

Positive Activities Overview for Devizes Local Youth Network

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This document is in a *draft* format as certain information is needed to be gathered over the coming weeks/months that will inform and direct the positive activities for young people that need to take place in this area. This is a working document and will change, depending on the analysis of data from a needs analysis.

1. Vision Statement:

Devizes Local Youth Network's Vision for young people in the Devizes Community Area.

2. Key Outcomes:

We want to achieve the following outcomes for young people in Devizes:

- Improve young people's well-being
- Develop new provision to meet young people's needs
- Develop the breadth of opportunities for young people with special educational needs and disabilities, to enable them to access further/higher education and employment. This can be through internships or apprenticeships too
- Improve young people's resilience through the development of positive activities. This will enable them to develop new interests, take part in new opportunities, meet new people and socially interact, have trusted adults to talk too and seek support/guidance from
- Enable young people to feel valued, listened too and be part of the active community (through engaging them in the local youth network for example and actively involving them in developing new positive activities for young people and to volunteer as part of any new provision)
- Allow young people and the wider community to understand and access information about what there is to do in their community, for young people aged 13-19 and up to age 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities (produce a community mapping resource and know where to access this on the internet)

3. Needs Assessment:

- How has the overview been developed? Through consultation with young people at local secondary schools-surveys, collating data and analysing to ascertain 'what young people want/identifying priorities'. This has been through tutor group sessions and assemblies, as well as visits to local clubs/groups (eg Devizes Rugby Club and west Lavington youth Club)

- Evidence of considering equalities issues? Discussions at local youth network management meetings about the need to ensure there are opportunities created for young people with SEND to access and that they can participate in non-specific activities too. Captured in notes/actions/future strategic plan. Ensuring young people can travel to provision, consider this factor with new positive activities developed. To work with transport providers to negotiate subsidised costs and to factor in transport fees to any funding bids (advise applicants to Community Youth Grants). Any cost implications attached to activities/provision need to have factored in the ability to waiver to those that require this.
- 13-19 population profile? Sought from existing data available and will be produced in the strategic plan.
- Key findings from the Joint Strategic Assessment? Reflected upon in strategic plan.
- Stakeholder views? Reflected upon in strategic plan.
- What positive activities are currently available? This is available on www.sparksite.co.uk, a recent update of community mapping has been carried out by the Community Youth Officer and is available to view. All provision is on Sparksite and will be continually reviewed and updated.
- What are the gaps? Gaps in provision are being identified as part of the analysis of young people's surveys/feedback and are being drawn together as identified priorities, by the local youth network management group.

To date these are: a safe place to go in the form of a youth club/café but not specifically just in one location but in several areas so young people can access this where they live. The idea being developed is to have a central youth club facility with satellite provision operating in identified estates, using community halls and also villages/halls. This will rely on partnership working and a plan is being initiated already.

Also for young people to have a varied diverse programme of opportunities for school holiday times but not just one or two days per week but spanning across the free time.

Young people are requesting new positive activities that enable them to develop art form, music and media. They would like access to skilled professionals to teach them these new skills.

Specific activities for young people with special educational needs and disabilities to participate in, with a focus on outdoor sports.

4. Priorities:

- *Youth club/café with satellite provision*
- *School holiday varied programme of positive activities*
- *Music, media and art opportunities*
- *Sport/outdoor activities for young people with SEND*

5. Objectives:

Develop more positive activities and provision for 13-19 year olds across the Devizes Community as a whole but to meet the identified gaps that the needs analysis has highlighted. Specifically focus on those young people who are vulnerable for diverse reasons, with a focus on those who are difficult to engage. Must ensure outlying areas and villages have sufficient secured provision and will concentrate engagement with these areas to enable this to take shape.