

## **Report of the Strategic Director, Place to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

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### **Subject:**

Youth Service Update – Bradford East.

### **Summary statement:**

This report gives an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford East Area in the past 12 months and outlines the direction of travel for the next 12 months.

*The report outlines the following information:*

- *An overview of youth provision and a timeline of the Youth Service's response to the Covid 19 pandemic.*
- *An update on how the Youth Service continues to respond to increased demand and complexity of need.*
- *An introduction to the work of the Young Covid Recovery Ambassadors and their role in the community.*
- *An update on youth provision ward by ward and key developments.*

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### **Portfolio:**

**Neighbourhoods and Community Safety**

### **Overview & Scrutiny Area:**

**Children's Services**



## 1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report gives an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford East Area in 2020-21.

1.2 The report outlines the following information:

- An overview of youth provision and a timeline of the Youth Service's response to the Covid 19 pandemic.
- An update on how the Youth Service continues to respond to increased demand and complexity of need.
- An introduction to the work of the Young Covid Recovery Ambassadors and their role in the community.
- An update on youth provision ward by ward and key developments.

## 2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Bradford Council Youth Service is part of the wider Bradford District Youth Offer that aims to ensure the provision of a range of activities and services that take place in safe spaces, where young people can develop a sense of belonging, socialise with their peers and develop relationships with adults they can trust. It recognises that with the right supportive relationships, strong ambitions and good opportunities all young people can realise their potential and be positive and active members of society.

2.2 The Youth Service vision statement is to work with partners to ensure that young people grow up healthy, happy, informed and aspiring; proud of who they are, where they come from, and actively involved in their community.

2.3 Youth Service priorities are aligned to the five key elements of the Bradford District Youth Offer – as detailed in the table below:

<i>Youth Offer Element 1 – Information, Advice and Guidance(IAG)</i> Increase the numbers of young people accessing IAG through digital media.
<i>Youth Offer Element 2 – Voice and influence</i> Increase the numbers of young people participating in Youth Voice opportunities at all levels.
<i>Youth Offer Element 3 – Open access/detached</i> Deliver a diverse youth offer through working in partnership with the Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) and local communities.
<i>Youth Offer Element 4 - Targeted provision</i> Increase the number of specific interventions to address the needs of vulnerable young people.
<i>Youth Offer Element 5 - Active citizens and young people's contribution to community life</i> Increase the number of young people having a positive impact on their community.

2.4 The Youth Service is managed as one service. Staff are contracted to the Youth Service and are allocated to areas.

### 3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

#### 3.1 Youth Provision

Over the last 12 months youth provision across all six wards has continued to respond to the needs of young people. Ward teams have worked with a wide range of community partners to ensure that young people have a network of support that enables them to engage in positive relationships. This work has taken place through a range of delivery methods including; detached, outreach and centre-based sessions. This approach has enabled Youth Workers to consistently respond to issues faced by young people whilst continuing to promote key public health messages by offering information, advice and guidance.

In October and November 2020, significant Youth Service resource was used to prevent and challenge the seasonal peak in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) associated with Halloween, Mischief Night and Bonfire Night. Youth Workers engaged young people in a 'Consequences' campaign that highlighted the impact of ASB and misuse of fireworks.

Between January and March 2021 intensive detached work was delivered in all wards that specifically supported young people during the third national lockdown. Youth Workers sought to map 'hotspots' that required additional resources to ensure greater community compliance. Between April and June Youth Workers offered a menu of support to young people that supported the idea of having limited contact with others through the concept of bubbles / small groups.

Over the summer months Youth Workers offered activities in local parks and green spaces that encouraged well-being but started to prepare young people for returning to life without restrictions. In addition, Youth Workers also targeted young people making the transition between primary and secondary school and offered *Moving Up* sessions that helped build resilience.

#### 3.2 Responding to demand and complexity of need

Over the last 12 months Youth Workers have responded to a significant increase in referrals from partner organisations to help address the following issues:

**Domestic Abuse** – young people report that they have experienced increased tension and domestic abuse within their family units.

**Educational Anxiety** – young people report that they are anxious and fearful of the learning that they have lost and what this means for their future.

**Isolation** – young people report that they have felt lonely and isolated and a significant amount of family time is spent in different rooms on individual screens and devices.

**Self Harm** – young people report that they have used self-harm as a means to cope

with some of the issues that they have experienced.

Our service has remained focused on meeting demand and delivered the following support through local youth provision:

**Youth Clubs** – each ward has a youth club that enables young people to come together and socialise through a series of activities and programmes that help develop personal and social skills whilst encouraging thought and action on local area issues. Youth clubs are an essential component in developing independence and reducing dependency on specialist services.

**Peer Support Groups** – the Youth Service has developed a series of peer support groups that enable young people to come together and support each other for issues that are important to them. Many of these sessions have a central activity that helps young people to engage and build trust.

**One to One Support** – young people are supported by a local Youth Worker who will offer a home visit and a series of interventions designed to build trust. Through these interventions youth workers will set goals and targets for young people and help them assess local support networks. This work helps address complex issues such as; Domestic Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation and Family Breakdown.

**Volunteering** – as young people become older we encourage them to take on board more responsibility in the local community. Youth Workers support young people to participate in community action projects, helping others and developing employability skills through volunteering.

### 3.3 **Other work targeted at young people with specific needs including vulnerable and at risk.**

The Youth Service continues to provide direct support to young people at risk of exploitation. Through building trust with their Youth Worker, young people have reported feeling less isolated, more connected with their community and safer. Bradford East currently runs a number of targeted provisions all of which offer young people a safe space to engage in positive activities. This work helps raise awareness of issues such as serious organised crime, grooming and county lines. Youth Workers work closely with the Breaking the Cycle Team and support low risk cases in the local community.

### 3.4 **Buddy support as part of Youth in Mind**

The Youth Service has been commissioned to deliver early interventions to young people across the district. This is a collaborative partnership with Bradford District Care Trust and Youth in Mind (YiM) which offers help to young people for their mental health and well-being and seeks to reduce demand on specialist services.

Over the last year, Bradford East has received over 500 referrals from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), School Nurses, Social care and other

professionals. These referrals are allocated to Youth Workers as part of the Buddies project, their role is to develop and build trusted relationships with them, support them using the Signs of Safety assessment method, navigate local support networks and encourage them to attend local youth provision.

In addition, Youth Workers work closely with secondary schools in Bradford East and help identify young people who need support for their mental health and well-being. Youth Workers support these additional caseloads in schools, delivering 1:1 work on a weekly basis developing young people's confidence, self-belief and resilience.

Youth Workers also support young people in hospital settings offering interventions that promote self-care and connect them to local services that offer crisis support.

### **3.5 A partnership approach**

The Youth Service is supported by a wide range of partners in each community. Youth Workers work with local partners to understand the needs of the community and help build capacity to deliver bespoke projects. These projects help build stronger relationships with the local community and increase participation, action and ownership on local area issues.

Within each ward Youth Workers work alongside Ward Officers to map local area issues and develop responses. A good example of how this can be seen in the weekly Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Reports that are shared by the Police with the area office. These reports allow Youth Workers to identify where ASB is impacting on the community. Youth Workers visit the locations, engage the community and feedback to ward officers who track and monitor the impact of the interventions.

Mapping and understanding the root causes of local issues provides an opportunity to plan and develop longer term responses that local partners are supported to lead on. This enables funding to be secured and additional resources to be invested. Examples of these are included in appendix B.

### **New Initiatives in Development**

#### **3.6 Future Boost Trainees**

In October 2021 Bradford East welcomed two new Youth Work Trainees to the team. The trainees will be with us for 2 years and will support the development of Youth Voice initiatives that ensure young people have a greater role in shaping service delivery. The trainees will also help identify gaps in provision and develop new projects that respond to the needs of young people aged 16-25 years old. In addition, we will also support JUMP trainees in their placements within the constituency.

#### **3.7 Post Covid response work (Young Covid Ambassadors Project)**

The service has built on and expanded the work developed by our Young Covid Ambassadors project. We have created opportunities for a new cohort of Young Covid Ambassadors who will help develop a programme of work that focuses on

Covid recovery, intergenerational activity and well-being. We believe that this could help groups of people to overcome some of the impacts of lockdown and isolation. The Ambassadors will help to strengthen public health messages and promote community activity through a series of events in each ward.

In late September 2021 five young people from Bradford East were employed as Young Covid Recovery Ambassadors (YCRA). The Ambassadors are undertaking local Youth Work training to support them in their role and have integrated in to local teams including support for students who are anxious about returning to school. They work alongside Youth Workers to engage young people and identify local area issues. This information is then collated and analysed for patterns and trends and then shared with Public Health Bradford. The information collected by the YCRA has been integral to responding to local issue and supporting the community to recover from the Covid pandemic.

### **3.8 East Wide Provisions**

Bradford East currently leads on the delivery of 3 area wide projects. These sessions are for young people to attend from across Bradford East and from across the district. The area wide sessions are themed to suit young people's needs, interests and increase our Youth Offer. Information regarding the East Wide provisions can be found in both Appendix A and Appendix B.

## **4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

- 4.1 The Youth Service base budget remains unchanged for 2021/22. The service will continue to fill vacancies and recruit additional staff to fulfil commissioned service delivery including: Youth in Mind, Breaking the Cycles, Young Covid Ambassadors and Positive Futures. Some of this commissioned work is geographically specific which may mean that we see demand being met with additional Youth Work resources.

## **5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

The implementation of the planned budget for the Youth Service is subject to the internal risk management plan of the Council and progress is reported to the Place Departmental Management Team.

## **6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

No issues.

## **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

### **7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

The Youth Service as part of the Council's commitment to the District has a responsibility to ensure that the service is accessible to all young people and that participation in the service reflects this approach.

## **7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

The Youth Service delivery enables local initiatives to be supported, encouraging groups and individuals to undertake activities that improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of their communities.

## **7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

Greenhouse gas emissions and wider environmental impacts was a consideration of the Buildings Review.

## **7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

Young people from across Bradford East engaging in weekly sessions and specialist provisions are directly and indirectly involved with supporting and developing community safety within their local area. Voice and influence is central to youth work delivery ensuring young people's ideas, suggestions and thoughts are heard.

The strengthened approach to the devolution of the Youth Service as will allow for:

- an increased sense of local democracy for both young people and communities
- young people to be more active in democratic, decision-making processes alongside their political representatives
- the voice and influence of young people to remain central, meaningful and paramount in identifying and addressing needs and issues in their communities
- the requirements of the localism/devolution agenda to be met effectively and efficiently

## **7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

There are no direct Human Rights implications arising from the recommendations below.

## **7.6 TRADE UNION**

All budget proposals are subject to consultation with the Trade Unions.

## **7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

The information in this report is related to all wards in the constituency and appendix B outlines the Youth Service projects and activities delivered across the East area.

## **8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

None.

## **9. OPTIONS**

- 9.1 That Bradford East Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.

9.2 That Bradford East Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.

9.3 That Bradford East Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That the work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford East Area as detailed in this report be welcomed.

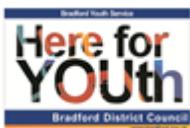
## **11. APPENDICES**

11.1 Appendix A: Bradford East Youth Service Baseline Youth Provision

11.2 Appendix B: Bradford East – Youth Service Ward Updates

## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

12.1 Youth Service – Bradford East Area report. Bradford East Area Committee



## Appendix One

### Core Youth – 2021 – BRADFORD EAST



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>ECCLESHILL</b>	5-8pm (OA) <b>Junior Youth Club</b> - Supported by Young Volunteers.	<b>Youth Work Connect Group</b> – Emotions 5:30-8:30 (TP) <b>Detached Youth Work Session</b> 5-8pm			6:30 – 9:30 (OA) <b>Senior Youth Club Detached Youth Work Session</b> 6:30-9:30.
<b>BOLTON AND UNDERCLIFFE</b>		<b>Detached Youth Work</b> 6-9pm	<b>Detached Youth Work</b> 6-9pm		<b>Sorted Youth Group</b> (OA) 7-9pm St James Church. In partnership with Sorted Youth.
<b>IDLE AND THACKLEY</b>		<b>Detached Youth Work</b> 6-9pm	<b>Youth Work Connect Group</b> – Emotions. (TP) 5-7pm at the Springfield Centre.		<b>Springfield Youth Café</b> –(OA) 5-7:30pm In partnership with the Springfield Centre.
<b>BRADFORD MOOR</b>		<b>Detached Youth Work Session</b> 6:30-9:30.	<b>Youth Work Connect Group- New Communities Session BD3</b> (TP) 6-9pm. Laisterdyke YC.		6:30 – 9:30pm <b>Youth Club</b> (OA)
<b>LITTLE HORTON</b>		<b>Girls Group</b> 6-8:30 Parkside Centre. <b>Detached Youth Work Session</b> 6-9pm		<b>Youth Work Connect - Canterbury Session</b> – Horton Park Bowling Hut - 5:30-7:30.	<b>Saturday – Sports Session</b> 12-3 Parkside Centre.
<b>BOWLING AND BARKEREND</b>	<b>Detached Youth Work Session</b> 6:30-9:30		<b>Detached Youth Work Session</b> 6:30 – 8:30pm		<b>Open Access Youth Session – Karman Centre:</b> 6:30 – 7:30pm <b>Detached Youth Session</b> <b>7:30-9:00</b>
<b>EAST WIDE PROVISION</b>	<b>SOUND</b> – LGBTQ+ Session (SP) ages 16-21. In partnership with the Equity Centre.	<b>SPECTRUM</b> – LGBTQ+ Session (SP) ages 11-15. In partnership with the Equity Centre.	<b>Phoenix</b> – Trans Youth Group In partnership with the Equity Centre. <b>Shades</b> – LGBTQ+ Session		<b>Youth Work Connect Group RSPACE</b> – Emotional Wellbeing Course for Young People 11-18.

The above table is the youth work provision that makes up the youth services core offer. Each ward has 3 youth sessions per week, made up of a mixture of detached youth work (street based sessions), ‘Youth Work Peer Connect’ groups and open access youth clubs. Each youth worker develops partnerships in their local area to help strengthen the youth offer and each youth worker develops distinct projects with young people and partners in the local community to respond to both local and national needs.

<b>SCHOOLS WORK</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Target group</b>
1:1 Support	Hanson School	Weekly	YiM – Emotional and Mental Health Support.
1:1 Support	Immanuel School	Weekly	YiM – Emotional and Mental Health Support.
1:1 Support	Bradford Academy	Weekly	YiM – Emotional and Mental Health Support.
1:1 Support	Laisterdyke School	Weekly	YiM – Emotional and Mental Health Support.
1:1 Support	New College	New Provision	YiM – Emotional and Mental Health Support.
1:1 Support	Carlton Bowling College	New Provision	YiM – Emotional and Mental Health Support.

YiM – Emotional and mental health support in secondary schools: Youth workers hold an average case load of up to 12 young people who they provide one to one support to over a half-term within a school setting. Youth workers will work with the young person and school to assess the needs and look at a plan of work which takes place over 6 to 8 weeks. The work is relational based, which means the primary goal is to establish a strong trusted relationship between the young person and the youth worker. Work that takes place in school is early intervention and this work is targeted towards young people who are struggling with low levels of anxiety, emotional health that impacts on behaviour, issues with friendships and those who struggle to understand with their emotions. The impact of these early interventions helps reduce exclusions and maintain attendance whilst also reducing the demand on specialist services. Youth workers work in a systemic way, working with school and other services if needed, so the approach becomes holistic and the right service works with the right young people at the right time.

Through the school based support sessions and the trusted relationships youth workers build with young people they are able to help them access peer group support and eventually open access youth clubs in their local community.

These peer groups offer young people the opportunity to connect with likeminded young people, share 'self-care skills' and feel more connected and safer in their local community. The aim is for these groups run in each ward and are called Youth Work Peer Connect Groups.

## **Appendix B**

### **Bradford East – Youth Service Ward Updates:**

#### **Bolton and Undercliffe Ward**

##### **Youth Clubs and Youth Provision:**

Youth work sessions in the Bolton and Undercliffe ward are mainly through street based youth work sessions across the area. There has been a particular focus on work in the Swain House area, Peel Park and on Cameron Grove. Due to the Covid pandemic the use of indoor spaces in the area has become more difficult to secure, which has pushed youth work into street based focus. Detached / street based youth work is about engaging young people where they choose to meet and working with them to an agreed outcome. It is about empowering and supporting young people within their community.

Much of our work since September 2021 has involved responding to ongoing ASB issues and concerns, particularly at McDonalds 5 Lane Ends, with youth workers working with staff from the businesses and young people to try to break down barriers. The Youth Service is exploring a more strategic approach to dealing with these issues in partnership with local businesses, Breaking the Cycles project and the Police.

An open access youth session takes place in partnership with Sorted Church each Friday evening, where young people can access a range of fun and exciting things to do from crafts and music, to sports and having time to engage with friends.

##### **School based Youth Sessions:**

One to one and small group work sessions take place at Hanson School on a weekly basis, this support is focused on emotional wellbeing. Youth workers have been working with young people throughout the COVID pandemic, supporting those young people who were struggling to study at home. Youth workers have delivered care packs and self-help tools to young people when school was closed and offered one to one support sessions either on the phone or through garden gate visits.

Youth workers have been working alongside the YCA (Young Covid Ambassadors) in school, to share the message about COVID safety and look towards COVID recovery. Workers have undertaken assemblies in school and drop in sessions to help young people understand more about COVID and Mental health support.

##### **121 Case Work:**

Workers carry a case load of young people referred to the Youth Service, these cases are allocated to workers on a ward basis. These referrals mainly come through CAMHS (mental health services), social care and education to offer young people support around their social, emotional mental health. The cases have intensified over the past 12 months in quantity as well as need. Youth workers have undertaken a range of home visits, walk and talks and community based support.

##### **Youth Voice and Youth Development:**

Youth workers throughout this last year have consulted with young people during detached youth work sessions and through centre based work within Bolton and Undercliffe ward. The information gained through these consultations was collated by young people and fed through to leaders within health and within the local authority. Young people's views and opinions helped to shape the district's responses to COVID and other issues over the past 12 months.

##### **Partnerships:**

The Service continues to work with Sorted Church to deliver open youth sessions in the ward. We hope to continue and strengthen this work over the next 12 months.

Workers have developed links with Macdonald's at Five Lane Ends and we hope to strengthen the partnership over the coming months, to support more young people and to dispel myths about them and to connect them more to local business and to the local community.

**Projects:**

Over the school Summer holidays, youth workers have undertaken community based action projects through delivering an environmental project at the Boars Well Nature Reserve, this work was delivered in partnership. The work is ongoing and has included litter picks and clearing pathways within the reserve.

Youth workers have delivered sports activities in Peel Park and Claremont Park to young people during the school holidays and also supported the work on the Springfield Centre's Step Up programme.

Youth workers have responded to emerging needs within the local community, following reports from local elected members and local residents about ASB concerns on Cameron Grove, Youth workers undertook community engagement with residents that were affected by these issues and captured their view and concerns, workers also provided reassurance and maintained regular contact with residents. Through consulting young people and local residents overtime workers were able to develop trusted relationships. Workers undertook an audit with young people of the areas to identify open spaces where young people could meet, socialise and play football. As well as this workers provided young people with additional resources; such as sports equipment and free tickets to watch a Bradford City football match. Workers also signposted young people towards local youth provision.

## **Little Horton Ward**

### **Youth Clubs and Youth Provision:**

Over the past 12 months youth sessions have primarily been street based within the Little Horton Ward. Work has been focused in the West Bowling, Canterbury and Marshfield areas. Workers have developed trusted relationships with groups of young people in these areas.

Work has developed since September 2021 to deliver 2 youth sessions a week from the Parkside Centre. One of these sessions is a sport-based session which runs on a Saturday and targets young men and the other session is a girls' only session which focuses on fun, spending time with friends and developing and strengthening peer support networks.

With the closure of the ARC on Canterbury and the lack of indoor space to deliver youth work sessions, workers have secured the use of the Bowling Hut in Horton Park and they will develop a youth work session 'just for Canterbury' young people in that space. Work will continue on a detached basis until the session is established and until young people are identified.

### **School based Youth Sessions:**

One to one sessions are taking place at Bradford Academy on a weekly basis, this support is focused on emotional wellbeing. These sessions are relatively new and will enable youth workers to respond to young people's needs and connect them to local peer support groups in the local community. The sessions at Bradford Academy are focused in the secondary school but it will enable workers to support primary year 6 students over the transition period. The school have a range of agencies working within it and youth workers will continue to strengthen partnerships to ensure young people have the right professionals supporting them at the right time.

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Over the past 12 months youth workers have supported vulnerable young people referred through the YiM partnership. This work increased by 100% contact during the lockdown periods to ensure young people were having contact with professionals and were adequately supported. Youth workers provided Self Care Packs and also provided access to online support through Kooth and MYMUP Dynamic self-care systems.

### **Youth Voice and Youth Development:**

Youth workers throughout this last year have consulted with young people during detached youth work sessions and through centre based work within Little Horton ward. The information gained through these consultations were collated by young people and fed through to leaders within health and within the local authority. Young people's views and opinions helped to shape the district's responses to COVID and other issues over the past 12 months.

Young people have stated that they wanted more than street based work in the area, so workers have responded and secured the use of the Parkside Youth Centre.

### **Partnerships:**

Youth workers have been continuing to strengthen their partnerships with the voluntary sector within

the Little Horton Ward. Youth Service sessions are now running from the Parkside Centre and strong links have been established with MAPA with the hope of running provision from the site in the near future. Joint youth sessions are running with One in a Million at the Horton Park Bowling Hut and the Youth Service will continue to work together with partners to ensure the needs of young people are met in the area.

**Projects:**

Youth workers have delivered food parcels and PPE to vulnerable families in the Ward including those via the youth in mind project and to other families who were identified through the street based engagement during the COVID lockdowns. Workers also targeted food parcels and support to specific families with Refugee and Asylum Seeker status that arrived in the Ward from Iraq, Syria and Somalia.

Youth workers worked across the Canterbury area and worked with other agencies to identify those eligible for the No Child Cold Scheme. Workers spoke to a number of families and supported them to apply for the grant.

Workers were becoming concerned that some Young People across the Little Horton ward were not concerned about the raise in COVID infections in the area, however they had a lot of untruths and information that wasn't accurate in regards to the COVID vaccine and the reporting of the virus infection rates. The Service employed a number of YCA (Young Covid Ambassadors) to help youth workers dispel myths about COVID and encourage young people to keep safe.

## **Bowling and Barkerend Ward**

### **Youth Clubs and Youth Provision:**

Over the past 12 months youth sessions have primarily been street based within the Bowling and Barkerend Ward. Detached youth work has been focused across all areas in the ward, but especially in the Seymour Park area, Feather Road, Beech Grove and Myra Shay Playing Fields. Workers have developed trusted relationships with groups of young people in these areas, and have spent a great deal of time responding to ASB issues in the area and working alongside the neighbourhood policing teams and the breaking the cycle team to target specific areas and redirect young people away from trouble.

Work has developed since September 2021 to deliver 1 open access youth session a week from the Karmand Centre. This will increase once the centre reopens in Jan 22. Discussions are taking place regarding developing a session to target young people in and around the Undercliffe Lane area.

### **School based Youth Sessions:**

Work has started with Carlton Bolling School to establish a weekly YiM session in school. This has taken time and energy to develop the links with the school and explore how our service can complement the mental health offer.

### **121 Case Work:**

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Over the past 12 months youth workers have supported vulnerable young people referred through the YiM partnership. This work increased by 100% contact during the lockdown periods to ensure young people were having contact with a professionals and were adequately supported. Youth workers provided Self Care Packs and also provided access to online support through Kooth and MYMUP Dynamic self-care systems.

### **Youth Voice and Youth Development:**

Youth workers throughout this last year have consulted with young people during detached youth work sessions and through centre based work within Bowling and Barkerend ward. The information gained through these consultations were collated by young people and fed through to leaders within health and within the local authority. Young people's views and opinions helped to shape the district's responses to COVID and other issues over the past 12 months.

Young people from the Bowling and Barkerend ward have worked with youth workers to develop skills and undertake volunteer training. As a result, one young person has recently secured a job as a JUMP sports co-ordinator and another has recently secured a job as a Young Covid Ambassador for Bradford Council.

### **Partnerships:**

The Youth Service has developed a number of new partnerships over the past 12 months within the ward, this has included Primetime – where we have worked together to train young volunteers and run community based projects and the

Neighbourhood Resource Centre youth & community  
Urban Saints (youth)

The Anchor Project we are working with Asylum Seeker Families and supporting young people in the area.

Wren House (Horton Housing provision housing young asylum seekers)

The Karmand Centre, youth service is delivering Centre based youth provision sessions within the centre.

In-communities, development of new youth provision Cheatham Hall so we are extending the youth offer across the ward.

Neighbourhood Policing Team, PCSO's are now attending open access sessions and building relationships with young people.

Primetime partnership which is delivering new youth sessions within the area and additional holiday activity programmes.

### **Projects:**

Youth workers supported young people to take part in two community clean ups in August 2021. Young people had complained to youth workers about the litter in the area and how that made people think the area they lived in was no good. The first clean-up was at Beech Grove Park and the second was at Myra Shay Playing Fields.

Youth workers worked with local primary schools, the local secondary school and other services to identify young people who may struggle when transitioning from primary school to secondary school. The projects included young people connecting with peer groups, having fun, understanding secondary school and supporting young people to be ready to the step.

Cleaner Streets Grant - Young people from the Bowling and Barkerend Ward and community members took part in a cleaner streets project. This involved the young people looking at the issues in regards to untidy areas in the patch clearing and replanting a flower beds located on Seaton Street.

## **Eccleshill Ward**

### **Youth Clubs and Youth Provision:**

Youth sessions have been a mixture of centre based and street based sessions within the Eccleshill ward. Once Covid restrictions were lifted the centre was able to open to small groups initially and then to larger groups. The centre is now busy and sessions are accessed by 40+ young people each session.

The centre offers 2 open access youth club sessions per week and a youth work connect peer support group.

The youth work team have been undertaking street based youth work to engage with those young people who are not accessing the centre based provision.

### **School based Youth Sessions:**

One to one and small group work sessions take place at Immanuel School on a weekly basis, this support is focused on emotional wellbeing. Youth workers have been working with young people throughout the COVID pandemic, supporting those young people who were struggling to study at home. Youth workers have delivered care packs and self-help tools to young people when school was closed and offered one to one support sessions either on the phone or through garden gate visits.

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### **Youth Voice and Youth Development:**

A young person who has attended the Ravenscliffe Youth Centre since she was 11 years old. really enjoyed attending the sessions at the centre and had positive trusted relationships with youth work staff. She has gone from strength to strength becoming a young volunteer at 15 and has now secured a two-year Youth Work Traineeship with Bradford Council. She is back in the Eccleshill ward, now as a trainee youth worker supporting other young people.

Youth workers and young people have developed a Young Volunteers Programme to support the development of young people aged 13-16 who are active citizens within their community. This programme is being delivered at Ravenscliffe Youth Centre and the group plan to go on a residential trip in 2022 – where they will plan the trip, raise funds and take part in the event.

### **Partnerships:**

The Youth Service has continued to work in partnership with the Gateway Centre, with Play Bradford, the Police and Fire Service. This is to expand the youth work offer in the area and respond more efficiently to emerging issues and area needs.

Youth work ward lead is an advisor on boards of the Gateway Centre and The Big Swing, this helps and strengthens links for young people, to look at partnership working and development of services so that things are not duplicated and we can work systemically across the area.

Links have been developed with local businesses for example Morrisons supermarkets and Greggs bakery. Both organisations will donate food and resources to the Ravenscliffe Youth Centre for

workers to distribute to young people / families in need in the local area.

A new partnership has been developed with Core Skills Coaching & Ping Pong 4 U, which has resulted in sessions being run from Ravenscliffe YC for the wider community to encourage young people and families to be active and encouraging physical activity.

Partnership work has taken place over the past 6 months with the Fire Service and sessions delivered across the ward in the lead up to bonfire night. This has focused on fire safety and anti-social behaviour. The sessions were delivered to youth service groups and to voluntary partners.

**Projects:**

Moving Up Programme over summer delivered through a 4-week programme aimed at young people moving from primary school to secondary school. The centre based sessions focused on hopes and fears, dealing with emotions, understanding bullying, my support structure and my community, to support young people's emotional well-being inside and outside of school. The afternoon sessions focussed on physical wellbeing and a range of outdoor activities, including sports sessions such as archery, biking and sport based games. All young people gained accreditation through the Bradford Local Award.

Youth workers delivered a 12-week sport and physical activity programme with young people in the Fagley area with young people engaging well and signposted to the regular open access youth sessions at Ravenscliffe YC.

Environmental projects have taken place at Eccleshill Park with young people over the October half term. Young people took part in planting flowers / bulbs and cleaning up areas through litter picks.

Work has taken place with the Fire Service and sessions have been delivered across the ward as a result of young people starting fires in the local area and causing damage. Youth workers, in partnership with the Fire Service and NPT, delivered sessions on fire safety and anti-social behaviour in the lead up to bonfire night.

## **Bradford Moor Ward**

### **Youth Clubs and Youth Provision:**

Youth sessions have been a mixture of centre-based and street based sessions within the Bradford Moor ward. Once Covid restrictions were lifted the Centre was able to open to small groups initially and then more recently to larger groups. The Centre is now busy and sessions are accessed by 40+ young people each session. The centre offers 2 open access youth club sessions per week and a youth work connect peer support group which focuses on new and emerging communities in the ward. The youth work team have been undertaking street based youth work to engage with those young people who are not accessing the centre based provision and building trusted relationships

### **School based Youth Sessions:**

One to one work is taking place at Laisterdyke School on a weekly basis, this support is focused on emotional wellbeing. Youth workers will see up to 8 young people during a session in school and work closely with Laisterdyke Academy to identify those students who need additional support. Workers have been working with young people throughout the COVID pandemic, supporting those young people who were struggling to study at home. Youth workers have delivered care packs and self-help tools to young people when school was closed and offered one to one support sessions either on the phone or through garden gate visits.

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### **Youth Voice and Youth Development:**

Youth workers have worked with young people from the EU community in regards to the COVID vaccine and to translate COVID information to raise awareness and help to push for people to take the vaccine. A number of young volunteers from EU and marginalised communities have secured paid employment through the Youth Service until March as part of the COVID recovery work.

### **Partnerships:**

Partnerships have been developed within the Bradford Moor area to strengthen the youth offer and to strengthen community engagement in the area. Due to some of the challenges in the area we cannot work in isolation but have to pool resources for the benefit of the wider community. We are actively engaged in joint work with: Primetime, Bradford Moor Pass, Himmat, St James Market (Lil Brothers), Bradford Film and Photography Museum, Bradford Baby Bank, Bradford4Better, Friends of Bradford Moor Park and Better Start. We also have strong relationships and delivery with statutory organisations such as various council organisations including the Covid Hub, Bradford Education and the Police. We have played an active role in the Roma Strategy group and more recently in the BD3 Unite initiative.

### **Projects:**

Hope Not Hate – Reporting Centre – Youth Work Trainee Diane McCafferty is working with Laisterdyke School and the Laisterdyke Youth Centre to create a Hate Reporting Centre for young

people.

Daily Fresh Food Drops – through detached work in the local community families in need of support were identified and fresh food was dropped to the homes. A partnership was developed with St James Fruit Market who give us fresh produce on a weekly basis which is delivered to individual families in need as well as passed onto organisations such as Bradford Moor Pass to distribute to their catchment. This is still ongoing. This has helped to strengthen the service in the area, connecting families and young people to the Laisterdyke Centre. We have further strengthened this by linking into Bradford Baby Bank where we access various baby related resources such as nappies, powdered milk and other items to support young parents under 18 who have struggled during the Covid period.

Hanging Basket Project –Young people from the youth club made up hanging baskets and these were placed in 3 old people’s homes in the area to brighten up the homes of the elderly.

HAF project / Cold Winter Payment Grants – Youth workers worked with partners to provide 2190 individual meals to young people entitled to free school meals and activities over the summer period. During the Spring of 2021 the team secured £80 fuel payments to numerous families due to the increase of fuel costs as a result of keeping children at home.

Family Fun Day – 22/10/22 – Gambian Group – Youth workers worked with the Gambian community to develop a family fun day at the Laisterdyke Centre. The aim of the project was show parents the safe space at the centre, to build relationships with the Gambian community and encourage young people to attend youth sessions at the centre. 59 people attended.

Science Festival at Laisterdyke Centre 28/10/21 in partnership with Bradford Film and Photography Museum. The aim of the event was to promote science subjects within education and to show how exciting the subjects can be. Over 300 people attended the day taking part in activities delivered by 8 providers.

Young Volunteers – Throughout the whole Covid period the centre has relied on young people actively engaged in volunteering to support our delivery and also increase our capacity. The majority of volunteering has supported our drive to support families with food. However 2 of our volunteers were also engaged with Prime Time Young leaders Network “Leading In Community Settings” accredited by Asdan. Volunteers from the youth club have taken part on this course for two years and have worked through bronze, silver and in January 2021 two young people completed their Gold Award.

Due to an outbreak of Covid in a meat manufacturing firm in Bradford, one of our volunteers produced a video in Slovakian which was then shared to alert people in the community about the outbreak as many workers from the factory were of EU origin.

## **Idle and Thackley Ward**

### **Youth Clubs and Youth Provision:**

Over the past 12 months youth sessions have primarily been street based within the Idle and Thackley Ward. Detached youth work has been focused across all areas in the ward, but especially in Idle Rec over the spring / summer period. In Idle Rec, positive activities such as Ice-Breakers, Sports as well as group-work were used as a means to engage young people and enable the development of meaningful relationships including trust and respect. Overtime, this allowed young people to feel confident in talking about issues and concerns they were experiencing such as relationships and bullying etc.

From September 2021 youth workers have supported youth sessions at the Springfield Youth Centre on Tuesdays / Thursday evening through Springfield's open access youth clubs and have worked in partnership to develop a youth café session at the centre on a Friday evening. The service also runs a youth work peer connect group from the Springfield Centre on a Wednesday evening.

### **School based Youth Sessions:**

Young people within the Idle and Thackley ward tend to go to school in Hanson, Immanuel, Salts or at Benton Park. The service has workers in most of these schools supporting young people on a one to one basis with their emotional wellbeing and supporting them to access youth work connect peer groups and youth clubs in their local area. Work is continuing to develop links with Benton Park to support young people as and when needed. Workers have supported young people through school based provision over the COVID pandemic and over lock downs – this has been through discussions with schools to identify those who are struggling and support them through garden gate visits, walk and talk sessions and care / activity packs.

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### **Youth Voice and Youth Development:**

The Youth Service has recruited a number of Young Covid Ambassadors to support young people and communities with the recovery from the Covid Pandemic. 2 of these young Covid workers have been supporting work within the Idle and Thackley area. Subhan Asif and Nafisat Islam have been working with young people to support them to share their ideas, their fears and worries about COVID and this is fed through to Public Health and the local authority to help shape the districts response to the pandemic.

### **Partnerships:**

Idle and Thackley ward. The service is delivering one partnership session a week within the Springfield Centre and is also supporting other sessions with youth support workers. The service will be aiming to develop more links with the voluntary sector over the coming months.

The Youth Service has worked alongside All-star entertainment and has supported young people to attend music based sessions to support emotional wellbeing.

**Projects:**

Step Up Project – Springfield Centre – Youth workers supported the Springfield Centre in the delivery of their transition project. Workers helped to recruit young people to the project through links with school, the local community and other professionals who referred young people to the service through YiM. Workers supported activities in the Springfield Centre, activities off site and supported with driving and sourcing a mini bus.

**Idle Rec – Sport Sessions**

Given the successful work delivered to young people at Idle Rec during 2020/21, youth workers will continue to deliver work in this area during the course of next year. During peak months, there is a lot of youth activity in the area, providing an ideal platform to engage with young people through one to one and group work activities, including sports, Duke of Edinburgh type initiatives as well as IAG.

The East Area Youth Work Team has recently been successful in a climate change funding bid, to support bike maintenance workshops across the locality. We're planning on including the Idle Rec as one of the locations in which to deliver a workshop which will be of great benefit to those cyclists who often frequent the area.

Youth workers also consulted young people about environmental concerns and provided education on behaviour change regarding litter dropping and take-away rubbish as this encourages crime, rats and it makes areas look run down, the measures given here were to encourage young people to either bin their rubbish or take it home. This was done as a means to encourage young people to take responsibility for their actions and also the environment and this supported citizenship amongst young people. supported team games and sports activities on Idle Rec.

## **East Wide – Groups that run across the East area:**

### **Youth Clubs and Youth Provision:**

Youth Service has delivered 4 East wide sessions a week over the past 12 months. This has been a mixture of online sessions via Zoom and face to face sessions. The East wide sessions are specialist groups aimed at supporting some of the most vulnerable and marginalised groups in the area.

Sound Group is aimed at LGBTQ+ young people 16+, Spectrum is aimed at LGBTQ+ young people 12 -15, Phoenix is a group for Trans young people, Shades is a group aimed at black and minority groups who identify as LGBTQ+ and R Space is a referral only emotional support group for young people who struggle with their emotional wellbeing.

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Over the past 12 months youth workers have supported vulnerable young people referred through the YiM partnership. This work increased by 100% contact during the lockdown periods to ensure young people were having contact with a professionals and were adequately supported.

### **Partnerships:**

All the LGBTQ+ youth groups are delivered in partnership with the Equity Partnership in Bradford. The Equity Partnership is a charity set up and delivered by LGBTQ+ people in Bradford and the surrounding areas. They support LGBTQ+ groups and individuals to have a say in the decisions taken by agencies, which affect the lives of LGBTQ+ people.

The partnership work aims to develop and sustain LGBTQ+ youth work, develop new areas of work addressing need and to ensure that LGBTQ+ youth have a voice and are included in issues that affect their lives

### **Youth Voice and Youth Development and Projects:**

COLOURS annual conference — young people engaged in national conference that supports BME Youth voice within LGBTQ+ community.

Trans Camp – Young people were supported to attend Trans Camp an annual event run by Gendered Intelligence in London. This is a highly sought after camp and young people are supported by the Youth Service and the Equity Partnership to get them ready to attend.

IDAHOBIT International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia – event organised by Bradford Youth Service and young people that was run district wide and run over zoom – creative arts project centred around LGBTQ+ identity.

Hate Crime Alliance consultation – Involved in improving hate crime reporting for LGBTQ+ young people and promotion of the new app for reporting hate crimes.

Bradford Pride – Young people involved in online Bradford Pride – sharing stories.

LGBTQ+ history Month – series of events run by young people.

Prom and Pride – Prom and Pride – event for LGBTQ+ young people district wide who were unable to attend prom due to COVID and/or not being able to attend pride.

Trans Day of Remembrance – Supporting Bradford Councils Trans Day of Remembrance event with young people sharing stories.

**R Space Group – Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Support for young people.**

The R Space youth group is a group that was developed with young people to help support young people who are struggling with mental health and emotional health. The group was a 'referral only' pathway and worked with young people in a peer support structure, to explore issues relating to mental health; learning new skills to help build confidence and resilience.

The R-space youth group continued to run over lockdown supporting young people both online and in COVID safe venues. Small groups ran from Culture Fusion and tackled emotional wellbeing issues young people were experiencing – heightened due to COVID lockdowns and online schooling. Individual door step visits were also provided during lockdown.

Young people worked with staff to explore coping mechanisms and provided peer support. The session ran weekly, online and in person (once restrictions had eased) in small groups, aimed at supporting the most vulnerable or at risk young people.

The group closed in October 2021 due to issues with the venue and cost. Young people were supported to access new youth provisions. The R Space model, will be developed in the new year into a 12-week programme for young people that will be delivered throughout the Bradford East constituency. The programme will be aimed at supporting the most vulnerable young people, referred to by front line workers, to help them develop new skills, knowledge and awareness and help young people take ownership of their own emotional wellbeing, learning coping strategies and developing individual support plans. The programme will be adapted to meet the needs of all communities within the East area and will aim to break down myths and stigma around mental health.