


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

Area	Outer South
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<p>TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 208 Total Number of Youth Work Hours:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>Overall, the Youth Service SSE Core Team delivered 208 Youth Work sessions between July to September 2023. Compared to the last quarter this was an increase of 27 additional Core Youth Work sessions.</p> <p>Overall engagement levels in the Core Youth Work programmes were 497 known young people and 875 Unknown young people (Activity Days). The SSE area offers a number of Activity Days during Summer holiday period and this always increases the number of unknowns during the July to September period.</p> <p>A Youth Work session has been created in Morley North Ward</p>																														
<p>Session Attendance by LSOA</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> ■ Least Deprived LSOA ■ Most Deprived LSOA ■ Unknown LSOA </p>	<p>800 young people from the Most Deprived (LSOA) areas engaged in Core Youth Work Sessions during July to September 2023.</p> <p>495 young people from the Least Deprived (LSOA) area engaged in Core Youth Work Sessions during July to September 2023.</p> <p>77 unknown young people young from across the LSOA areas engaged with Core Youth Work sessions.</p>																														
<p>Total Number of different young people attending youth work provision from each ward</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Core</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Enhanced</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Core</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Enhanced</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Outer South</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ardsley and Robin Hood</td> <td style="text-align: center;">164</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">667</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Morley North</td> <td style="text-align: center;">42</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">39</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Morley South</td> <td style="text-align: center;">114</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">160</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rothwell</td> <td style="text-align: center;">177</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1304</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Core	Enhanced	Core	Enhanced	Outer South					Ardsley and Robin Hood	164		667		Morley North	42		39		Morley South	114		160		Rothwell	177		1304		<p>The first Core column number refers to distinct Young People who attended provision within the South, Southeast who reside within the South, Southeast Wedge. The second Core Column refers to the accumulative figure of session attendances. This is a welcome addition as it clearly highlights not just significant attendance levels, but through having the numbers side by side it emphasises the consistent level of engagement for the majority of Young People highlighted in the first column.</p>
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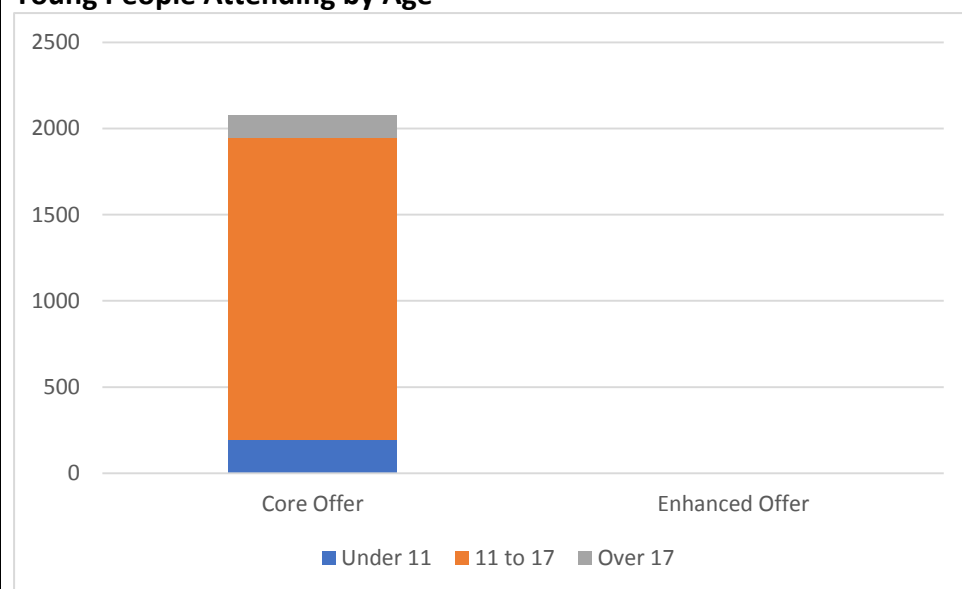
The numbers detailed for each ward are concerning, the number reflect only the young people living & attending Core Youth Work provision within the ward they live and within the ward the provision takes place at (they must be the same).

If a young person from Seacroft attended a provision in Crossgates & Whinmoor ward they are not counted.

The distinct attendance for the whole of the SSE area for July to September 2023 was 497 known young people.

The overall attendance in sessions delivered by the Youth Service SSE Core Youth Work Team during the April to June period is 2170 young people.

Young People Attending by Age



The target age group for the Youth Service SSE Core team is aged 11 to 17 years of age, during the July to September period the following level of young people engaged:

Under 11's - 22 Distinct Young People

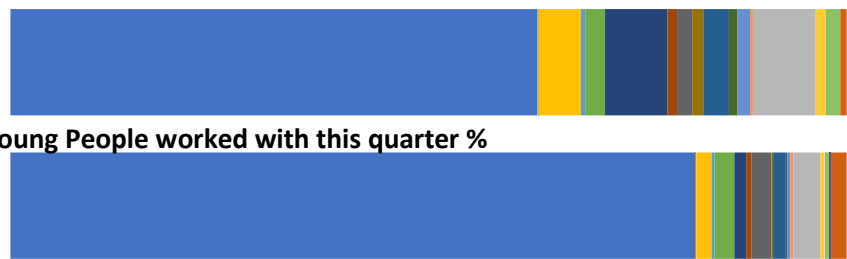
11 to 17's - 432 Distinct Young People

Over 17's - 43 Distinct Young People

Young People Attending by ethnicity

Wedge Area %

Young People worked with this quarter %



- White British
- Traveller of Irish Heritage
- Gypsy/Roma
- White and Black African
- Any other Mixed background
- Pakistani
- Any other Asian background
- African
- White Irish
- Any other White background
- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Asian
- Indian
- Bangladeshi
- Caribbean
- Any other Black background

During July to September period the Youth Service SSE Core Team has engaged a good mix of young people from across the area, on reflection an increase of **3%** has been recorded in culturally diverse young people engaging in Youth Work sessions. **36%** of participants engaged have been from different Cultures and **64%** of participants from White British.

Young People Attending by Gender



Male 287 Female 208 Non-Binary 1 Unknown 1

*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.

The July to September period has seen a small increase in number of young people identifying as non-binary, this has been due to the change in recording on the Core + system which now enables young people to self-identify.

Young People who have shared they have a disability, accessing provision



C&YP with disability 1 C&YP with no disability 496 Not known 0

The July to September period has seen a small increase in number of young people identifying as having a disability, this is partially due to the change in recording on the Core + system.

Young People who have shared they have Caring responsibilities
















Carer 2 No Carer 2049 Unknown 0


Sessions by Priorities







	Primary	Additional
👍 Help children & parents to live in safe, supportive & loving families	1	2
👍 Ensure the most vulnerable are protected	2	5
👍 Support families to give children the best start in life	1	5

The main priority during the July to September period was “Reducing Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour (92 key priority sessions, overall, 149 sessions) focussed on the issue.

The second priority addressed during the July to September period was “Improve social, emotional and mental health & wellbeing (11 key priority sessions, overall, 91 sessions) focussed on the issue.

 Increase the number of children & young people participating & engaging in learning	27	34	The third priority addressed during the July to September 2023 period was “Encourage physical activity and healthy eating” (36 key priority sessions, overall 90 sessions) focussed on the issue.
 Improve achievement & attainment for all	3	9	
 Improve at a faster rate educational progress for children & young people vulnerable to poor learning outcomes	0	1	
 Improve achievement and close achievement gaps	1	1	
 Improve Outcomes for children and young people with SEN and/or disability	1	12	
 Improve social, emotional and mental health & wellbeing	11	80	
 Encourage physical activity and healthy eating	36	54	
 Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours	16	43	
 Promote Sexual Health	10	23	
 Minimise the misuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco	3	37	
 Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour	92	57	
 Help young people into adulthood, to develop life skills and be ready for work	4	16	
 Improve access to affordable, safe and reliable connected transport for young people	0	0	
	208	379	

<p>Safeguarding / Early Help -2</p> 	<p>Core Youth Workers continue to record Safeguarding concerns on the Core + system & Mosaic (where appropriate) and reflect on case loads during supervision with Youth Workers.</p> <p>Core Youth Worker are regularly required to focus on their responsibility around safeguarding during supervision & undertake appropriate training to ensure they can offer support to young people.</p>
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Leeds Youth Work Vision:		
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 Inclusiveness, equality, and diversity	 Respect and positivity	 Quality, safety, and well-being

How has Youth Work been delivered in line with Leeds Vision for Youth Work (500 Words)

Participation & Empowerment: During the July / August period a creative diversionary programme was designed and delivered across the SSE area by the Outer South Youth Matters, a programme of full & half day trips was planned in partnership with the local voice & influence groups. The programme engaged young people in new experiences that were affordable whilst also developing life skills.

Inclusiveness, equality & diversity: During this July to September period the Pick N Mix LGBTQ youth group attended a city wide “mini-Pride” event at Herd Farm residential centre. The group members met with other Youth Offer / Barca LGBTQ groups for a fun filled day. The groups participated in various activities such as the giant swing and enjoyed a group social BBQ at the end of the day. The groups all discussed their experiences of being from the LGBTQ community and how their group had supported them. The group members swapped contact details with several members of the groups and hopefully we can visit the other youth groups in the future.



Quality, Safety & Well-Being: Young people in the Youth group at the Tingley Youth Club hub were able to participate in a Basic first aid awareness session. Facilitated by one of our youth workers in training. Young people engaged well and had lots of questions. The session provided a basic understanding of what to do in an emergency, several different scenarios were discussed, and young people were also able to talk about their own experiences. Young people discussed when to call 999 what information is needed, how important it is just to have the facts and to provide the operator with everything they need. Young people have also developed an understanding what a defibrillator is, where they are based locally, how it works and what it is used for. Basic knowledge of CPR and why it is carried out was also part of the session.



Quality, Safety & Well-Being: Water Safety Work was a priority during July & August with detached teams frequenting open water and engaging with young people regards dangers of swimming in open water, information was also provided during regular core Youth Work sessions and via the Youth Service social media accounts.

Collaboration: Youth Workers have been engaging with the Housing Advisory Panel & Windmill Transport to provide a residential for thirty young people in December 2023, Youth Workers are engaging with young people to identify the venue for the residential and to identify which activities they would like. Funding has been secured from the Housing Advisory Panel for the accommodation, funding has been secured from Windmill Transport Committee to fund the transport and the Youth Club management committee are providing funding for resources. The residential is due to take place on Friday 1st December through to Sunday 3rd December 2023.

What has gone well and why? Contributing Factors (500 Words)

The Summer Holiday programme delivered by the Core Youth Work team during the July & August period provided very popular, the local holiday programmes alongside the Activity Days and the regular programme of Core Youth Work sessions resulted in young

people being able to access more Core Youth Work activities. Young people who are being supported by other agencies including social care, clusters and foster carers have been supported to attend holiday activities and encouraged to attend regular youth groups.



St Gabriel's Youth Club – attendance levels have increased at St Gabriel's Youth Club on a Tuesday evening, young people from Thorpe, East Ardsley & Tingley areas are attending the provision and benefitting from a range of informal education activities, sports and environmental activities. Session attendance is approaching 30+ per session.

Behaviour improvements at the Lewisham Park Youth Group, after months of working with young people at the Lewisham Park Centre who were constantly causing issues. Core Youth Workers are confident that the new ways of working in this session is having positive results. The young people who were causing the most issues don't attend as regularly and when they do the behaviour policy used to remind them of the behaviour expectations.

Young people from the SSE area have been engaged well in consultations during the July to September period, these included Violence Reduction, Child Poverty, Youth Activity Fund, Female Safety, Community Cohesion and developments within local communities.

What has not gone well and why? Contributing factors? (500 Words)

Mobile Units – the age & condition of the mobile units make delivering regular youth work sessions difficult, the schedule of servicing balanced with the repairs needed reduce the availability of the vehicles meaning some sessions are cancelled.

Access to building & repairs not completed – locks being changed, and repairs not being undertaken make it difficult to deliver in some buildings, the challenge in accessing buildings is becoming more frequent making it difficult to operate weekly sessions.

Youth Workers - Having to challenge the same group of young people (Tingley Crew) repeatedly over nuisance behaviour. The group has been travelling around local Youth Work provisions being disruptive, challenging & threatening Youth Workers & young people. The Tingley Crew members have been advised that their behaviour is being monitored and will be reported to enforcement agencies if there is no improvement.

Compliments and Feedback (500 Words)

1 – Child Poverty Consultation - Hi Glen, That's great. Thanks so much!

All the best,

Florence Johnston (she/her)

Graduate Local Government Officer

2 – Lewisham Park Activity Day – Parent:

Teri-Louise Loftus

This was fantastic thank you

Like Reply 6 w



3 – “Your groups have been fantastic, we really enjoyed working with them” – RSPB St Aidan’s nature park rangers during the Bat spotting walks.

4– Robin Hood Activity Day:

Your Labour Councillors in Ardsley and Robin Hood · Follow
A wonderful event delivered @SSEYouthService! We’re very grateful for your hard work, dedication and commitment to ensuring our Young People have amazing & inclusive times throughout the summer. This has been a shining example of what our young people enjoy! Many thanks to all involved @Youth Service South, South East, @ The Old Post Office Cafe at RobinHood, RobinHood Residents Association @ Youth Matters Group Well Done!! Looking forward to next year already!!

Have the plans and priorities for the last quarter been achieved? What are your plans and priorities for the next quarter? (500 Words)

- **Last Quarter Priorities:**

- Eleven Activity Days were delivered across the SSE area offering young people a fun filled day that were delivered in local areas with local partners.







The Rothwell Residential is progressing with funding secured from the Housing Advisory Panel, Rothwell Community Transport & Rothwell Windmill Management Committee, the residential is currently planned for Friday 30th November to Sunday 2nd December 2023.

- The Pegasus & Pick & Mix LGBTQ+ members were engaged in a City-Wide event to Celebrate Pride in August, the event enabled young people to network with peers and share their experiences of being involved in the groups the personal experiences they encounter.
- Work continued over the July to September period in addressing Anti-social Behaviour in local hot spot areas, teams of core detached Youth Workers focussed on hot spot areas and where possible utilised the Youth Service mobile units to engage the people.

- **Next Quarter Priorities:**

- To continue supporting young people impacted by the cost-of-living crisis, offering free food at Youth Work sessions, linking into local sessions at reduced rates and by offering discounts during school holiday programmes. Sessions will also focus on healthy eating and alternatives to take-aways.
- Core Youth Work team currently developing a diversionary programme during the October School Holiday period, working with local Youth Matters groups an enhanced programme will be delivered.

- Halloween & Bonfire Period, Core Youth Work team have several additional work elements planned. Sessions with West Yorkshire Fire Service planned to develop knowledge of Fire Fighting and the dangers around fires & fireworks. During the Bonfire weekend the Core Youth Work team is looking to offer some late-night youth sessions, detached sessions, diversionary activities with the aim of diverting young people's interests into positive activities.
- Core Youth Work team has organised several Halloween events to focus the attention of young people into positive activities, the House of Madness events are a local scare fest targeting young people to participate in a safe scary event.
- To continue working on the development of the two Violence reduction sessions, the target work is engaging young people on the peripheries of anti-social behaviour & criminal activities.
- To maintain engagement levels in outdoor sessions during the dark nights, working in partnership with Leeds United foundation the outdoor sessions require more focus to ensure the provisions can continue. Outdoor sessions with minimal or no lighting require Core Youth Workers to arrange portable lights and have cover available for poor weather conditions.
- To continue supporting young people with mental & sexual health concerns and to ensure sufficient support is available up to and during the Christmas period.

Case study title. Inclusivity – Pegasus LGBTQ youth group		
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What were the issues?		
- Local NHS social prescriber approached the Youth Service to refer Trans gender young person to our LGBTQ provision.		
What did we do?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed the needs of the young person with the NHS social prescriber. - Asked the young person if they would like to participate. - Arranged with their school to meet with the young person at school so they felt in a comfortable environment. - Discussed & explained the provision to parent / young person. 		
How did it make a difference?		
<p>The local NHS subscriber approached the Youth Service to ask for more information on one of our youth groups for LGBTQ young people.</p> <p>To protect young people the location and day/time are not available to the public, however basic group information is advertised on our social media platforms.</p> <p>After a discussion with the social prescriber, a follow up call was made to the parent of the young person to explain the aims of the group.</p> <p>The parent was very enthusiastic that the group would work for their child. Their child had experienced bullying at school and although this was dealt with by the school, the parent felt their child would benefit from being with other young people who identify as LGBTQ.</p>		

The parent spoke to their child and contacted the youth workers to say their child would like to give the group a go. However, their child was anxious and nervous about the group.

The youth worker arranged with the school to meet the young person in the school. This meant that the young person would be in a familiar environment and could leave the discussion at any time. The meeting went well. The youth worker explained about the groups aims and the activities that were delivered there. The young person said they would like to give the group a go.

Their parent was also contacted again to give the location and day/time. It was arranged for the young person to attend the following week.

At the next session, the young person attended. They came with a parent, and both were given a tour of the facilities and met with the staff team. The parent left, and the young person got to know the other young people. They discussed their likes and dislikes and fitted in well immediately.

The young person is now a regular attendee of the group. They have grown in confidence and feel a valued part of the group. To move forward, the aim for the young person is to attend one of our generic youth clubs. This will be a big step for them.

The group and youth workers continue to support the young person. The work is on-going.

Who was involved?

- Members of Pegasus youth group.
- Youth Workers.
- School staff.
- NHS staff.







Case study title: Young People Volunteering

Young people from across the Outer South Wards that engage with Core Youth Work sessions took time out of their summer holidays to help with the Outer South Activity Days, the young people helped set up & take down the inflatable resources, developed knowledge of Health & Safety and engaged with parents and community members. The young people gained skills and knowledge around operating events, working with people & safe use of inflatables. This developed positive work awareness & ethics enabling the young people to place on their CV for when they are applying for colleges and university. Some young people that are already at college used this as an opportunity to use this as work experience for their college course. In total 8 young people helped and were rewarded.

A young person's business.

A young person that we work with has taken it upon themselves to use their skills of baking to start their own business by selling their deserts and cakes. We gave the opportunity for this young person to hold a stall at many of the summer activity days to sell and publicise their business.

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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.

One youth worker went above and beyond for the young person. The youth worker contacted the coach company and arranged for a wheelchair accessible bus. The 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 Just in 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