

Calne Local Youth Network notes – Thursday 17th October at 4pm (online via Microsoft Teams)

Attendees:

Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney (Chair of LYN and Calne Area Board), Celia Stevens, Mark Edwards (Calne Town Council), Karla Cullen (Connect YP), Lily Guppy (Spurgeons), Ruth Hill (Wordfest, artist and writer, homeschooler) and Alexa Davies (Wiltshire Council).

1. Welcome and introductions: Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and we all introduced ourselves.
2. Apologies: Patty Kelly (Kingsbury Green Academy) and David Sandberg (Open Blue Bus).
3. Area Board priorities and JSNA: as in agenda. The Area Board priorities are:
 - Improving activities for children and young people
 - Support for children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND)
 - Supporting young people's mental health.
4. Youth funding available and deadlines for future meetings:

Current balance: £11,843.00 (no current applications had been received).
Next AB date: 12th November 2024, while this application deadline had passed, the AB still welcomes applications for its meeting in the New Year. Please contact Alexa (or Ros Griffiths) if you have a project which you'd like to discuss, we would love to hear from you.

Please find information about the youth grants available from the area board and how to access this funding via the link below:

[Area Board Grants - Wiltshire Council](#)

Action: All to promote the £11,843.00 available grant funding to be invested in the Calne community area by the end of the financial year.

5. The Rise Trust update: unfortunately Danielle Blake wasn't in the meeting, however Celia updated on plans for a new youth shelter to the group. They had visited a youth space in Thornbury which used a shipping container and operated as a café during the day. This is a model which could be an option at the Rec.

Encouraging healthy eating at the youth space would be beneficial as the YP like to cook. WC work with Phunky Foods: [PhunkyFoods : Wiltshire Healthy Schools](#). The option to work with Farm Cookery School was also suggested.

6. Drug and alcohol mis-use service: Karla Cullen spoke about her work with ConnectYP, a free and confidential substance use service for young people aged up to 18 and young adults aged 18-25. The organisation also offers free training and following their social media is a good way to stay informed about current issues relating to drugs, vaping and alcohol mis-use (e.g. they are on Instagram). Please find a link to further information below:

[Connect Wiltshire | DHI](#)

Action: Alexa to contact Karla re funding available.

7. The FUEL programme update – from Jacqui Radford (Holiday Activity and Food Programme Manager, Wiltshire Council). Please find a brief presentation attached.
8. Update from Kingsbury Green Academy – Patty Kelly
Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney is meeting with the school on 12th November and will raise holding the next meeting at the school and what worked well at the previous meeting, e.g. presentations from students.

Action: Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney to meet with Kingsbury Green Academy and discuss plans for the next LYN meeting.

9. Group updates, future projects and ideas – all:
 - Ruth updated about her work with Wordfest. She was going into the Rise Trust youth club to work with YP there and a local writer on an audio project from Calne Pride, helping YP to take up space and tell their own and other people's stories. Ruth was also working with KGA and parents of non/low attendees to develop a positive route to get YP to attend school, e.g. coffee mornings with parents. A question was asked about if she was working with local primary schools? Priestley School were engaging with the project and Cllrs Sam Pearce-Kearney and Ashley O'Neill may be useful contacts for other primary schools.
 - Calne Town Council are busy preparing for their annual Calne Christmas Festival of Lights, with 500 lantern kits available. The duck race and pig parade had been very successful! Grants are available from the town council

and these will next be considered on 11.11.24. The Calne SEND discos were discussed and could these be developed to improve the holiday offer?

Next meeting date: to be confirmed after Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney speaks with the school.

Appendix 1: Area Board priorities and JSNA update

[CAJSNA 2024 - Children and Young People Wiltshire Intelligence](#)

Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (CAJSNA) residents survey results where children and young people chosen as one of top three choices.

From the list of issues concerning the county's children and young people, please tell us the three most important ones to you that you'd like to see Wiltshire Council take action on:

Issue:	Responses	Proportion
Improving activities for children and young people	25	67.6%
Support for children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND)	21	56.8%
Supporting young people's mental health	21	56.8%

Support for young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEET)	11	29.7%
Improving children's and young people's health (including obesity)	9	24.3%
Support for children claiming free school meals	7	18.9%
Improving school attainment	7	18.9%
Supporting young carers in my community	6	16.2%

