



Youth Work Report – Outer North East Community Committee – September 2024

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

Outer North East
Alwoodley
Harewood
Wetherby

The delivery of our Youth Work is underpinned by the **14 priorities highlighted in the Children and Young People’s plan 2023-2028**, the **Leeds Vision for Youth Work**, and the shared priorities of the **Safer, Stronger Communities City plan 2021-2024**.

Whilst the Children and Young People’s Plan 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 three most frequently identified priorities across the Outer 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.

Data *Based on period 01/04/24-30/06/24		
Youth Work Sessions Delivered	Distinct Young People Engaged	Accumulative Number of Young People Engaged
80 Youth Work Sessions	144 Young People	1113 Young People
Children & Young People’s Plan 2023-2028 *Most frequently used		
Improve social, emotional & mental health & wellbeing		
Children and young people have safe spaces to play, hang out, and have fun		
Increase the number of children & Young People participating		
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

Children and Young People's Plan 2023-2028 Priority

Improve social, emotional & mental health & wellbeing

Our top priority for delivery in quarter four (as with quarter four) was to Improve social, emotional, and mental health and wellbeing. This featured a total of 78 times with it been the primary focus of 41 sessions, highlighting that this is the key issue impacting upon Young People across the Outer North East. Our Youth Work provision ensures 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.

Young People have engaged in a variety of activities, exploring what emotional and mental health meant to them and what actions they could take to support positive mental wellbeing whilst providing a range of resources for when this would not be the case. Youth Workers remind Young People of the support available from both Kooth and Teen Connect and this was particular poignant during the recent period in which Young People received their GCSE's. Youth Workers consulted with Young People with regards to what they wanted to do to both celebrate and take their mind away from what has been a pivotal and challenging time. Young People at our Barleyfields Youth Provision decided that they wanted to have a pamper evening, our Youth Work team therefore provided a range of resource to ensure this was facilitated.

Youth Workers have also delivered a range of issue-based work on the links between physical health and mental health and wellbeing. We are fortunate within the Outer North East with respect to the physical spaces and outdoor areas available. We have absolutely made the most of these spaces (both inside and out) and ensured Young People have had the opportunity to engage in a variety of wellness activities.

Children and Young People's Plan 2023-2028 Priority

Children and young people have safe spaces to play, hang out, and have fun

Our core offer to Young People is built upon the foundations of voluntary engagement, this is just one of the many factors that creates environments where Young People are open to discussions and learning, not only developing their current knowledge and understanding but actively challenge current and previous decision making. Our Youth Work Teams are in a privileged position to be able to empower Young People and deliver sessions that really focus on the impact of our choices, educate Young People on the importance of self-safety, all whilst having fun with their peers.

The importance of Young People having a safe space to engage was recently highlighted through the national Make Your Mark Consultation, having a safe space and feeling safe was the number one priority for Young People of Leeds and it is therefore essential that as a service we are able to meet this need on a weekly basis through provisions at Lingfield Community Centre, Thorner Community Parish, Deepdale Community Centre, and Barleyfields Community Centre. We also have access to Moortown Methodist Church with our team currently delivering a weekly outreach programme to highlight the opportunity to engage within this space each week. The providing of safe spaces provides the foundation to an extensive amount of Youth Work, from sessions focused on arts and crafts to the delivery of issue-based work focused on the introduction of the new and updated sexual health services across Leeds

Children and Young People's Plan 2023-2028 Priority

Increase the number of children & Young People participating

Engaging Young People and getting them involved in a variety of programmes is at the heart of our delivery and in our previous report we highlighted the impact of the recent NCS programme. July and August have seen yet more opportunity for Young People both within our Core Offer and wider funded provision. Each year the service is commissioned to deliver a



programme which supports Young People under the care of the local authority (and subsequently supported by the virtual school) take part in a specific provision focused on supporting Young People with the transition from primary school to high school. Whilst our Youth Work team develop and incredible programme, this is further enhanced by having Young People who attend our Core provision take the part of key mentors. The service has recently conducted an initial piece of work to identify the engagement and participation of care experienced Young People across the whole service. Regular and sustained engagement of care experienced Young People is particularly prominent in the Outer Northeast (specifically Wetherby). As a result we have ensured that this cohort of Young People have had the opportunity to play a pivotal role in this extended provision in the form of mentorship roles to the Young People referred into the programme, Young People engaging in the programme have achieved an incredible amount, building relationship, developing new skills, pushing boundaries, and seeing significant increase in self-worth and confidence. Our key mentors are integral to this, and we are incredibly proud of the engagement and impact that they have and continue to make. We are excited to have the Child Friendly Leeds to come to our provision in the coming weeks to consult with our regular attendees and attempt to capture the reason for this sustained and long-term engagement and participation.



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. We have recently conducted several interviews as part of the development of our causal/relief Youth Worker pool and it has been essential to have Young People engage in the recruitment process and at times to lead the interviewing of candidates. We are also incredibly proud to share that Matty Collinson, having engaged in the service as a Young Person for several years, followed by over a decade of volunteering is now on our relief pool and subsequently a paid member of our Youth Work Team.

2. Partnership Work *Collaboration is evident across our delivery and we are very pleased to share that as part of this work Leeds Youth Service is now officially recognised as Leeds Young Carer friendly service, the new kitemark logo, of which the winning design was coproduced with Young People from the service, it is proudly displayed at the top of this document. It is great to work in partnership with the Lingfield Centre as part of their recent community event, a fantastic opportunity to highlight the provision available to both Young People and the local community. We have recently worked in partnership with West Yorkshire police as part of a wider strategy which will see a local Young Person receive an enhanced level of intervention and subsequently ensure they have the best support available, again this would not be possible without sustained engagement within our core Youth Work Offer.

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. Our team recently delivered sessions across to raise awareness, educate and celebrate Refugee Week 24. There were multiple opportunities for staff to engage across the Safer, Stronger, Communities directorate and issue-based work was integrated across several provisions.

For the first time this year our Youth Work team delivered a significant and co-ordinated Youth Work presence at Leeds Pride. The team had a fantastic day, and it was wonderful to support and engage so many Young People. Our team attended a brilliant session today as part of the local authority Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Step 5 programme and it was great to hear so many wonderful examples of good practice from colleagues across Communities, Housing & Environments.

4. Respect and Positivity. Our Youth Work team are in the privileged position of educating and empowering huge numbers of Young People on a weekly basis. At the heart of this sustained positive engagement are our centre-based provisions. Whilst our Mobile, Outreach, and Detached provisions create various opportunities, it is our centre-based provisions across the Outer North East that provide a safe space in which to build the foundation for engagement, education, and empowerment. We have also taken numerous strides with regards to promoting the value of Leeds Youth Service, following an extensive re-brand process we now have our fantastic new logo and now have new leaflets covering every ward in the city.

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. At the core of our practice is ensuring Young People have a safe space/s within their community to access support and have the opportunity to have fun whilst learning and developing alongside their peers. With this in mind we are pleased to report that Service Manager James McCarthy is now the co-lead for the Children and Young People's **Wish 2: Children and young people have safe spaces to play, hang out and have fun** with a specific focus on safety. This is another great opportunity to have the service represented at a city-wide level and further promote the work of our Youth work team. The action plan for Wish 2 is currently being devised and we look forward to sharing this and future developments in the coming weeks and months

6. Youth Work will be valued and understood. Recent months have provided yet more examples of the vast value of Youth Work, with huge numbers engaging voluntary across our universal offer, from sports sessions, cooking groups, trips and activities 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 and as a service we have a responsibility to lead on this. The value of Youth Work is continually recognised by our colleagues with Safer, Stronger, Communities and this is evidenced by multiple new and developing work streams and we look forward to enhancing upon this in both the short and long term future of the service.



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

Mobile Units

We continue to face the associated challenges linked to the age of the mobile vans (approx. 13 years). On occasions this has led to lengthy periods in which Youth Service Mobile Units are off the road awaiting scheduled repairs. This has and will continue to result in mobile provision been re-aligned to Detached Youth Work. Whilst this ensures a consistent presence across several key areas, this is also a very useful resource that can be absent. The local authority is currently going through the final stages of the procurement process to have some of the units (service wide) replaced.

Leeds City Council Budgetary Challenge & Staffing

We continue to feel the impact of the current budgetary challenges faced by the local authority however as a service we constantly find new and innovative ways to deliver high quality Youth Work. Unfortunately, we have also experienced staff turnover, both service wide and within the Outer North East team but once again this is something that we will overcome and it is important to acknowledge the continued and unwavering support from our Senior leadership team within Safer Stronger Communities and Executive member (Cllr Harland) in developing the best possible team and service for Young People.

Youth Work Forward Planning

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

- 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 (alongside the Leeds Vision For Youth Work)
- To work with partners to ensure 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 Outer 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.
- To share our updated promotional material far and wide.
- To engage with partners to maximise engagement opportunity for Young People.



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OUTER NORTH EAST PROGRAMME - July - Sept 2024

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OPEN CLOSED	Type of Provision	Project Name & Brief Description	Address Taking Place at	Age Range	Day of Session	Time of Session
Alwoodley Outer North East						
Open	Centre Based	Moortown Youth Club This session provides a range of group work activities in a safe and supportive setting. Young People engage in a variety of issues, based work which includes Wellbeing, Substance Misuse, Sexual Health, Education, Peer Groups, Family. Relationships, ASB, Cultural identity and many other national and local issues and challenges which can be faced by Young People. Our aim is to challenge, engage and facilitate youth to make responsible decisions. Ensure youth develop into confident, responsible members of the community and have lots of fun on the way. Personalised topics/issues are devised to meet the individual needs of local Young People and the local community.	Moortown Methodist Church 19 Alderton Rise Leeds LS17 5LH	11 - 17	Monday	6.30 - 8.30 pm
Open	Centre Based	Lingfield Youth Club This session provides a range of group work activities in a safe and supportive setting. Young People engage in a variety of issues based work which includes Wellbeing, Substance Misuse, Sexual Health, Education, Peer Groups, Family. Relationships, ASB, Cultural identify and many other national and local issues and challenges which can be faced by Young People. Our aim is to challenge, engage and facilitate youth to make responsible decisions. Ensure youth develop into confident, responsible members of the community and have lots of fun on the way. Personalised topics/issues are devised to meet the individual needs of local Young People and the local community.	Lingfield Community Centre Lingfield Drive Leeds LS17 7EL	11 - 17	Wednesday	6.30 - 8.30 pm
Harewood Outer North East						
Open	Centre Based	Thorner Youth Club (Term Time only) This session provides a range of group work activities in a safe and supportive setting. Young People engage in a variety of issues based work which includes Wellbeing, Substance Misuse, Sexual Health, Education, Peer Groups, Family. Relationships, ASB, Cultural identify and many other national and local issues and challenges which can be faced by Young People. Our aim is to challenge, engage and facilitate youth to make responsible decisions. Ensure youth develop into confident, responsible members of the community and have lots of fun on the way. Personalised topics/issues are devised to meet the individual needs of local Young People and the local community.	Thorner Parish Centre Church View Thorner Leeds LS14 3ED	11 - 17	Tuesday	6.30 - 8.30 pm

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Open	Centre Based	<p>Barleyfields Youth Club This session provides a range of group work activities in a safe and supportive setting. Young People engage in a variety of issues based work which includes Wellbeing, Substance Misuse, Sexual Health, Education, Peer Groups, Family. Relationships, ASB, Cultural identify and many other national and local issues and challenges which can be faced by Young People. Our aim is to challenge, engage and facilitate youth to make responsible decisions. Ensure youth develop into confident, responsible members of the community and have lots of fun on the way. Personalised topics/issues are devised to meet the individual needs of local Young People and the local community</p> <p>*C-Card Delivery is available at this provision</p>	Barleyfields Youth Centre Barleyfields Road Wetherby Leeds LS22 6PN	11 - 17	Wednesday	7.00 - 9.00 pm
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All					Outer North East	
	ONE-ONE	<p>One-One Provision Our Youth Work Teams will provide both targeted and triage One to One Support. Support and guidance will cover a variety of subjects including physical health, mental health, sexual health, obesity, general well-being, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour, safeguarding, employment, education and skills for life, C-Card delivery will also be available during these sessions. Both agency and self-referrals are accepted</p>		11 - 17	Various	Various

Key	Open = Open to all young people (11 - 17)
	Closed = Invite/Referral Only