

CYO update of ring fenced grants

The LYN request to earmark positive activities funding for Bemerton Heath and the Friary as a result of the child poverty data was agreed at the Area Board meeting on 12th November 2015. The rationale behind the request was to ensure resources could be targeted to the wards that were showing 12-20% indicators of child poverty.

The approach taken in each ward has been different and determined by the number of organisations actively engaging in those communities and whether there is a school located within the community.

The Friary

Funding to the Friary has been devolved to the AOG church to provide a programme of positive activities for young people.

The CYO is in regular consultation with this group as there are several young people who are defined as CIN [child in need] so the approach taken is to support the church who have already established relationships with young people and their families. The young people living in and around the Friary have been able provide feedback through the drop-in sessions and also through the Salisbury Positive Activities survey distributed via their schools.

The church employs a part-time youth worker, Scott Ashburn, but it has not had the financial resources to provide trips, activities and or events to enhance the programme on offer. They have recruited two volunteers, Alba and Andrew, to work with 13-19 year olds in the drop-in. This, in turn, has helped to build up the social capital, or skill set, within the local community. And through this, pro vision will become more sustainable.

In addition, they have set up a junior group and have staffed this with a young volunteer from the senior group as well as an additional volunteer.

The volunteers have attended the 'Learn to Lead workshop' which was part of the Our Place Programme. The organisation has also accepted a license from Wiltshire Council to be part of the Run A Club scheme which records attendance as well as outcomes for their members. It also allows the organisation to remain up to date with changes in policies and procedures.

The funding to date has paid for a Christmas meal [£99.04] weekly refreshments [£39-37] and a Christmas ice skating trip [£128.00]. The young people are looking forward to Easter activities and an outdoor education programme from April onwards with Wiltshire Outdoor Learning, which will continue throughout the summer. This will include four activity days – canoeing and climbing, abseiling, camp craft and a trip to Monkey world. The cost of the WOLT programme is to be confirmed and the estimate is £2,000. This is based on figures last year for one outdoor activity day at GUL which cost £495- 05.

Bemerton Heath

The funding for PAYP on Bemerton Heath has required an approach that has involved the CYO working with the school and key partner organisations to ensure there is no duplication in the offer. We also needed to ensure that we were able to capture the views of young people effectively.

A new survey was designed for young people at Sarum Academy and there were 104 responses – Football, Arts and Crafts and the GYM were the top three choices. In addition, a consultation event was held at the BHNC with other stakeholders present and 26 young people attended this. Stakeholders attending included SPLASH, Rise61 , City Council and Sports Development. They were all able to promote their own current offer and to hear the views of young people directly.

Given that football is already provided by two of these organisations, it was agreed that the best way forward was to set up an arts and crafts hub which could also promote a range of other activities including cookery .The lead organisation would be Rise 61 supported by City Council. The CYO will work with Robin Innes from Rise 61 to look at the costings of the activities including the expenditure for bringing in additional, specialist expertise.

Wellbeing gym

The wellbeing gym for 50 young people proposed by the LYN and agreed by the Area Board has commenced . It is a targeted project for young people who are facing barriers to their participation in positive activities. The challenges faced may be due to mental health issues, being NEET or at risk from becoming

NEET, and other risk factors including youth offending as well as general health issues.

The project is by referral only and the wellbeing gym staff provide a comprehensive induction on the first visit .

The junior gym

The junior gym also proposed by the LYN and ratified by the Area Board is for 12-17 year olds and starts on Wednesday 20th April from 3-30 to 4-15. It is a universal offer open to 100 young people within the Salisbury Area .

It will be promoted by the LYN young members via social media and through the schools .

The CYO has been in contact with Winchester University media students to develop a poster that would appeal to young people.