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**Report of the Director of Children's Services**

**Area Committee : Inner East**

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**Subject: Youth Service**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

Harehills & Gipton  
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill  
Seacroft & Killingbeck

**Specific Implications For:**

Ethnic Minorities

Women

Disabled People

Council  
Function

Delegated Executive  
Function available  
for Call In

Delegated Executive  
Function not available for  
Call In Details set out in the  
report

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**Executive Summary**

This report contains the performance data and commentary so far for 2009/10 for the Youth Service's delivery in the Inner East wards and plans for the future.

**1.0 Purpose Of this Report**

1.1 The chair of the Area Committee requested a report from the Youth Service on the work delivered in the first half of the year and future plans for the area.

**2.0 Area Youth Service achievements and developments in the first half of 2009/10**

2.1 The Youth Service has delivered a range of youth work programmes providing both 'universal' provision for 13-19 year olds and 'targeted' support for those most in need. It has offered a diverse set of programmes including sports, arts, health, individual support, holiday activities, residential experiences, outdoor pursuits, mobile and generic youth club based work.

2.2 There has been a significant shift in realigning when programmes are delivered during the week. In response to national guidance (i.e. Youth Task Force agenda) and user surveys the Service is now delivering many more programmes on Friday evenings and Saturdays. This is already proving to be popular move with young people as it provides positive alternatives to young people who previously may have been causing anti social behaviour in their neighbourhoods or simply prefer to access youth work programmes at weekends.

2.3 A proposal to develop the Denis Healey Centre into an Inner East Youth Hub is progressing. This will enable the centre to open seven days a week and deliver high quality specialist programmes such and a recording studio, motor bike workshop, dance, sports and much more to young people from across the three wards. It will be a centre of

excellence that will be open to IYSS partners, including schools, YOS and key voluntary sector groups.

- 2.4 There has been increased priority given to participation in the Extended Services Cluster meetings, Tasking groups and the Children Leeds East Leadership team. There remains an emphasis on young people gaining more recorded and accredited outcomes and working more directly to the key Children Leeds East priorities, particularly contributing to the reduction in teenage pregnancies, reduction in NEET young people, lowering of persistent school absences, and the development of 'more places to go and things to do'.
- 2.5 The Killingbeck & Seacroft team have delivered a project at the Leeds Art Gallery, and worked in partnership with Positive Futures to deliver sports based programmes. They have run girls and young women's groups, boys groups, as well as Baby Reality and C-card and Sexual Health provision. A key element has been the regular mobile provision in the distinctive ex library vehicle deployed into key hotspots in the ward and is also used at special events such as the Seacroft Gala.
- 2.6 Youth work programmes are provided at three centres in the Killingbeck & Seacroft ward; at Cross Gates, Kentmere and the Denis Healey Centre. The programmes offer senior youth club sessions at each centre (13 years plus), as well as intermediate clubs (11-13 years). The team provides specialist programmes at each centre, and holiday activities over the summer, half terms and Easter. The mobile work is on going, and the schools based delivery is expanding.
- 2.7 In partnership with the local secondary schools and the PCT the area youth work team has delivered Healthy Young Peoples sessions (HYP's), several Duke of Edinburgh expeditions as well as two successful Revizit (crime prevention) programmes.
- 2.8 Three Young people from Harehills who began as Youth Club members and went on to be volunteers have recently been successful in gaining employment as Youth Workers in the Leeds Youth Service.
- 2.9 The Youth Service has given extra priority this year to ensure both young people gain both recorded and accredited outcomes as the result of learning from particular youth work programmes, events, activities or residential. This has included accredited outcomes through the 'Kick' project, OCN Motor Biking at the Lazer Centre for the Harehills Place Youth Club, Healthy Living, Dance, mime and creative arts, First Aid course, 1 and 2 star Kayaking and Climbing certificates for young people from South Gipton.
- 2.10 Partnership working in the Harehills & Gipton ward has developed further with Shantona being commissioned to work with a focus on Bangladeshi girls and collaboration with Archway's Connexions work at South Gipton Community Centre. Women's Health Matters work alongside Youth workers every week at the South Gipton CC to deliver girls dance and healthy living programmes. Future Partnership arrangements are still being negotiated with 'Gipton Together', Harehills Youth in Partnership and Getaway Girls.
- 2.11 The Burmantofts & Richmond Hill team have more than 40 young people taking accredited learning programmes at present. Last term this included a number of NEET young people who have been signposted to access college courses. The area has run a residential to Herd Farm in north Leeds, with young people from Richmond Hill.
- 2.12 Young people have completed an arts project which is now on display on the side wall of number 45 Glensdale Terrace, Richmond Hill. Partnership work with Lincoln Green Youth Theatre has started at Ebor Gardens Community Centre.

- 2.13 The East Leeds Youth Work Partnership (ELYWP) is a group of youth work providers who regularly meet with the Youth Service Managers in the East. Its main aim is to work strategically, share practice and to deliver joint programmes and events in a collaborative way. The Youth Service takes a lead in these meetings. Over the last six months an 'East Leeds Youth Got Talent Event' and a Soccer Competition at Soccer World have successfully taken place involving hundreds of teenagers. Young people from across the East area and a range of agencies participated. The Beck project (part of re'new) is key in the area now working closely with other partners delivering targeted 1-1 outreach support for those most at risk and group work with the emphasis on early intervention and prevention.
- 2.14 The ELYWP has worked well to bring together a group of young people in the form of LS£ash to receive and make informed decisions on applications from agencies and young people in the East for financial support from the Youth Capital and Opportunity fund. This has resulted in many organisations receiving funds for new equipment, trips, residentials, building adaptations and much more, to help them resource the delivery of new youth lead projects.

**Table 1. Inner East Youth Service Performance targets v actuals  
April – Sept 09**

**Key**

**Reach** is the number of different young people worked with during the year.

**Participation** is where a young person has attended 4 or more sessions each year or participated in a focused piece of work such as a residential.

A **recorded outcome** is where a young person has shown progression as a result of youth work.

**Accreditation** is where a young person completes an activity that results accredited learning.

NB. The Youth Services performance targets are agreed with the Councils Performance team each year. This both takes into account the Councils prospective as well as being informed by the 'national' targets expected for Youth Services as provided by the DCSF.

Wards	Reach		Participation		Recorded Outcomes		Accredited Outcomes	
	6mth target	Actual	6mth target	Actual	6mth target	Actual	6mth target	Actual
<b>Gipton &amp; Harehills</b>	641	<b>1039</b>	385	<b>972</b>	231	<b>193</b>	50	<b>75</b>
<b>Burmontofts &amp; Richmond Hill</b>	419	<b>482</b>	252	<b>425</b>	151	<b>150</b>	33	<b>49</b>
<b>Killingbeck &amp; Seacroft</b>	532	<b>924</b>	319	<b>838</b>	192	<b>178</b>	42	<b>52</b>

**Table 1. (above)** illustrates that for the half year all the wards have easily exceeded the targets set for the number of young people worked with. In the case of Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft this is nearly twice the target set, coming close to a total of 2,500 young people. On the learning side young people have gained significant recorded outcomes with all wards being roughly on course to meet half year targets. The numbers of young people achieving accredited certificates eg. D of E, have easily exceeded the half year targets for each ward, with a total of 176 to date.

Overall this demonstrates through the 4 key Performance Indicators that the Youth Service is performing very well, working with high numbers of young people and providing a range of high quality programmes and activities leading to significant learning & accredited outcomes.

### **3.0 Programmes in operation**

- 3.1 ***Please refer the appendix 1*** which provides a summary of all the Youth Work programmes currently being delivered in the Inner East wards of Gipton & Harehills, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill and Killingbeck & Seacroft.

### **4.0 Future plans for delivery of youth work in the area**

- 4.1 Young people from across the Burmantofts & RH ward are to participate in a photography project, collaborating with another group from West Leeds. Three separate groups are taking part with the project being coordinated by the girls at Ebor Gardens. This project will end with a residential at Herd Farm in December, where the “best” photos will be selected by young people for an exhibition in the Civic Hall or Art gallery.
- 4.2 The team is moving youth work programmes from the Lincoln Green Youth Base outside into detached and mobile work. Young people are simply not comfortable going to the Youth Base and its been assessed that a more engaging programme can be provided out on the streets in this area. It is hoped that eventually young people can be encouraged back into the building. The design lends itself more to small group work, but is not suitable for the open youth clubs we are presently running during the evenings. Negotiations are ongoing with Domaine Youth Project ( part of Bridge Street Church) to run a Saturday afternoon session at the Youth Base.
- 4.3 The provision at 45 Glensdale Terrance (Richmond Hill) is to be replaced with a mobile youth facility. The planned developments by other agencies in the building unfortunately did not take place and it will be more beneficial now to deliver programmes from the mobile, to cover more of the area.
- 4.4 In Killingbeck & Seacroft a new phase is about to commence by the delivery of youth work sessions on Saturday afternoons and evenings. This is in addition to the revised Friday schedule which now features four sessions across the ward. This is a huge step forward as only last year there were no evening programmes at all on either Friday or Saturdays in the ward. Youth work programmes are now available to young people six days a week.
- 4.5 The redevelopment and re-launching of the Denis Healey Centre as a key Youth Hub is now progressing. With the arrival of a new Senior Youth Worker at the centre, plans are moving forward with new programmes being established and weekend opening.
- 4.6 Partnership working with the David Young Community Academy and Parklands Girls high School is expanding and we are in both schools on a regular basis. Small group and individual support sessions will be delivered at Alston Lane Community Centre from October onwards. A dance class will start at the Denis Healey Centre from October and further arts based programmes will be delivered over the next few months.
- 4.7 The development of work in and around Hovingham Park Portacabin in partnership with Hovingham School is a priority for the rest of the year. This is a key area in Harehills where young people congregate and combined with outreach and group work in the cabin, the Youth Service aims to deliver meaningful work with young people to prevent and divert them away from crime and provide positive activities to participate in.
- 4.8 The Youth Service is in dialogue with partners to have regular access to the Old Tradex

site in Harehills which is being refurbished and will include astro turf facilities. Negotiations are taking place with the community and Mosque leaders to deliver sports relate youth work programmes from the centre.

4.9 With the imminent arrival of the new Pod at Harehills Park, this will be used in a very similar way to the Fearnville Pod, which will be for the delivery of sports programmes, C Card and small group work. It has taken 2 years to secure the Pod and has included lengthy negotiations with Parks and consultation with the various stakeholders such as Tenants and Resident groups and the local community.

## **5.0 Highlights from summer activities and programmes**

5.1 The Burmantofts & Richmond Hill summer activity programme ran for 5 weeks. The senior clubs also remained open at Richmond Hill, Nowell Mount and Lincoln Green Youth Base.

5.2 The Youth Service's team ran four trips every week out to various activities, one for each centre. These activities included;

- Adventure Trails in North Yorkshire (team building/river walking)
- Doncaster Dome (swimming/ice skating)
- Go Karting in Wakefield
- Knee Boarding in Sheffield (water ski, but n your knees)

5.3 In addition one off trips to the following;

- Whitby Deep Sea Fishing
- Harrogate Horse riding
- 2 area wide trips to Drayton Manor Theme Park
- 2 nights residential to Herd Farm

5.4 The total number of young people who participated was 150 over the summer.

5.5 The service also ran a 11 – 13 year project at both Richmond Hill and LGYB every day' and provided two weeks of gym sessions for a group from Ebor Gardens.

5.6 In Killingbeck & Seacroft one of highlights was a session at Yeadon Tarn where a group of young people were given a brief time to build a raft and sail it to a fixed point and then return. There were two teams of four. The ropes holding the oil drums together unwound and the young people found themselves, to their surprise, in the water. The young people said this was fun, challenging, rewarding and provided them with a real learning experience. The youth work team intends to continue to offer similar challenges and activity based sessions as part of our programming in the ward on a regular basis. This will include, climbing, canoeing, sailing and caving, with the emphasis on personal development, team building and health.

5.7 In response to local need, we supported a weekly sports session on Seacroft Village Green each Monday evening over the summer, and this was very successful in engaging young people. Young people participated in the Find Your Talent programme and the Youth Arts Festival.

5.8 In total 252 young people took part in the Killingbeck & Seacroft summer programmes.

5.9 In the Gipton & Harehills ward 44 summer activities were available for young people. Many of these were shared activities to encourage young people to integrate with others. These included a Football Tournament, Skateboarding and BMX- ing at the 'Works', Crystal Maze event at Halton Moor, BBQ event at the Bangladeshi Centre,

Sports Day at Fearnville Sports Centre and 2 Mini Breeze events.

- 5.10 Holiday activities were also arranged for individual Youth Clubs so the Bangladeshi Centre, Harehills Place, Harehills Girls Group, Henry Barran and South Gipton all went on a variety of trips over the summer. These were equally shared out with all centres getting roughly the same opportunities. The funding for these trips came from the Well Being Budget and Positive Activities for Young People grant.
- 5.11 The activities included Motor Biking, Bowling, Swimming, Skating, Climbing, BMX, Mountain Biking, Kayaking, Canoeing, Paintballing, Caving, Football, Raft Building and novelty activities. Venues included Herd Farm, Lazer Centre, Barnsley Metrodome, Yeadon Tarn, Doncaster Dome, Hollywood Bowl; and places visited were Harrogate and the Dales. There were 5 trips to theme parks; Flamingo Land and Alton Towers
- 5.12 The number of young people attending the summer programmes was 211.

## **6.0 Recommendations**

The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report.