



# Report of the Strategic Director, Place to the meeting of the Keighley Area Committee to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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## Subject:

Youth Service Update – Keighley

## Summary statement:

This report gives an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Keighley constituency in the past 12 months 2022/23.

Appendix A – Baseline Provision details the current provisions being delivered within the wards in Keighley.

Appendix B – Keighley Youth Service – Youth Service Ward Updates and key developments

Appendix C - The Keighley Vibe gives an overview of the 16 – 24 work and developments.

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## Overview & Scrutiny Area:

**Children's Services**

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report gives an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Keighley constituency in 2022/23.

The report outlines the following information:

- An overview of Youth Service provision in Keighley
- An update on how the Youth Service continues to respond to increased demand and complexity of need.
- An update on the youth offer and key developments in youth voice.

## 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 The Youth Service is managed within a localities model as part of Neighbourhood and Customer Services. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 the Breaking the Cycle Youth Work Team became part of Bradford Children and Families Trust.

## 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 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 respond to issues faced by young people and provide access to early help.

### 3.2 ASB & Bonfire Period

In October and November 2022, significant Youth Service resources were 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 and delivered an intensive few weeks of detached youth work on the run up to Bonfire Night. This work had positive outcomes in the Keighley constituency which suffered very few fireworks related issues. The Police Inspector for the Constituency thanked all staff involved as well as community leaders / mediators and other council teams.

Throughout the past 12 months, youth workers have focused on balancing the needs of young people through open access youth provision and small group work / nurture group sessions. This approach enables youth workers to offer a menu of support to young people whilst increasing membership and participation.

Throughout the summer months, youth workers have offered a range of activities in local parks that encouraged young people to respect green spaces and the members of the community. In addition, we have targeted young people making the transition between primary and secondary school and offered '*Moving Up*' sessions that help build resilience, these programmes were supported by funds via HAF, Ilkley Youth and Community Association, Bangladeshi Community Association and The Keighley Youth Co-op LTD.

### 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** – some young people report that they have experienced domestic abuse within their family units.

**Educational Anxiety** – some young people report that they do not enjoy school and struggle to engage.

**Isolation** – some young people report that they feel disconnected from their community.

**Self-Harm** – some young people report that they have used self-harm to cope with personal experiences.

The Youth Service has remained focused on meeting demand and delivered the following support through local youth provision:

**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 access local support networks. This work helps address complex issues such as; Domestic Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation and Family Breakdown.

**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 around issues that are important to them. Many of these sessions have a central activity that helps young people to engage and build trust.

**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.

**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. The Youth Service in Keighley 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.

### 3.4 **Youth Work 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.

Throughout 2022, the Youth Service in Keighley received 395 referrals from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), School Nurses and a range of other professionals from early help. These referrals are allocated to Youth Workers who act as buddies to young people, their role is to befriend them, support them using an early help approach and navigate local support networks. Youth workers work on a one to one or groupwork basis with young people that have been referred to increase their confidence and resilience.

In addition, youth workers work closely with all the secondary schools and Keighley College to help identify students who need support for their health and well-being. Youth Workers support these additional young people in school on a weekly basis, delivering 1:1 work and drop-ins, developing young people's confidence, self-belief, and resilience. The impact of these early interventions helps reduce exclusions and maintain attendance whilst also reducing the demand on specialist services. The support delivered is unique to each individual but often focuses on emotional well-being, anxiety, and low self-esteem. The impact of this '*school-based support*' has seen the growth of '*community based*' peer support groups across the constituency. These groups offer young people the opportunity to share the 'self-care skills' that they have learnt with others.

### 3.5 **A Partnership approach**

The Youth Service is supported by a wide range of partners in each community. This enables us to understand the needs of the community and help build capacity to deliver bespoke projects. Using a strengths-based approach to build stronger

relationships within communities and increase participation, action, and ownership on local neighbourhood issues.

The Keighley Youth Offer Group has continued to develop and has meet regularly over the last year. This has meant working closely with other organisations running youth provisions across the Keighley area. This year, we have strived to develop a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of the 'HAF' Holiday Activities Funding to ensure that we have delivered a programme in each of the wards. We have continued embedding our 'Keighley Youth Voice Strategy and a youth conference was delivery with the attendance of young people from across the 6 wards. We have a strong youth ambassadors' group who meet regularly to consider and challenge workers to see if the different elements will all link to ensure that needs of young people across the constituency are considered.

Within each ward Youth Workers work alongside Ward Officers and the ward partnership meetings to map strengths, issues and support community and young people to develop responses. This approach has been effective in addressing anti-social behaviour in several areas where youth workers, ward officers and police officers have worked together to identify hot spots and develop strategies to address these behaviours.

Mapping and understanding the root causes of local issues provides an opportunity to plan and develop appropriate responses that local communities and partners are supported to lead on. This enables funding to be secured and additional resources to be invested. For example, the Oakworth youth project.

### **3.6 Future Workforce**

In September 2022 Keighley welcomed a new Youth Work Trainees to the team. The trainees were placed with the team with the view to supporting the development of Youth Voice initiatives that ensure young people have a greater role in shaping service delivery. The trainees also helped identify gaps in provision and develop new projects that respond to the needs of young people.

From September 2023, the team will support a Youth Worker Apprentice to complete a degree in Youth Work. The apprentice will hold several key responsibilities within the team supporting the development of SEND Youth Voice initiatives that ensure young people have a greater role in shaping service delivery. They will also help identify gaps in provision and develop new projects that respond to the needs of young people.

### **3.6 Keighley Wide Provision**

The Keighley Youth work team currently delivers five area wide sessions per week. These projects are themed to suit young people's needs, interests and increase our youth offer. For example, the SEND and LGBTQ+ young people. Young people are encouraged to attend from across the Keighley constituency.

## **The Keighley Youth Vibe**

The Advanced Practitioner has been working closely in partnership with DWP, Bradford and Keighley Colleges, local business, and other specialised partners to deliver employment and training opportunities in an accessible way to enable successful outcomes. From January – September 2023 we have had over 272 young adults (16-24) visiting the centre. All sessions have access to information, advice and guidance which is delivered to/ with and by 16–24-year-olds focusing on Advice, Advocacy, Action. A total of 1510 interviews have been attended by young adults a total of 56 drop ins have been delivered and a total of 76 young adults have started new jobs.

Information regarding the Keighley provisions can be found in both Appendix A and Appendix B

### **3.7 District Wide Youth Work**

The youth work practitioners from the Keighley youth work team continues to work closely with Bradford Children and Families Trust. From April 2023 we have retained a strong commitment to ensuring seamless services for young people in the area.

The work of the District Youth Service includes the Breaking the Cycle project who specialise in providing intensive support to young people who are at risk or who are being criminally exploited. This work includes those identified as being linked to Organised Crime Groups, Urban Street Gangs and those who have higher than yellow ASB sanctions.

Breaking the Cycle have worked with 1787 young people in the 4 years this piece of work has been running – it has continued to receive high numbers of referrals (86%) for young men, the project has also seen an increase in referrals for girls and young women over the last 12 months, rising from 8% to 14%.

We continue to have the highest percentage of referrals for children who are being exploited or who are exploiting others or both. This equates to 64% of the referrals received. 37% of those referrals also have indicators for weapons, 46% have indicators for using, supplying or possessing drugs.

The work with these young people is intense and can often be at a point of crisis, but the team continue to support and develop work ahead of the crisis work to provide interventions before a problem escalates. This sees youth work practitioners working in A&E at BRI, Huddersfield and Calderdale hospitals 7 days a week, 4pm to midnight. Working with children and young people who present with sharp instrument injuries, those whose stories do not match the injury presented and those with issues indicative of substance misuse/ overdose and mental health crisis. The team provide an onward support package to each young person with an aim of stepping down the intense support into other locality-based services who are then able to provide onward support.

District Youth Services have over the last 12 months developed the Youth Work

Academy – this has seen 11 youth rights trainees working with the service on the agenda of youth voice and children’s rights. They have almost completed their traineeships and a high number of them have acquired Level 2 and 3 in youth work and have gone on / have secured future employment for when the traineeships end in September. This team has led the serious violence consultation for the district to ensure the voices of young people are strong as stakeholders in the new serious violence duty which is imposed on the authority and a number of other strategic partners.

District Youth Services continue to provide training for a number of other agencies, coordinated through the Bradford Safeguarding Partnership. The team have delivered training around County Lines and weapons to help other practitioners become more aware of the early indicators of serious violence.

The district teams have continued their work with new migrant families and with children as part of the Afghan Resettlement Programme, working in collaboration with a wider multiagency team of practitioners supporting our new communities with resettlement into the UK.

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

- 4.1 The Youth Service base budget remained unchanged for 2022/23. The service has filled vacancies and recruited additional staff to fulfil commissioned service delivery including Youth in Mind, Breaking the Cycles 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.
- 4.2 The District Youth Service Team is funded through a combination of Council budget (Children’s Services & Public Health) external grants (Violence Reduction Unit) and ‘fee earning’ externally commissioned services (Health).

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

- 5.1 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**

- 6.1 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 TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY IMPLICATIONS**

Climate emergency implications are taken into consideration in the buildings review.

## **7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

Young people from across the Keighley constituency 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 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 appendices A and B outline the Youth Service projects and activities delivered across the Keighley Constituency.

### **7.8.1 AREA COMMITTEE LOCALITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

The work outlined in this report addresses a number of the priorities for young people that are contained in the Keighley Locality Plan 2022 - 2025.



## **7.9 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

The contents of this report have implications for children and young people across all wards.

## **7.10 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT**

No issues arising.

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

None

## **9. OPTIONS**

- 9.1 That Keighley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 9.2 That the Keighley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.
- 9.3 That the Keighley Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 The work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Keighley constituency as detailed in this report be welcomed.
- 10.2 The Area Committee requests the area coordinator and advanced practitioner to explore how councillors could hear the voices of young people more effectively, both as an area committee and as ward councillors.
- 10.3 The Area Committee requests the advanced practitioner to invite the Keighley Youth Offer Group to present a report to the area committee outlining the youth voice developmental framework and their current priorities for young people.
- 10.4 The Area Committee requests the advanced practitioner to organise training for councillors around youth voice and influence and then invite councillors to meet annually with young people to assess the impact and outcomes of this work.
- 10.5 The Area Committee requests the area coordinator and advanced practitioner to involve young people in the discussion of grant funding that is administered by the Area Co-ordinator's Office and is allocated to activities intended for the benefit of young people, for example, Community Chest grants.

## **11. APPENDICES**

- 11.1 Appendix A: Keighley Youth Service Baseline Youth Provision
- 11.2 Appendix B: Keighley Youth Service – Youth Service Ward Updates and key developments
- 11.3 Appendix C: The Keighley Vibe gives an overview of the 16 – 24 work and developments.

## 12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

## Appendix A



**Keighley Youth Work Team**  
**Baseline Youth Provision - 2023**

<b>KEIGHLEY CENTRAL WARD</b>			
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<b>Day/Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Monday 6-8pm	Targeted Group	KYPC Centre	Weekly
Tuesday 3-5pm	Detached	Keighley Town Centre	Weekly
Tuesday 4-6pm	Community work	Devonshire Park	Weekly
Tuesday 6-9pm	Youth Club	Sangat Centre	Weekly
Thursday 3-5pm	Detached	Keighley Town Centre	Weekly
Thursday 6.45pm -8.45pm	Youth Club	Bangladeshi Community Association	Weekly
Saturday 12-3pm	Youth Project Girls	Bangladeshi Community Association	Weekly
Saturday 2p.m.- 4p.m.	Detached	Keighley Town Centre	Weekly
<b>KEIGHLEY WEST WARD</b>			
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<b>Day/Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Tuesday 3.30-5.30pm	Youth Club	The Good Shepard	Weekly
Wednesday 6-8pm	Sports Activities	Oak Bank Recreation Centre	Weekly
Wednesday 6-9pm	Youth Club	Rainbow Centre	Weekly
Friday 6-9pm	Detached	Street Work	Weekly

<b>KEIGHLEY EAST WARD</b>			
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Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Wednesday 12-2pm	Drop in Session	Keighley College	Weekly
Wednesday 6-9pm	Detached	Street Work	Weekly
Thursday 6.15 -8.45pm	Youth Club	KYPC	Weekly
<b>WORTH VALLEY WARD</b>			
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Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Wednesday 6.00-8pm	Detached	Street Work	Weekly
Thursday 5-7pm	Project Work	Oakworth	Weekly
Friday 6.00-9pm	Youth Club	Oxenhope Community Centre	Weekly
<b>ILKLEY WARD</b>			
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Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Monday 3.30-5.30pm	Targeted Group	The Warehouse	Weekly
Monday 6.00-8pm	Targeted Group	The Warehouse	Weekly
Wednesday 5.45pm -8.15pm	Youth Club	The Warehouse	Weekly
Wednesday 5-7pm	Project Work	The Warehouse	Weekly

<b>CRAVEN WARD</b>			
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<b>Day/Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
<b>Monday 5-7pm</b>	<b>Youth Club</b>	<b>The Hive</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Thursday 6.00-8.30pm</b>	<b>Youth Club</b>	<b>The Hive</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Friday 7-8pm</b>	<b>Detached</b>	<b>Outreach</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Keighley Constituency Wide</b>			
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<b>Day/Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
<b>Monday 5-7pm</b>	<b>Young Ambassadors Project</b>	<b>Keighley Town Hall</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm</b>	<b>Peer Support Session</b>	<b>KYPC</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Wednesday 4.30 -6.30pm</b>	<b>Targeted Group</b>	<b>KYPC</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Wednesday 7-9pm</b>	<b>Targeted Group</b>	<b>Keighley Leisure Centre</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Friday 4.30-6.30pm</b>	<b>Peer Support Session</b>	<b>KYPC</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Saturday 10am-1pm</b>	<b>Targeted Group</b>	<b>KYPC</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
<b>Saturday 1.30pm -4pm</b>	<b>Targeted Youth Club</b>	<b>KYPC</b>	<b>Weekly</b>

SCHOOLS WORK				
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No. of Days	Activity	Academy	Frequency	Target group
1	1:1 Support / Drop In	Beckfoot Oak Bank	Weekly	Health and Well Being
1	1:1 Support / Drop In	Ilkley Grammar	Weekly	Health and Well Being
1	1:1 Support / Group Work	Carlton Keighley	Weekly	Health and Well Being
1	1:1 Support / Drop In	Keighley College	Weekly	Health and Well Being
1	1:1 Support / Drop In	South Craven	Weekly	Health and Well Being
1	1:1 Support	Holy Family	Various	Health and Well Being

The above table provides an overview of the work that is delivered in secondary schools in Keighley Constituency. Each youth worker works with a case load of young people who they provide one to one support to over a half-term. This enables youth workers to work with many 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 well-being, anxiety, and low self-esteem.

The impact of this '*school-based support*' has been the growth of '*community based*' peer support groups across the constituency. These groups offer young people the opportunity to share the 'self-care skills' that they have learnt with others. We commonly refer to these groups as 'Connect Peer Support' groups.

## Youth Service – Keighley

### Keighley Central

- The Youth Work team remains focused on developing partnerships that support early intervention and prevention. These partnerships help young people to feel less isolated, more connected with their community and engaged in local youth provision.
- The Youth Work team have identified and targeted support at 55 (4.4%) young people via outreach and detached youth work. These sessions have allowed Youth Workers to build trust and engage young people in opportunities that reduce anti-social behaviour and risk-taking behaviour. This work is further supported by the development of the 'Keighley Together' Community Safety Partnership.
- The Youth Service has a strong working partnership with Holy Family and Carlton Keighley. Over the last year students have been supported to improve their well-being, attendance, and participation in community-based support.
- Over the summer the youth work team have identified and supported 80 individuals to feel more confident about starting secondary school and have delivered the 'moving up' project involving several primary schools.
- The Youth Service works in partnership with James, Sangat, BCA and young people to co-produce targeted weekly youth work sessions that seeks to reduce ASB and improve local participation. The young people have benefited from a range of activities and issue-based workshops, seen plays exploring the topics of domestic abuse and healthy relationships and knife crime, most recently undertaking a build a bike project where the young people learn how to build and maintain a bike and take the bike away with them at the end of the programme.
- Youth Workers have help build capacity of volunteers to support the ongoing need for interventions around health and well-being. The project is now supporting the developments in Devonshire Park via the strengths of the relationships that it has built with the local community.

### Keighley West

The Youth Work team remains focused on developing partnerships that support early intervention and prevention. These partnerships help young people to feel less isolated, more connected with their community and engaged in local youth provision.

- The Youth Work team have identified and targeted support at 58 (5%) young people via outreach and detached youth work. These sessions have allowed Youth



Workers to build trust and engage young people in opportunities that reduce anti-social behaviour and risk-taking behaviour.

- The Youth Service has a strong working partnership with Beckfoot Oakbank. Over the last year students have been supported to improve their well-being, attendance, and participation in community-based support. Sessions take place on a weekly in partnership with Bradford City Football Club. These sessions are well attended and have offered opportunities to develop good relationships with the community centre and the local community. Over the summer of 2023, young people have enjoyed sports sessions in the park, various arts and crafts including pottery painting, a trip to Flamingo Land and a football orb session. Youth workers continue to undertake detached youth work and work around the skate park on a regular basis and in line with local need.
- Youth Workers have help build capacity and support the ongoing need for interventions around health and well-being. The project is now supporting the development of the Holme Wood community safety partnership via the strengths of the relationships that it has built with the local community.

### **Keighley East**

- The Youth Work team remains focused on developing partnerships that support early intervention and prevention. These partnerships help young people to feel less isolated, more connected with their community and engaged in local youth provision.
- The Youth Work team have identified and targeted support at 99 (7.4%) young people via outreach and detached youth work. These sessions have allowed Youth Workers to build trust and engage young people in opportunities that reduce anti-social behaviour and risk-taking behaviour.
- The Youth Service has a strong working partnership with Keighley College. Over the last year students have been supported to improve their well-being, attendance, and participation in community-based support.
- Over the summer the youth work team have identified and supported several individuals to feel more confident about starting secondary school. In addition we have support local consultation involving Big Local, local parents and young people around the Parkwood and Long Lee area's.
- The Youth Service is hoping to work in partnership to co-produce targeted weekly youth work sessions that seeks to reduce ASB and improve local participation.
- Youth Workers have help build capacity and support the ongoing need for interventions around health and well-being.

Youth workers have maintained relationships with several vulnerable young people through door knocking, home visits and detached youth work. Youth workers have built a strong relationship. Holiday activities have been delivered along with a home visit to a number of vulnerable young people and families.

Through detached youth work, we have begun to develop stronger relationships with several local businesses who now feel able to contact us should the need arise.

### **Ilkley**

- The Youth Work team remains focused on developing partnerships that support early intervention and prevention. These partnerships help young people to feel less isolated, more connected with their community and engaged in local youth provision.
- The Youth Work team have identified and targeted support at 99 (7.4%) young people via outreach and detached youth work. These sessions have allowed Youth Workers to build trust and engage young people in opportunities that reduce anti-social behaviour and risk-taking behaviour.
- The Youth Service has a strong working partnership with both Ilkley Grammar school and the local community. Over the last year students have been supported to improve their well-being, attendance and participation in community-based support.
- Over the summer the youth work team have identified and supported several individuals to feel more confident about starting secondary school.
- The Youth Service works in partnership the two churches youth workers from Christ church and all Saints to co-produce targeted weekly youth work sessions that seeks to improve local participation.
- Youth Workers have help build capacity to support the ongoing need for interventions around health and well-being.

### **Craven**

- The Youth Work team remains focused on developing partnerships that support early intervention and prevention. These partnerships help young people to feel less isolated, more connected with their community and engaged in local youth provision.
- The Youth Work team have identified and targeted support at 17 (1.4%) young people via outreach and detached youth work. These sessions have allowed Youth Workers to build trust and engage young people in opportunities that reduce anti-social behaviour and risk-taking behaviour. This work is further supported by the development of The Craven Youth Offer Group.

- The Youth Service has a strong working partnership South Craven school. Over the last year students have been supported to improve their well-being, attendance and participation in community-based support.
- Over the summer the youth work team have identified and supported several individuals to feel more confident about starting secondary school.
- The Youth Service works in partnership with the Hive to promote youth work sessions that seeks to improve local participation.

### **Worth Valley**

- The Youth Work team remains focused on developing partnerships that support early intervention and prevention. These partnerships help young people to feel less isolated, more connected with their community and engaged in local youth provision.
- The Youth Work team have identified and targeted support at 31 (2.3%) young people via outreach and detached youth work. These sessions have allowed Youth Workers to build trust and engage young people in opportunities that reduce anti-social behaviour and risk-taking behaviour.
- The Youth Service has a strong working partnership with Beckfoot Oakbank over the last year students have been supported to improve their well-being, attendance and participation in community-based support.
- Over the summer the youth work team have identified and supported several individuals to feel more confident about starting secondary school.
- The Youth Service works to identify partnerships that can begin to co-produce targeted weekly youth work sessions that seek to reduce ASB and improve local participation. An example of this can be seen in the development of the Oakwork youth project. Where in partnership with young people with parents, ward and town councillors and volunteers are working together to establish a new provision,
- Youth workers continue to undertake detached youth work and work around the parks on a regular basis and in line with local need.

### **Bradford 25**

As Bradford25 approaches, youth workers are busy developing their artistic skills and the Keighley youth work team attended a Professional Development event for over 100 youth workers in February 2023. A wide range of artists were invited to the event and youth workers participated in a range of workshops including music, drama, photography, video, and dance. The aim of the professional development event was to show how the arts can be used to explore issues of importance to young people. The event was attended by Shanaz Gulzar from Bradford25 who gave a keynote speech. Matthew Jay-Pratt, the Artistic Director of Yorkshire Academy of Creative Arts and Dance. Matthew is an ex-user of the Youth Service and spoke about how his youth worker helped him to turn his life around and inspired him to follow his dreams. The Youth workers show cased their work at the end of the session and had covered issues as diverse as LGBTQ+, bullying and Andrew Tate! The feedback from the event has been included below. The difference

between how youth workers felt before working with the artists and after is noticeable and shows how the arts can be used to inspire and create confidence as well as to explore current issues.

In the Keighley, we have engaged with Keighley Creative, the LEAP and the Heritage Parks Officer who are currently delivering various forms of arts to young people across the constituency including arts and crafts and music. We are hoping to develop this further over coming months to encourage young people to engage with the arts and culture to ensure that they get the best out of Bradford25.

## Keighley Vibe Hub

We have had **13** of our young customers (18-24) start work since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 that attend Keighley Vibe Youth Hub. A couple of good news stories explaining some of the support that has been on offer have been highlighted below:

### Good news story: Holly

Holly has been claiming Universal Credit since January 2022. She was referred to the Youth Hub 5 months ago. She attended with very low confidence after being made redundant in December 2021. Work took place with her to help to build her confidence up. This involved her attending the jobs' club and supporting her with good quality applications and job interview preparation.

She was referred to the wellbeing café (Bradford College) where she got involved in shopping with the tutor, cooking and then serving food to the work coaches and youth workers. This built her confidence up and she felt ready for work.

We spoke about the different swaps on offer and a referral was made for an ambulance health care worker. She enjoyed the training and had a job interview which went well. She has now been offered a job.

She attended in September and told us the good news and thanked us for all the support she had received from the Keighley Vibe - youth hub.

### Good news story: Finlay

Finlay has been claiming UC since September 2022. Finlay needed additional support with her job searching and was referred to the Youth Hub to gain additional support with applications, including civil service competencies, interview techniques, and support with providing feedback on applications. Finlay has been successful in obtaining a role with Home Office as an AO which she has accepted and submitted her pre-employment checks. She has also provided some feedback regarding the support she has received:

***“The youth hub has been great with helping me find a job. Not only do they provide a 1-to-1 service to help you find a job suited for you, but they help you through CV writing and applications that you may not be confident completing alone. I have mainly focused on applying for civil service jobs and have recently been offered a job at the home office. The youth hub was a big help getting me to where I am now”.***