



Service Update March 2019

Young People's Feedback

An online survey was conducted amongst young people aged 10 – 25 years old in Bradford on Avon and the surrounding villages between September 2018 and October 2018 to gather views on shaping the new youth service. We had 736 responses to the survey which has helped us to shape the current provision and develop the plan for future delivery. Below is the breakdown of the number of young people's responses from each area (responses from South Wraxall, Monkton Farleigh, Limpley Stoke, and Freshford made up 3.24% and were grouped as 'other', responses from Trowbridge made up the remainder and were removed from results):

1	Bradford on Avon South		22.42%	165
2	Bradford on Avon North		22.42%	165
3	Holt		4.76%	35
4	Staverton		4.62%	34
5	Winsley		3.67%	27
6	Westwood		2.17%	16

Key findings:

- Young people voted to call the service 'BoA Youth'.
- Young people wanted a range of different activities on offer with sports, arts and crafts, and drug and alcohol information the most popular.
- 93% of young people who responded had not used the youth centre before.
- 35% of young people wanted services at the youth centre, with 27% wanting services in BoA town centre, and 11% wanting services in their local village.
- 10% of young people didn't feel safe in their local community.
- 42% of young people felt their local community had a negative view of young people.
- Young people felt that traffic, pollution, drugs and alcohol, and mental health were important issues for them in BoA and surrounding villages.

BoA Youth Centre

CFC have planned and delivered lots of activities for young people using the Youth Centre, as outlined below. Activities are planned and developed to engage young people and create learning opportunities to develop new skills. Young people directly input in to session planning through an ideas board at the centre as well as through verbal feedback at the sessions.

Group	Number of Sessions Delivered
Older Session 13 – 18yrs old	13
Younger Session 8yrs – 12yrs old	13

Trip/Activities	Number of Sessions Delivered
100 Women Film Project	5

Additional 1:1 Support	Sessions
GP visit	2
Healthy Living Support	2
Home Visit	1
Sexual Health Consultation	1

Activities at the Youth Centre

- Arts and crafts – themed arts, cards and gifts, graffiti art, face painting, glass painting, hair braiding, mobiles, puppets, printing.
- The arts – drama, music, video, dance.
- Games – team games, non-competitive games, group games, team-building games, puzzles and quizzes.
- Sports – traditional sports, unusual sports, competitions.
- Cooking – pizza-making, pancakes, cake decorating, non-alcoholic cocktails.
- Issue based activities – drugs and alcohol, sex and sexuality, anti-racism, anti-bullying, environmental.

Attendance

Members broken down by area:

BoA – 37
Holt – 3
Westwood – 2
Winsley – 1

Total attendance at Youth Centre provision by month:

October 2018 - 42
November 2018 - 75
December 2018 - 103
January 2019 – 82

Partnership Activities

The younger youth session have also worked with FreshStartFilms to create the film project – 100 Years since Women got to vote. The film commemorated 100 years since women first got the vote in the UK through the lens of Bradford on Avon and acknowledged the work of the Suffragettes. Young people learnt about the issues of women voting as well as taking part in starring in the film and helping to edit it afterwards.

The film is commissioned for local BoA use and is for educational and historical purposes. St Laurence school will make use of it in history and PHSE lessons, and it will be shown in St Margarets Hall on Friday 8th March 2019 on International Women’s Day. It will also be donated to the Preservation Trust to form part of the oral history of Bradford on Avon, and will be kept in the Preservation Trust archive for future generations to enjoy and use as a resource.

Outcomes

Increased peer relationships - The younger session has enabled young people from different primary schools to meet each other ahead of transitioning to St Laurence. Parents from children attending Westwood have commented that this has been particularly helpful for their children.

Increased awareness of issues – Informal education through information on drugs, alcohol, sexual health, and healthy relationships has promoted awareness amongst young people of where to get support.

Improved confidence – Young people have taken part in a range of activities which has promoted confidence and developed skills.

Areas for future development

- A group of young people are now the budget holders for the Youth Club weekly entry fees and are excited to work with Youth Workers to organise days out and activities for peers in the summer holidays. Young people will be responsible for organising, booking, and promoting the trips to enable skills in budgeting and planning to be developed.
- Develop participation in community issues.
- Develop partnerships with other local organisations to build on range of activities and experiences on offer for young people. For example, developing a BoA Youth website designed by young people.
- Target areas of need identified from the March 2019 survey and focus informal education sessions around these areas.
- Steadily increase numbers through promotion.
- Volunteering Projects – Young People want to volunteer to improve the Youth Centre by cleaning/sorting garden area and Youth Centre.
- Planned programme of trips and activities throughout school holidays.

Detached Activity

Detached youth work started in December 2018, meeting with young people on their own territory to encourage and improve social change and self-development. CFC Youth Workers wear BoA Youth clothing and ID badges so they can be recognisable to young people and members of the public, and have large urn's filled with hot chocolate that we offer young people for free as a way of promoting engagement.

The aim of the detached work is to challenge attitudes and behaviour where they impact negatively on themselves and others, especially around drugs and alcohol as this has been an area highlighted several times by young people. The number of detached sessions undertaken in each area to date is detailed below.

Locations	Sessions
Bradford on Avon	4
Westwood	2
Winsley	2
Limpley Stoke	2
Monkton Farleigh	2
South Wraxall	2
Holt	2
Staverton	2
Wingfield	2

There has been engagement from 23 young people through the detached work and there have been informal conversations around drug use, anti social behaviour, and involvement with the Police. Young people shared lots of ideas on what they felt were issues locally and so we will continue to develop relationships with these young people to encourage participation in acting on these issues.

Villages

Young people's views from villages were obtained during the online survey consultation and have helped shape the current service. Young people from villages are also currently accessing the youth centre in BoA and will have access to 1:1 support once it is launched in April.

CFC has delivered Detached Youth Work in surrounding villages to try and engage young people within the local areas. There has been a limited response so far and the detached work in villages will be reviewed at the end of Q1 to assess whether it is needed in all areas.

Plan for future development/work

- Rolling programme of school holiday activities and detached work. Half day activity sessions across village locations to promote engagement, starting with Easter activities on 9th April 2019. Summer timetable to be produced with young people.
- We will target areas of need identified from the March 2019 survey and focus a programme of informal education sessions around these areas, for example sessions on promoting positive emotional wellbeing or healthy relationships. The sessions will be delivered in target village locations or accessible in group work at St Laurence school across a rolling programme.

Individual Referred Work

Individual referred work will be launched in April 2019 to enable young people to have access to 1:1 support from youth workers in their local community. It is envisaged that the majority of referrals will be received from St Laurence school and 1:1 support is open to all young people with an identified need in BoA and surrounding villages. This will be a limited resource so referrals for support will be prioritised based on those most at need across all locations.

Referrals will be able to be made via downloadable referral forms and will be open to:

- Schools
- Police
- Early Help
- Self referral

Target criteria for referral are young people who either:

- Are at risk of substance misuse or are not engaging with substance misuse services
- Have poor emotional wellbeing and are not engaging with other services
- Are at risk of involvement with the Police

Analysis of Need

To better target the issues and areas that are most important to young people we have designed an online survey that can be completed anonymously and is being rolled out at St Laurence School throughout March 2019.

The survey covers different aspects of being a young person, such as health (both physical and emotional), family, relationships, and community. The survey will also enable a baseline measure of young people's self reported scores across the different measures to enable us to track and evidence changes in views or patterns in areas of need. The survey results will enable us to tailor the informal education sessions and look at creative ways of addressing the needs identified by young people across different areas.

The survey can be accessed here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/preview/BoAYouthViews/2269C3D1D5C8CB5EDF344375C64BFE>