



Hale Youth Report
Month 18

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Highlights - February - March 2023

- 10 new young people have started attend our youth clubs
- Our Junior Girlz Club is thriving and Jo Goodhew's (Team Leader) programme for providing mental health support, including creating a calm and nurturing wellbeing space in the centre, has been wonderful to see flourish, with the girls really opening up and taking steps to enhance their wellbeing and improve their confidence
- Senior Girlz Club had its highest attendance on 20/03/2023, with 3 new members and 10 young people participating and creating scrapbooks together
- Seed to Plate's youth element launched on 1st March and we have had great participation from young people, several of whom have expressed a keen interest in gardening
- We have been awarded £1200 from Farnham Maltings under the 'Tackling Loneliness Agenda', to start a pilot project, 'Bob's' aimed at supporting adults over 25 (with a target of those aged 40+)

This is a shortened report as the figures for February and March will be incorporated into the Reaching Communities mid-year 2 report, which should be ready for Cathy Burrough's and the Board's approval by 15th April.

Development of Youth Provision

Junior Girlz Club:

JGC is thriving under Jo Goodhew's leadership, with the needs of all the young girls taken into consideration. She has provided a varied programme of activities that the young people always engage in and has also helped to develop 3 Young Leaders through this project.

Senior Girlz Club:

Possibly the most challenging group of all, due to the nature of young people attending and the group dynamics at play. We have been running a very low-key sex and relationships non-formal education session with this group since January and this has posed challenges due to the diversity of young people in attendance. However all young people engage well in these sessions and feel that they have learned something. Our session on Monday 20th

March was the highest attendance this academic year, with 2 new young people attending.

Code Club

Code Club continues to thrive under Zoe's leadership with a waiting list in operation and lots of interest. Funding is due to end in July 2023 so this is an area the Board will need to consider moving forward as it is not covered by any other funding streams.

OPCC - training

We were delighted to receive a grant over over £3000 to run an effective, interesting and engaging programme around healthy friendships and relationships. It also enables us to fund Tracy to run in-house training with the youth team, that will enhance their skills and enable them to provide a better experience for young people when they choose to attend our provision.

Holiday Club

Following Tracy and Cathy's intensive work of researching, planning and creating a programme that would appeal to HAF/Club4/ActiveSurrey, we were made an approved Preferred Supplier and have been invited to bid for delivery of a summer programme, specifically targeting young people in Sandy Hill, for July/August 2023. Tracy is working hard to secure the funding needed and developing an exciting programme in consultation with local young people. Bid deadline 31/03/2023. Tracy and Jo are both working at the Personal Best Holiday Club at the Youth Centre in the first week of the Easter holidays.

Reaching Communities - Proposal

Young people are failing to achieve in all areas of the United Kingdom, through no fault of their own. In the last few years alone children have faced the impact of the Covid pandemic - at home, at school, and in the community. Domestic abuse rose during the pandemic amongst adults - imagine that impact on already isolated and vulnerable young people living with them?

This isn't just happening in our cities and big towns, it is happening here, and young people, especially those living in Sandy Hill, are at real risk of failing to achieve their potential.

We would like to propose divesting the money that was earmarked for a universal youth provision for 11-14 year olds into instead meeting the needs of the young people and community that we serve.

What do we aim to do?

We would like to run an alternative learning experience once a week for 2 hours for a period of 27 weeks, from October 2023 - July 2024. Students would be in Years 7, 8, 9 or 10 and still be registered with mainstream school/pru.

This would not be a formal education session, it is early-intervention youth work that is aimed to support the young person to re-engage with

mainstream/alternative provision in a healthier way, or to work towards being able to sit some of their GCSEs.

Learning will be a non-formal and natural process, with young people being able to learn functional and life skills, learn to link their feelings, thoughts and behaviour, learn coping strategies and how to deal with feelings of anger. We will be able to utilise all of the excellent resources at the Youth Centre and the Seed to Plate Gardens as well as linking in to potential volunteering opportunities at Hale Community Centre.

As this project would run in the day time it would not impact on the other 7 youth clubs that run in the evenings at Hale Youth Centre or CYP Safe Haven's use on a Thursday night.

What is the need? What evidence do we have?

- 40% of the school population born as female aged 13-17 experience sexual abuse (University of Bristol 2015)
- 90% of abuse victims underachieve in school
- In 2013 the Guardian reported that 73% of young people who leave a Young Offenders Institute reoffend
- The New Economics Foundation state that it costs £178,000 per annum per offender in a Young Offenders Institute
- Financial impact on mental health units, Child and Adult Social Services, CAMHS and local authorities
- Half of 15-17 year olds sent to YOI's are assessed as having the literacy levels of a 7 year old

We aim to work with young people at the early stages of intervention. Typical referrals might include for young people who are on the cusp of being involved in the criminal justice system - for example smoking cannabis or shoplifting ('chawing'), or where they are at risk of failing to thrive through school attendance of under 60%, truancy, 'ghost' children and young people at real risk of permanent exclusion.

We produced this idea over the course of several months - starting by talking with young people during our youth group sessions and then consulting informally with our local secondary schools, stakeholders, youth work professionals, police, youth justice and community members as well as previous beneficiaries.

It became clear - through both hard data in terms of numbers attending our 11-14 year old sessions and through consultation with young people - that another session dedicated to 11-14 year olds was not needed or wanted by the community. Through discussions with school and evidence gathered over the last 8 years regarding effective interventions with at-risk young people we developed the concept of this alternative learning session.

The Hale Youth Team feel that the funding from Year 2 and 3 underspend (by not delivering another 11-14s session) could be better put to use by helping us to tackle very serious issues facing young people and their families in Sandy Hill. We can also use it to generate evidence, data and case studies to consider its impact and potentially deliver a bigger programme in years to come.

"If you were to offer something like this (alternative learning experience) I would absolutely bite your hand off to send (my child) here!"
- Parent of 14 year old on cusp of managed move

"I'm actually fuming with you right now. Why couldn't you have thought of this when I was at the (PRU)?"
- Previous client of Youth Team

"I learn more here than I ever do in school"
- 12 year old on a managed move - 14/3/2023

We hope that the Board will be receptive in our approaching Reaching Communities with this proposal. If the Board approves, Tracy will continue working on the proposal document alongside working on the mid year 2 Reaching Communities report (due April 2023).

Additional information/Updates

Seed to Plate

We have now started the youth element of the Seed to Plate programme and are still seeking volunteers to run and manage the community element as the youth team do not have the capacity to deliver this side in the long-term..

Bob's

The Bob's pilot starts on 1st April from 1pm-3pm. We are proactively seeking volunteers to help run the pilot as well as to take over the project in the long term.

The Youth Team

Tracy and Jo Goodhew are almost at the end of their Level 3 Youth Work Certificate studies - with the course ending on April 24th. Jo Payne will commence her Level 2 course in Spring 2024. The youth team would like to thank Cathy Burroughs and the Board for providing us with this great opportunity to enhance our skills and knowledge and provide an even better youth work experience for young people.

Spring Newsletter

Tracy is in the final stages of producing a Spring Newsletter to send to funders alongside the mid- year two report for Reaching Communities.

Moving forward - Year Two - November 2022 - October 2023

Year Two - Reaching Communities		
Months 13-16 November - February 23	Months 17 - 20 March - June	Months 21 - 24 July - October
Continue to deliver Tuesday 11-14, 14-19 and Weds 11-18	Continue to deliver Tuesday 11-14, 14-19 and Weds 11-18	Continue to deliver Tuesday 11-14, 14-19 and Weds 11-18
Develop evidence base for 16-25s session - send proposal to Reaching Communities and apply for pilot funding	Develop evidence base for 16-25s session	Develop evidence base for 16-25s session
Planning and development for next 6 months	Planning and development for next 6 months	Planning and development for next 6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and deliver staff/volunteer training and review all policies, procedures and handbooks. Develop a formal induction process. Continue to enhance activities through applying qualification learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop ideas for Hale's Kitchen Look into radio trip to BBC Radio Surrey in Brighton Finalise plans, permissions and kit lists for narrowboat residential Approach Waitrose for support with food for residential Plan for Space 2 grow 2x camping trips in summer holidays Book specialists especially boxing, football, art, photography (?), jewellery making, woodcrafting, GASP? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write annual report
Work on proposal for Reaching Communities Year 2 and 3	Write report for Reaching Communities - April 2023	

Year Two - Hale Youth Centre		
Months 13-16 November - February 23	Months 17 - 20 March - June	Months 21 - 24 July - October
<p>Develop Seed to Plate - purchase items under CFS and FTC/Maltings/Tackling Loneliness funding</p> <p>Promote through wider community networks including TL/Maltings, Farnham Connects, Farnham Voice, Church network List on FTC, HCC and HYC websites and social media</p> <p>Write newsletter to funders</p>	<p>Develop Bob's at The Shed</p> <p>Apply for pilot finding for BOB's</p> <p>Promote through wider community networks including TL/Maltings, Farnham Connects, Farnham Voice, Church network List on FTC, HCC and HYC websites and social media</p>	<p>Write annual reports</p>
<p>Increase website presence</p>	<p>Increase social media presence</p>	<p>Staff/volunteer feedback and reviews</p>
<p>Develop programmes for Senior Girlz Club</p>	<p>6-month review</p>	<p>Work towards setting up Young People's Advisory Group</p>
<p>Apply to register as food business</p>	<p>Develop Seed 2 Plate</p>	<p>Deliver summer holiday club</p>
<p>Apply to register to deliver HAF programme</p>	<p>Internal Food Hygiene training - all staff and volunteers</p>	
	<p>Staff/volunteer training</p>	