

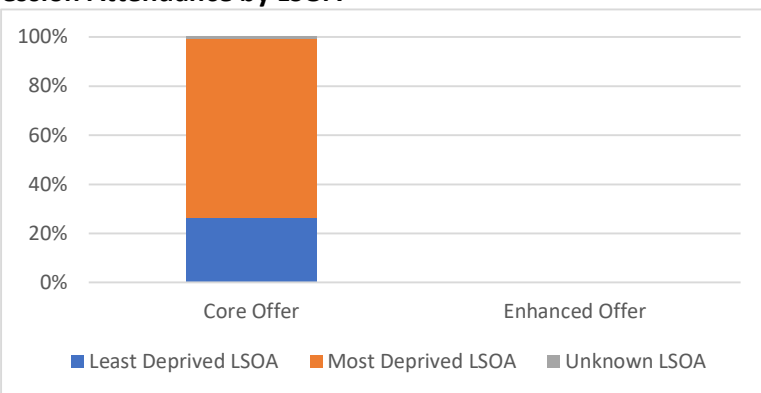
### The vision for Youth Work in Leeds – ‘Making Connections’ Report



Area	Outer South
Core Offer Team Leader	Glen O’Malley
Enhanced Offer Delivery Partner	
Date of Report	April to June 2023

Indicators	Last report	This quarter	Comments
<p>TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 181 Total Number of Youth Work Hours:</p>			<p>Overall the Youth Service Outer South Core Team delivered <b>181</b> Youth Work sessions between April and June 2023.</p> <p>This enabled young people to participate in a range of educational and diversionary programmes which contributed to the reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour in the Outer South Area.</p> <p>Overall engagement levels in the Core Youth Work programmes were <b>496</b> known young people and <b>116</b> Unknown young people.</p> <p>New Youth Work sessions have been created in Morley North &amp; Rothwell Wards.</p> <p>Core Youth Work sessions have focused on various issue based work such as Weapons Awareness, Water Safety, Pride Month, Ramadan and EID, Gypsy Roma Traveller history month exam stress &amp; revision techniques, grief and bereavement discussions, making wands on Harry Potter day! celebrating the Kings coronation, St Georges day, and inviting Leeds culture 2023 to deliver a fantastic art session.</p>

**Session Attendance by LSOA**



**410** young people from the Most Deprived (LSOA) areas engaged in Core Youth Work Sessions during April to June 2023.

**202** young people from the Least Deprived (LSOA) area engaged in Core Youth Work Sessions during April to June 2023.

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

	Core Offer
<b>Outer South</b>	
ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD	176
MORLEY NORTH	45
MORLEY SOUTH	117
ROTHWELL	158
Total	496

The numbers detailed for each ward are concerning, the number reflect only the young people living & attending Core Youth Work provision within the ward they live and within the ward the provision takes place at (they must be the same).

If a young person from Middleton attended a provision in Rothwell ward they are not counted.

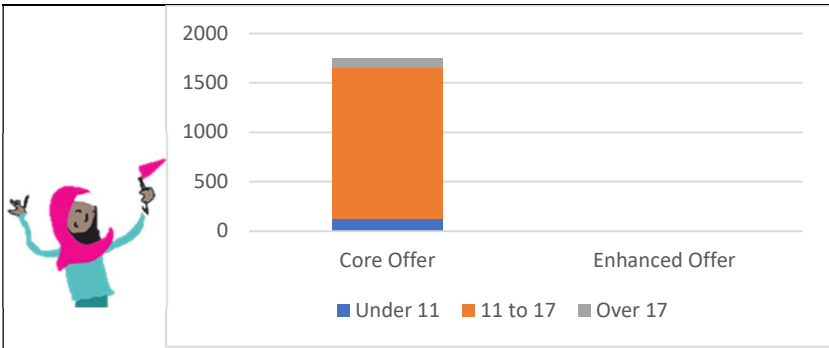
The distinct attendance for the whole of the Outer South area for April to June 2023 was **612** young people. The number for the wards combined comes in at **496** young people.

Under reporting of **497** due to young people crossing over areas.

The overall attendance in sessions delivered by the Youth Service Outer South Core Youth Work Team during the April to June period is **4731** young people.

**Young People Attending by Age**

The target age group for the Youth Service Outer South Core team is aged 11 to 17 years of age, during the April



to June period the following level of young people engaged:

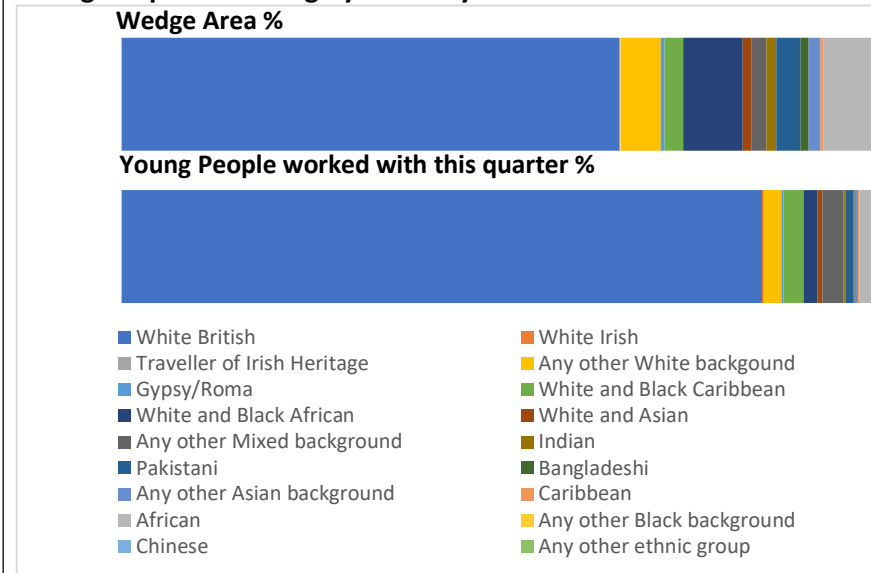
Under 11's - 47 Distinct Young People

11 to 17's - 535 Distinct Young People

Over 17's - 30 Distinct Young People

Total **612** young people

**Young People Attending by ethnicity**


























Again during the April to June period the Youth Service Outer South Core Team has engaged a good mix of young people from across the area, on reflection **33%** of participants have been from different Cultures and **64%** of participants were White British.

Youth Service Outer South Core Team have been focussing on the Culture Cohesion Quality Mark and the Equality Diversity & Inclusion approach of Leeds City Council and creating new opportunities for all young people.

**Young People Attending by Gender**



<p>Male 351    Female 258    Withheld 1    Unknown 2</p> <p>*We recognise how young people choose to identify may not be reflected above. These categories are the options available in Core+ and for DFE 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><b>Young People who have shared they have a disability, accessing provision</b></p>    <p>C&amp;YP with disability 1    C&amp;YP with no disability 611    Not known 0</p>			
<p><b>Young People who have shared they have Caring responsibilities</b></p>    <p>Carer 1    No Carer 611    Unknown</p>			

<b>Sessions by Priorities</b>		
 <b>P = Primary &amp; S = Secondary issues Raised</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>S</b>
 Help children & parents to live in safe, supportive & loving families	0	11
 Ensure the most vulnerable are protected	3	14
 Support families to give children the best start in life	0	7
 Increase the number of children & young people participating & engaging in learning	19	43
 Improve achievement & attainment for all	1	10
 Improve at a faster rate educational progress for children & young people vulnerable to poor learning outcomes	0	2
 Improve achievement and close achievement gaps	0	1
 Improve Outcomes for children and young people with SEN and/or disability	2	16
 Improve social, emotional and mental health & wellbeing	41	66
 Encourage physical activity and healthy eating	15	57
 Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours	8	39
 Promote Sexual Health	9	26
 Minimise the misuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco	5	31
 Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour	64	63
 Help young people into adulthood, to develop life skills and be ready for work	4	19
 Improve access to affordable, safe and reliable connected transport for young people	0	0
	181	405

During the April to June reporting period the manner in which session priorities are recorded has been updated, each session will have only one core priority detailed. It is important that all the issues addressed within sessions are reported upon.

The main priority during the April to June period was “Reducing Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour (64 key priority sessions, overall 127 sessions) focussed on the issue.

The second priority addressed during the April to June period was “Improve social, emotional and mental health & wellbeing (41 key priority sessions, overall 107 sessions) focussed on the issue.

The third priority addressed during the April to June 2023 period was “Encourage physical activity and healthy eating” (15 key priority sessions, overall 72 sessions) focussed on the issue.

Safeguarding / Early Help - 3



Youth Workers from the Outer South Core Team have been providing support to young people who have been referred to cluster via schools or mind mate. Youth Workers have made contact and encouraged young people to attend local groups and get involved in the positive activities. Youth Workers also provide support to young people who are struggling with some aspects of their lives. Youth Workers have also been able to provide information to parents and carers around local groups and activities.

The Core Youth Work team has continued to provide young people with access to free food during regular Youth Work sessions. Many young people are attending sessions and indicating they are hungry, Youth Workers now offer fruit, toast, soup, rice based meals & pizza's during the sessions. This has also given youth workers the opportunity to deliver sessions on budgeting, food hygiene and cooking. Core Youth Workers have also been supporting young people who have indicated their families are struggling financially, sometimes free sessions, reduced price trips and support with clothing.







Core Youth Workers have been attending and supporting families as part of the early help meetings, the partnership approach with schools and partner agencies enables families to receive the correct level of support from the correct agency.

Core Youth Workers have been working with local Police regards a young person who absconds from home on a weekend, Youth Workers are focussing on reasons, where they go to and looking at conflict management techniques.

Youth Workers from the Outer South Core Team have been working in partnership with Early Help, Social Worker, Teachers and Family to support a young person

			to re access school. The young person has experienced personal issues and been subjected to bullying, working together the young person has been able to access local Youth Work provision building relationships, confidence and minimising social isolation.
Evidence of young people's involvement			<p>Working in partnership with Outer South Community Committee and Safer Leeds, the Core Youth Work Team has engaged young people in having their say via consultations and surveys. Young people have been encouraged to have a voice and complete surveys such as the Leeds City Centre women's say, Community Cohesion and the Child friendly Leeds City centre surveys.</p> <p>Young people from across the Outer South Core provision have been discussing ideas for the summer 2023 holiday programme. Of course, theme parks were the number one choice. Core Youth Workers are currently busy planning the programme in the run up to the summer holidays.</p>

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 Inclusiveness, equality, and diversity	 Respect and positivity	 Quality, safety, and well-being

**What has gone well and why? Contributing factors?**

**Progress on priorities from last Quarterly report:**

Youth Service Outer South Core Team has now recruited four Youth Worker in Training, this has enabled the programme in the Outer South area to increase, overall three new sessions have been created.

The replacement of three Mobile Units across the city has now progressed and the formal order has been submitted for the new vehicles.

The Gypsy / Traveller session on a Wednesday in partnership with Leeds Gate commenced in May 2023, the fortnightly session is proving popular and the young people are looking to engage beyond the session by linking in with school holiday programmes.

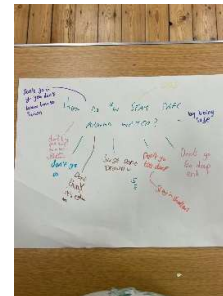
Funding applications for school holiday diversionary programmes have been submitted and in total Outer South has secured **XXXXXX** funding to offer a diversionary programme during the holiday periods, the local Youth Matters groups have been working with Core Youth Workers to identify what activities will be offered during the Summer holidays.

New members have been identified for the Youth Matters sessions and the young people are looking to join following information sessions and conclusion of holiday programme.

Water Safety Work has been enhanced across the Core Youth Work sessions and on the social media accounts, the passing of another young person has resulted in the need for extra work to be focussed upon.

**Youth work will be valued and understood:**

Water Safety Work has been undertaken by Core Youth Work sessions during the weekly sessions, recent spikes in weather conditions have seen a number of locations having groups of young people congregate and swimming in open water. In Outer East a sixteen year-old young person lost their life after swimming in open water. Youth Workers have engaged with Yorkshire Water, Fire Service and St Aidan's Nature Reserve to offer information around water safety. One of the key concerns was the level of substance use whilst young people accessing the water.



Youth Service Outer South Core Youth Workers have continued to offer access to the C-card project, during April to June two new sessions have been created enabling young people to register for the scheme, pick up from local access points / groups to promote responsibility & safe sexual health, Core Youth Workers are also working in partnership with Leeds Health to best deliver an effective service to young people. Lots of discussions have been had around sexual health as Youth Workers have seen an increase in the need for the 3 in 1 service as well as young people showing sexualised behaviour and inappropriateness. Young people have gained knowledge to help them make informed choices about their own sexual health and their bodies.

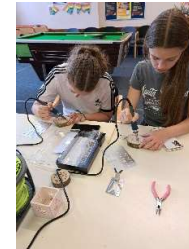
**Participation and Empowerment:**



Youth Service Outer South Core team engaged with local Youth Matters group to plan and deliver a diversionary programme during the Easter 2023 Holiday period, the programme offered trips to Laser-Zone, Flamingo Land and the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. These trips were, received well with many being oversubscribed. The programme also offered a themed party / disco including an easter egg hunt to allow young people to have fun in a safe environment.

Environmental work with young people has continued with litter picks, growing products, cleaning parks and displaying dog fouling posters, St Gabriel's Youth Group members enjoyed having access to the garden area now that lighter evenings are here. They built new benches, cleared away weeds and rubbish and helped to make the area a pleasant place to hang out in.

### **Collaboration:**



Youth Service Core Offer Youth Workers have been working in partnership with local schools, Leeds NHS sexual health clinic, Local GP's, Leeds survivor Lead mental health service, Night Owl. During April to June two events were attended by the Localities team which shared information on Core Youth Work sessions, work undertaken with young people and share information on Summer holiday programmes. The engagement with partners also seen a number of young people linked into the Youth Service provisions.

British Red Cross have been working in partnership with the Core Youth Service team in delivering First aid sessions across the Outer South, area. Young people have also been taking part in coping with changes courses also delivered in partnership with the British Red Cross.

The Safe Project worked in partnership with Outer South Core Youth Workers to deliver sessions on Exploitation, Staying Safe, ASB Awareness, Online Safety, Healthy Eating & Lifestyles. The sessions enabled young people to dispel myths whilst getting factual information from qualified staff. The group members have been discussing the issues addressed during later sessions and how they have put the information into action to protect themselves.



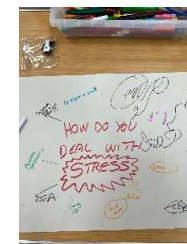
### **Inclusiveness, equality, and diversity:**

Young people from the Outer South Core Youth Work provision have been engaged in consultation around Community Cohesion for Leeds City Council Safer Stronger Communities Team, the consultation focussed on local areas, what is good, what concerns they have and what makes a good neighbour.

The Pick 'N' Mix LGBTQ group is going well with new young people attending the group, the sessions enable the group members to be themselves without being stereotyped or discriminated. The young people have been focusing on hate crime, sexual health, how to use their pronouns and around being offended.

A new Gym project that has been developed by the Outer South Core Youth Work team is engaging around twenty young people per week in after school sessions, the project developed in partnership with local councillors, Housing Advisory Panel and now accessed by local schools is proving extremely positive. The GYM session now offers three sessions, one on a Wednesday and Friday for local young people to take part. Youth workers are also working towards level 2 Gym instructor course to be able to deliver the sessions and promote physical & health information to young people. The Gym project also engages a local school and provides an alternative to regular physical education.

Kings Coronation - Leading up to the king's coronation young people from across the Outer South area developed their understanding of the monarchy, young people focussed on the wealth, how the royals work, religion and family history. The young people also decorated the youth clubs in union jacks and had coronation parties where they got to experience a traditional English tea, with sandwiches and scones.



**Respect and positivity:**

Exam Support – Core Youth Workers have been supporting young people who were faced with their GCSE course work and exam prep. Young people have needed some confidence building work to assist them when they start to doubt what they know. Youth workers have also provided support with preparing study timetables and calming exercises to reduce stress.

Mental Health Support and guidance has been provided by Core Youth Workers to young people who have been struggling with mental health and anxiety. Individuals were supported on a one-to-one basis but a session on mental health and stress was also introduced. This used discussion and mind mapping to help young people focus on recognising stress in themselves and others, finding self-help ways to reduce stress, and increase awareness of where or how to seek support.

**Quality, safety, and well-being:**

Young people engaging in Core Youth Work sessions have been focussing on water safety, all Core groups focussed on the issue during drowning prevention week and this will be ongoing throughout the summer months. The drowning of a local young person was a huge shock for the community. The Youth Workers will continue to support young people and deliver work on processing grief.

Weapons Awareness Sessions and information has been undertaken with young people from the Outer South area, the Core Youth Work team has seen an increase of knife crime in the area, Youth Workers have responded by delivering knife crime sessions and implementing bag searches in some youth groups. Young people have responded positively to the measures introduced and parents are pleased their children are being kept safe.

**What has not gone well and why? Contributing factors?**

Mobile Units continue to make delivery of some sessions difficult, the level of servicing, repairs and technical issues has seen the two of the three mobile units not been available for between five and eight weeks during this quarter. This results on detached work being undertaken and young people are less keen to engage in.

Staffing levels in some sessions continues to be a challenge, two sessions attracting in excess of seventy plus young people only have three staff available to operate the session. Management have looked at staffing resources and where possible assigned additional staff and at other times had to implement restrictions on numbers and age.

**Compliments and Feedback**

**1 – Easter Holiday Programme Feedback:**

“Thank you so much for taking me today , I loved the red pandas!” – young person on YAF trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park at Easter.

## **2 – St Aidan’s Consultation:**

“Thank you for letting me talk with the young people here today, I’ve got some great ideas to take back,” – RSPB St Aidan’s consultation at Windmill.

## **3 – Windmill Youth Club:**

Windmill Management committee had a meeting and came in on a very busy night and were very pleased with how the youth club was running and the numbers participating.

## **4 – Tingley Youth Club –**

Compliment from one parent re her son with a disability. “ I am absolutely thrilled about the way my son is looked after at Youth Club so thank you to all the youth workers, he loves the encouragement you all give him.”

“I am very grateful that my child is able to access the service because it gets him out of the house to socialise and make friends”

## **5 – Lewisham Park Youth Club:**

“Very pleased that my child is able to walk to the youth club, excellent service to take part in”

“ Appreciate all the work you do and thank you for supporting my son”

## **6 – St Gabriel’s Youth Club:**

- While working in the garden area at St Gabriel’s: When one young person asked if they would be rewarded, another remarked that doing this work was because they were part of this community and shouldn't need a reward.

### **What are your plans and priorities for the next quarter?**







- Develop & deliver an affordable diversionary school holiday programme including Activity Days.
- To plan and deliver a residential opportunity in the Rothwell area.
- To continue promoting the LGBTQ+ sessions.



- To continue to focus on Anti-social Behaviour in hot spot areas as identified by partnerships.
- To further develop the sexual health support available to young people in the Outer South area.
- To work with the young people on water safety over the summer months.
- To enhance the work undertaken with the Gypsy & Roma traveller community and challenge stereo typing of this community by young people.
- To enhance support offered to struggling families by working with Home for Students in providing clothing items.

### Case study title: Outer South - D of E

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#### What were the issues?

One young person has had an operation putting both their legs in halos (for 5 months) and unable to walk has been off school due to safety of young person in the school environment in fear of other young people knocking the halos. Young person became social isolated.

#### What did we do?

Youth workers have been visiting the young person once a week and delivering games and help with schoolwork that has been sent to them. As the holiday half term trips were coming up the young person normally attends the youth service trips. Parents were reluctant to allow young person to attend in fear of danger.

The youth worker contacted the coach company and arranged for a wheelchair accessible coach, Youth Workers contacted the venue to insure there was accessibility all over the venue for the young person. The youth worker completed in depth risk assessments to ensure all areas were covered. The Youth worker then went through all risk assessments with parents to ensure they felt at ease as well as the young person. The youth worker then arranged for a wheelchair to be used and brought extra provisions along for the young person for all weather conditions. And carried all this equipment around on the trip Justin case the young person needed it.

The youth worker also had discussions with other young people attending the trip and explained what the halos were and what they were for. The youth worker insured that some of the young person's friends also attended the same trip meaning an extra surprise for the young person as they had not seen their friends in months.

**How did it make a difference?**

The young person got through their recovery with only a few problems.

The young person was able to attend trips and also keep on track with schoolwork.

**Who was involved?**

Youth service, school, Young person, Chester zoo, York pullman, Aspire, LCC, Parents