

# Report of the Strategic Director, Place to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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## **Subject:**

Youth Service Update – Bradford West.

## **Summary statement:**

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

*The report outlines the following information:*

- *An update on how the Youth Service continues to respond to increased demand and complexity of need.*
- *An update on youth provision ward by ward and key developments within Bradford West*

## **EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:**

It is recognised that young people in our most disadvantaged neighbourhoods experience a greater range of issues. In addition, young people from ‘community of interest’ groups can experience extra barriers in accessing services.

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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 West Area in 2021-22.

1.2 The report outlines the following information:

- An overview of Youth Service provision in Bradford West
- An update on how the Youth Service continues to respond to increased demand and complexity of need.
- An update on youth provision ward by ward and key developments.

## 2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Bradford West 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:

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

### 3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

#### 3.1 Youth Provision

Over the last 12 months' youth provision across all six wards of Bradford West 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 provide the correct support in alignment with the issues that are faced by young people. It has also allowed Youth workers to direct young people to access early help where needed.

In October and November 2021, 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 December and May 2022 Youth workers concentrated on engaging young people through open access youth provision and small group/targeted sessions. Through this, it allows Youth workers to supply a range of diverse support to young people whilst increasing participation and membership.

Over the summer months Youth Workers offered activities in community buildings, local parks and green spaces. In addition, Youth workers provided a range of residential, trips and local events for young people to attend. This encouraged great social interaction with a range of young people across the Bradford West constituency and across the district. Youth Workers also targeted young people making the transition between primary and secondary school and offered *Moving Up* sessions that helped build resilience. The Bradford West team is an integral part of the work of the Bradford West Localities programme.

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

Over the last 12 months Bradford West 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** – Some young people report that they feel disengaged from their community.

**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.

The Youth 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.**

Bradford West Youth Service team 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 West 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 **Schools Work**

Schools based work is delivered in partnership and on the request of secondary schools in Bradford West. Each youth worker will hold an average case load of 12 young people who they provide one to one support to over a half-term. This enables

youth workers to work with a large number of young people over the course of a school year. The impact of these early interventions helps reduce exclusions and maintain attendance whilst also reducing the demand on specialist services. The support received is unique to each individual but often focuses on emotional wellbeing, anxiety and low self-esteem.

### 3.5 **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 West has received over 400 referrals from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), School Nurses & other professionals. These referrals are allocated to Youth Workers who act as Buddies to young people, their role is to befriend them, support them using the Signs of Safety approach and navigate local support networks.

In addition, Youth Workers work closely with all secondary school in Bradford West and help identify students 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 offering interventions that promote self-care and connect them to local services that offer crisis support.

### 3.6 **A partnership approach**

The West Youth Service team 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.

### 3.7 **Trainees**

In September 2021 Bradford West welcomed 2 new Youth Work trainees to the

team. The trainees 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.

### 3.8 **Post Covid response work and Intergenerational work**

Seven young people from Bradford West were employed as Young Covid Recovery Ambassadors (YCRA). The Ambassadors undertook local Youth Work training to support them in their role integrated in to local teams. They worked alongside Youth Workers to engage young people and identify local area issues. This information was then collated and analysed for patterns and trends and then shared with Public Health Bradford. The information collected by the YCRA was integral to responding to local issue and supporting the community to recover from the Covid pandemic.

### 3.9 **West Wide Provisions**

Bradford West currently leads on the delivery of 4 area wide sessions. These sessions are for young people to attend from across Bradford West. The area wide sessions are themed to suit young people's needs, interests and increase our Youth Offer. Information regarding the West 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 2022/23. The service will continue to fill vacancies and recruit additional staff to fulfil commissioned service delivery inc: Youth in Mind, Breaking the Cycles. 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 well-being 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 West 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 West.

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

None.

## **9. OPTIONS**

- 9.1 That Bradford West Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 9.2 That Bradford West Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.
- 9.3 That Bradford West 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 West Area as detailed in this report be welcomed.

**11. APPENDICES**

- 11.1 Appendix A: Bradford West Youth Service Baseline Youth Provision
- 11.2 Appendix B: Bradford West – Youth Service Ward Updates

**12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- 12.1 Youth Service – Area committee report 2021



## Appendix A

### Bradford West Youth Service Baseline Youth Provision – 2022

| <b>MANNINGHAM WARD</b>  |             |                |           |
|---|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| For more information contact Keisha Johnson 07890538274 or <a href="mailto:Keisha.johnson@bradford.gov.uk">Keisha.johnson@bradford.gov.uk</a> |             |                |           |
| Day/Time  | Activity    | Location       | Frequency |
| Tuesday 18.00 – 21.00   | Open Access | Sharing Voices | Weekly    |
| Wednesday 17.30 – 20.30   | Open Access | MYC            | Weekly    |
| Thursday 17:00pm – 20:00pm  | Open Access | BEAP           | Weekly    |

| <b>CITY WARD</b>   |             |                  |           |
|--|-------------|------------------|-----------|
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| Day/Time   | Activity    | Location         | Frequency |
| Monday 17.00 – 20.00   | Open Access | Grange Interlink | Weekly    |
| Tuesday 17:00 – 20:00  | Girls group | Grange Interlink | Weekly    |
| Wednesday 17.00 – 20.00  | Open Access | Horton Park      | Weekly    |

| <b>CLAYTON &amp; FAIRWEATHER GREEN WARD</b>   |               |                               |           |
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| Day/Time  | Activity      | Location                      | Frequency |
| Monday 18.00 – 21.00  | Open Access   | Clayton Village Hall          | Weekly    |
| Tuesday 17.00 – 20.00   | Open Access   | Lower Grange Community Centre | Weekly    |
| Thursday 17.00 – 20.00  | Young Leaders | Lower Grange Community Centre | Weekly    |

**THORNTON & ALLERTON WARD**For more information contact Kim Parkinson 07533296879 or email [Kim.parkinson@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:Kim.parkinson@bradford.gov.uk)

| Day/Time                   | Activity       | Location                   | Frequency |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Tuesday<br>18.00 – 21.00   | Detached       | Thornton                   | Weekly    |
| Wednesday<br>18:00 – 21.00 | Open Access    | Café West, Allerton        | Weekly    |
| Friday<br>16:30 -19.30     | Sports Session | Thornton recreation centre | Weekly    |

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| Day/Time                   | Activity    | Location                    | Frequency |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Tuesday<br>18.00 – 21.00   | Girls Group | Farcliffe Centre            | Weekly    |
| Wednesday<br>18.00 – 21.00 | Open Access | Toller Youth Cafe           | Weekly    |
| Friday<br>17:00 – 20:00    | Open Access | Girlington Community Centre | Weekly    |

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| Day/Time                  | Activity    | Location                     | Frequency |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Monday 18.00 –<br>21.00   | Open Access | Frizinghall Community Centre | Weekly    |
| Thursday<br>18.00 – 21.00 | Detached    | Howarth Road and Heaton      | Weekly    |
| Friday<br>18.00 – 21.00   | Open Access | Heaton Village Hall          | Weekly    |

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| Day/Time                       | Activity       | Location                  | Frequency | Target group |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Monday<br>10:30 -15:00pm       | 1:1<br>Support | Beckfoot<br>Thornton      | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Monday<br>09:00 – 12:00pm      | 1:1<br>Support | Dixons Allerton           | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Monday 9.00am –<br>16.00pm     | 1:1<br>Support | Dixons McMillan           | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Monday<br>9.00am–15.00pm       | 1:1<br>Support | Dixons Trinity            | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Tuesday<br>09:00am – 12:00pm   | 1:1<br>Support | One in Million            | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Tuesday<br>12:00pm – 15:00pm   | 1:1<br>Support | Eden Boys                 | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Tuesday<br>10.00am–13.30pm     | 1:1<br>Support | St Bedes & St<br>Josephs  | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Tuesday<br>9.00 – 15.00pm      | 1:1<br>Support | Dixons<br>Cottingley      | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Tuesday<br>13:00pm – 16:00pm   | 1:1<br>Support | Dixons<br>Mcmillan        | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Tuesday<br>10:00am – 13:00pm   | 1:1<br>Support | SBSJ                      | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Wednesday<br>10:00am – 13:00pm | 1:1<br>Support | SBSJ                      | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Wednesday<br>09:00am – 12:00pm | 1:1<br>Support | Beckfoot Upper<br>Heaton  | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Wednesday<br>9.00am–16.00pm    | 1:1<br>Support | Dixons McMillan           | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Wednesday<br>9.00am–12.00pm    | 1:1<br>Support | Eden Boys                 | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Wednesday<br>08:30am – 15:00pm | 1:1<br>Support | Beckfoot<br>Thornton      | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Thursday<br>9.00am -12.00pm    | 1:1<br>Support | Belle Vue Girls           | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Thursday<br>10:30 – 3:00pm     | 1:1<br>Support | Beckfoot<br>Thornton      | Weekly    | YIM          |
| Thursday<br>09:00 -12:00pm     | 1:1<br>support | Bradford Girls<br>Grammer | Weekly    | YIM          |

## Bradford West Wide

| Day/Time                  | Activity              | Location        | Frequency |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Monday<br>16:00 – 19:00   | Emotions/Sound LGBTQ  | Weymouth Centre | Weekly    |
| Monday<br>17.00 – 20.00   | ASD Youth Shine       | Media Museum    | Weekly    |
| Thursday<br>18.00 – 21.00 | Inclusion - Star Club | Culture Fusion  | Weekly    |

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|-------------------------|----------|----------------------|--------|
| Friday<br>17.00 – 20.00 | Emotions | Faith based settings | Weekly |
|-------------------------|----------|----------------------|--------|

The Bradford West Wide provisions have been developed across the area in response to the needs and issues raised by young people. These provisions include small group sessions, targeted groups supporting young people around LGBTQ+, wellbeing and resilience support sessions, provisions to support young people with additional needs and youth voice focussed sessions.

## Appendix B

### Bradford West – Youth Service Ward Updates:

#### Manningham Ward

Youth work in Manningham has gone from strength to strength with the securing of the new indoor facilities in partnership with BEAP. This was a direct response from detached work that was taking place in response to ASB in the area. Young people in this area have regularly commented on a need for an indoor sports facility that is within their community. This in turn has increased the numbers of young people participating in Youth Voice opportunities. Youth voice has been instrumental in securing and establishing this provision and a great working relationship with BEAP

Throughout the summer holidays a large range of fun activities have taken place. Young people have been on trips to Blackpool pleasure beach, Flamingo land, Laser zone and many more, which were all a huge success. This in turn has increased the numbers of young people participating in Youth Voice opportunities. Overall summer has been great with fantastic results and positive feedback from many of the young people and their families and we are looking forward to the next 12 weeks.

Youth workers in Manningham have continued to develop a strong partnership with local mosques based in Manningham. Weekly faith groups are run from Hanfia Mosque, particularly focusing on improving emotional wellbeing & physical health. Great partnership work is displayed with Hanfia staff providing great support to our youth workers, and is an example of excellent collaborative working for all.

Weekly open access sessions at Manningham Youth Centre are developing each week, with great attendance from young people, including specific intervention sessions such as drug awareness, sexual & physical health to address the needs of vulnerable young people. Youth workers have also supported Manningham Youth Centre with their 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration; this showcased a historical strong partnership that has provided an immense amount of support for young people

## **Heaton Ward**

Open Access youth provision continues in Frizinghall which is currently accessed predominantly by boys from the local area. Throughout the year Youth workers have utilised various methods to aid and support young people's engagement. We have delivered an action packed summer programme offering opportunities for young people to engage in issue based workshops, activities that promote life skills and fun and engaging trips out. Young people's participation has increased throughout the year and they are now taking a lead on shaping service delivery. They have planned a programme from October to December 2022, focusing on a wide range of issues that impact their lives. We are in the process of meeting with Frizinghall Community Centre trustees to discuss future projects to promote community cohesion, allowing young people to make positive contributions to their community.

Through consultation with Partners and the Community, we have identified that there is a need for targeted youth provision for girls in the Frizinghall area. We are currently working with partners to identify a space and generate income to establish this.

We continue with detached work in the Haworth Road area to engage with young people not accessing our youth provisions. We have focused on Hotspot areas, engaging and working in partnership with PCSO's, Home Group, the neighbourhood team & Wardens, and Safer Bradford. We have been supporting Bradford Golf Course in partnership with the police to decrease and challenge anti-social behaviour from young people. We have also been working with JU:MP to promote physical activities in the Haworth Road area during the summer.

We have been working closely with Stakeholders and Partners to identify a suitable space for Centre based youth provision in the Haworth Road area. We currently have 3 offers and are hoping to have established Centre based provision in the Haworth Road area by January 2023.

We have delivered a fantastic summer programme, bringing young people from the Heaton Ward together to participate in the Moving up project which focused on transition from primary school to Secondary school.

Youth workers also provide a weekly open access session at Heaton Village hall. This session produces consistent members and has a direct focus on specific interventions aligning with young peoples needs. Outreach work has also been implemented to promote provision and build positive relationships with families.

## **City Ward**

Through targeted work, a partnership with the community organisation Grange Interlink has been established. One of the provisions creates space for young females within the community and through this group we have directly engaged with over 100 girls who have taken part in numerous sporting activities, specific discussions around healthy active lifestyles and support with positive wellbeing. Within Grange interlink the open access session provides a safe space promoting information, advice & guidance, whilst promoting physical health. This session showcases great youth voice work, particularly focusing on 2 youth consultation groups, who have taken a lead in planning numerous activities within their community.

Targeted detached work has proved extremely beneficial to the surrounding areas of Khidmat centre, Spencer fields, Grange Interlink fields & Horton Park. Young people voiced their need for an indoor centre to play a range of sports that also is inclusive for everyone to attend. Working with the community a new group was created, a multi-sports open access session where we have an average of 30-40 young people attending each session.

Open access sessions continue to run from Horton Park Hub where we focus on engaging the young people in issue based work and educative programmes to enhance their personal and social development. Focusing on the particular ASB issues that have developed within Horton park, Youth workers have developed a strong relationship with the young people and partners within this community.

Throughout the summer, Youth workers have incorporated the voice of young people and displayed a range of sporting activities located on Spencer fields. Young people led a 6-week football tournament, engaging more than 60+ young people. This strengthened the community partnership alongside youth workers and young people. It also highlighted the great leadership and pride that was taken by community partners, parents, young people and youth workers, within their area.

## **Toller Ward**

In Toller Ward we have developed some great partnership work and through this we have been able to have a girl's provision at Farcliffe Children's Centre also known as the West Family hub. So far this has been a success and the numbers continue to increase as the weeks progress. We work closely with professionals such as Early Help, Social workers and many others who are based at the West Family Hub.

Weekly open access provision taking place at Toller Youth cafe with young people engaging positively, the sessions are focussed around a wide range of issues impacting the lives of the young people. The youth workers are utilising a variety of methods to aid and support young people's engagement. We have recently installed a new Music Studio at Toller Youth Café. This will enhance our work and enable more young people to benefit from.

Weekly open access provision at Gurlington Community Centre takes place focusing on boxercise which contributes towards young people's physical health. We do regular detached work focusing on hot spots in the area and aim towards reaching out to young people who have not yet attended any of our provisions. By doing this we are able to respond to any issues highlighted by our partners and it also gives us an insight as to what is taking place within the community.

We are working closely with Businesses in the area and Faith Organisations. Collaborative work is one of our strengths, this is very important to us as we all have a duty of care towards young people and working closely helps us reach our goal. We have managed to establish strong links with the Schools in the area proving to be very effective.



## **Clayton & Fairweather Green Ward**

Due to a successful HAF bid in partnership with Lower Grange Community centre we were able to provide over 800 young people with additional opportunities over the summer period. In addition to the standard youth work sessions young people were able to participate in various positive activities and residential experiences that supported their development and learning.

Throughout summer we delivered the Moving up Transition programme in Lower Grange for young people who wanted to build resilience, make friends and increase their confidence around attending upper school. This was in response to the Localities survey feedback that a more positive school experience and help with mental health are a priority to the young people in our ward. September has seen the launch of the new open access sessions where new members attended the launch to sign up to the provision. This is now running on Tuesdays at Lower Grange Community Centre.

Clayton open access now has 42 members regularly attending and engaging positively. The sessions are focussed around a wide range of issues impacting the lives of the young people and the youth workers are utilising a variety of methods to aid and support young people's engagement. Voice and Influence work has also continued in the ward through the Lower Grange Young Leaders weekly sessions, creating a safe space for young people to increase participation and empowerment through youth led initiatives.

In response to increased ASB in the area staff have incorporated safety on building sites and fire work consequences into their youth work sessions. Youth workers will be increasing detached over bonfire period in the area encouraging young people to keep safe. The staff team have also arranged for the fire service to visit the group and made referrals to breaking the cycle for youth club members who will benefit for more specialist one to one support around reducing their risk of becoming involved in ASB and crime.

## **Thornton & Allerton Ward**

Allerton & Thornton Ward have been working closely with Partners throughout the year to deliver quality Youth Work Provision. We worked with Mary Seacole and Café West to bring the Older and Younger generations together and support the transition out of the Pandemic. They took part in activities such as arts and crafts, storytelling, afternoon tea's and trips out to York Christmas Markets and Garden Centres.

In January 2022 we opened Allerton Emotions group at the Weymouth Centre. This is a weekly Targeted session that supports young people struggling with mental health. This was in response to the growing need due to the impact of the Covid Pandemic on Young People's mental health. The session provides a safe space for young people to engage in activities that promote positive self-esteem, meet new friends and seek support with their emotional wellbeing. Young people have expressed their mental health has improved and have learnt a wide range of techniques to help them in the future.

The Emotions group are working in partnership with Blurred Vision productions, LADS West Yorkshire, Victim Support and SafeLives to create a short film around domestic abuse with a focus on BME Girls. They hope to start filming in a few months' time. They have been working in partnership with Weymouth centre, SDCA, Ward Officers and clean team volunteering, engaging in the big clean up, painting the Community Centre, fence panels and benches in the back garden.

This Summer we have established Allerton Open Access Youth provision in partnership with Café West. We already have over 20 new members attending the session weekly, taking part in a variety of activities and issue based workshops.

We have been delivering detached and outreach work across the Ward throughout the year. Some of this has been in response to local ASB issues where we have worked in partnership with the fire service, police and wardens to have additional presence in Hotspot areas. We have delivered detached sessions throughout the summer in Thornton including, sports day events, cooking sessions in the park and sports and music sessions in local green spaces. We are currently working with a number of organisations to identify a space for Centre based provision in the Thornton area.

We have our weekly diversionary football session at Thornton Recreation Astro turf, promoting physical activities for young people. Over the Summer period we had regular visits from the fire service and the local PCSO's engaging in football and cricket with the young people to help them build a relationship and break down barriers.