engaged in Leeds Youth Service Provision</b>
<b>Inner North East</b>	294 Youth Work Sessions	138	1288	338	2849

## Provision Summary 01/02/24-30/04/24 \*as per Community Committee Request

### Children and Young People's Plan 2018-2023 Priority

Reduce Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

**Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour** is integrated throughout our Youth Work practice and weekly provisions. This work can take many forms and is something that we continually adapt in line with communication with Young People, partners, and communities. Youth Work is delivered to empower and prevent whilst also respond as and when identified. The very core of our work with respect to Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour is about ensuring Young People have the education, understanding, and empowerment to make positive decisions. This work is strongly aligned to the shared priority of addressing **ASB and public order** within the Safer, Stronger Plan. There are several weekly examples of this within our Core Offer via programming of issue based support, guidance, and activity.

Through weekly and bi-weekly centre based provisions across the wedge, there are regular opportunities to divert Young People away from negative behaviours into a safe, supportive environments. A recent example of this would having West Yorkshire Police Youth Engagement Officer deliver a number of sessions to Young People who engage in our provision. Young People had the opportunity to experience the virtual reality headsets that featured heavily in the February Intensification month targeted at reducing Youth Violence (\*Project Shield)

### Children and Young People's Plan 2018-2023 Priority

Increase the number of children & Young people participating

**Increase the number of children & Young people participating** is a constant operational focus, ensuring that Young People have the opportunity to access our free universal provision is essential to building sustained engagement with Young People from across the wedge. We are pleased to have a varied offer of sessions across the which are designed to meet the needs of all Young People. From smaller sessions where Young People engage in a variety of issue based work such as emotional and mental wellbeing, substance misuse, peer pressure, personal hygiene, risk taking behaviours and sexual health, to sessions that are sports based which are non-stop from start to finish.

### Children and Young People's Plan 2018-2023 Priority

08 - Encourage physical activity and healthy eating

**Encourage physical activity and healthy eating** features heavily across the Inner North East, with some of the highest attended sports sessions across the whole of the East North East. We see high levels of attendance each week at our sessions which take place at The Mandela Centre, Islamic Centre, and our Roundhay Football session in partnership with Leeds United Foundation. These sessions provide a variety of sporting activities to engage with, allowing Young People to blow of some steam whilst developing health, fitness, and sporting skillset. As a service we are also committed to ensuring Young People are able to access a basic level of food provision, recognising that for some this may be the only meal they have that day.

### Children and Young People's Plan 2018-2023 Priority

07 - Improve social, emotional & mental health & wellbeing

Improve social, emotional & mental health & wellbeing continues to be a key issue impacting upon Young People across the Inner North East. This priority features in a range of different ways, from providing Young People with a safe space at our centre based provisions to ensuring Young People are able to engage in a variety of provisions focused on peer pressure, wellbeing, mental health, and the links between a healthy diet and healthy mind. Our Youth Work team are regularly provided with the latest resources to ensure Young People are aware of the latest support and resource available. Our team have recently introduced Young People to a range of new material from Night Owls and Safe Zone and reminded Young People of the support available from both Kooth and Teen Connect.



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Whilst we deliver a range of targeted and issue based work, we continually recognise the impact of simply providing Young People with the opportunity to have fun with their peers and explore their thoughts and feelings on their terms. This has ranged from ensuring we factored time in provision to make Pancakes for Pancake Day or creating wellbeing tables at our various centre based sessions where Young People are provided with a range of resource such as arts and crafts just help them to take some time out from what has often been a challenging day.



Leeds Vision For Youth Work		
Youth Work will be valued and understood	Participation and Empowerment	Collaboration
Respect and Positivity	Inclusiveness, Equality, and Diversity	Quality, Safety, and Wellbeing

**1. Youth Voice / Youth Involvement** \*Participation and Empowerment is at the very heart of our delivery. This has taken numerous forms over the past quarter with Young People across our provision been consulted on a range of issues. Young People were recently consulted on the headline title of the branding aligned to the partnership approach to tackling Youth Violence. We consulted with over 600 Young People and it is these Young People who voted for the final title – Project Shield. Leeds Youth Service are currently going through a re-branding process and at the heart of this is our new logo. It was essential that local Young People were integral to this process and with over 500 Young People involved in the consultation we have selected the logo which was chosen by Young People (by a huge 200 votes).



**2.Partnership Work \*Collaboration** is at the heart of our delivery and it has been incredible to be part of the February Intensification month aligned to Project Shield. Our workforce have supported daily sessions at the Royal Armouries and it has been great to then take this knowledge and learning into sessions across local communities. We are also pleased to share that Leeds Youth Service is now officially recognised as a Leeds Young Carer Service. Through a range of deliverables from awareness raising to staff practice development sessions, we are really proud of this continually developing journey in partnership with Leeds Young Carer service.

**3.Inclusiveness, Equality, and Diversity** is a feature of both our ethos and quarterly programme planning. Our team have worked alongside Leeds City Councils Equality Team to integrate the Religious Events and Celebration Calendar alongside our service curriculum calendar. This has seen a number of sessions delivered on World Religion Day and Chinese New Year whilst it was also great to have the Migrant Access Project recently present at our service managers meeting.

**4.Respect and Positivity.** Our Youth Work team are in the privileged position of educating and empowering good numbers of Young People on a weekly basis. At the heart of this sustained positive engagement are our centre based provisions. It is our seven weekly centre based sessions which provide a safe space in which to build the foundation for engagement, education, and empowerment.

**5.Quality, Safety, and Wellbeing** is evidenced within the Children and Young People's priorities that are most frequently featured across our provision. Ensuring Youth Work is delivered by a professionally qualified workforce and the issue based delivery in line with these priorities is further evidence of this. As highlighted *07 - Improve social, emotional & mental health & wellbeing 08 - Encourage physical activity and healthy eating* feature very heavily within service provision.

**6.Youth Work will be valued and understood.** Recent months have provided yet more examples of the vast value of Youth Work, with high numbers engaging voluntary across our universal offer, from sports sessions, wellbeing sessions, capturing Youth Voice, and targeted issued based work – the value to Young People from the local community is immeasurable. Ensuring our service and delivery is promoted across the city is pivotal to the continued development and growth of Youth Work across Leeds.



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## Youth Work Challenge – What has not gone well and contributing factors

### Leeds City Council Budgetary Challenge

We continue to feel the impact of the current budgetary challenges faced by the local authority. Despite this challenge it is important that we recognise the continued and unwavering support from our Senior leadership team and Executive member.

## Youth Work Forward Planning

The below are the key aims for the service in the coming months.

- To continue to focus on key ASB hot spots across the wedg and respond / divert provision as required.
- To continue in the development of Youth Voice, both internally and in partnership with Leeds Youth Voice
- To explore the potential to develop senior youth members and volunteers (in line with revised volunteer programme).
- To continue to focus on the Children & Young people's plan being embedded in the delivery of all Youth Work Sessions and adapt to the 2023-2028 priorities.
- To work with partners to ensure vulnerable young people are protected and engaged in diversionary activities.
- To create opportunities within Youth Provisions for young people to access free food and develop skills around Healthy eating on a budget.
- To ensure the continued promotion of the Inner North East provision via the East North East social media accounts.
- To deliver a range of provisions underpinned by our service curriculum calendar, ensuring keys days, weeks, and months of awareness are integrated throughout our delivery.



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