

**Partner update for CAYPIG -
Warminster Development Centre for Young People - Community Area
Young People's Issues Group, Specifically looking at Skate Park and
Transport Issues and Youth Exchanges**

Background

1. Young people have been given money from the Area Board for an art sculpture to be put in the park on the condition that planning permission is granted, which is still awaited. Sam to investigate alternative art work which could be permanently fix in the Skate Park along the fencing.
2. There is a lack of buses from outlying areas, including villages, to transport young people into Warminster to access the services they may wish to use. Buses don't stop near where they live and do not run at times suitable to their needs. Young people's safety is a major issue because they want to be able to access a bus at a safe, well-lit location, times when the clubs/services they access close, to avoid loitering and at locations near the clubs/services they wish to use, to avoid long walks, especially if it is late or they are on their own/small groups. Without safe, accessible transport, young people will lose out. Many parents/carers do not allow their children to walk to places when it is late or dark and those young people, who are allowed, don't want to as they feel vulnerable.
3. Sam to look into the possibility of setting up a pilot transport scheme with a local taxi firm – this is in its infancy. Meetings to be arranged and consultation with young people needed in rural and outlying areas of Warminster where safety is an issue for young people to walk home in the evening.
4. Youth Exchange – young people have met and have decided that their choice destination would be Italy. Young people are to arrange a meeting to discuss ideas of fundraising to take place during the holidays next year.

Main Considerations

- Young people's needs
- More benches and looking into the signage (making it more user friendly to Young people and children)

- Ensuring that young people are recognised as being positive influences within the local community i.e.: Fun in the Park, Community art sculpture, Sponsored Skate
- Parent/guardian opinions
- Explore existing transport routes/times including villages
- Meet with transport providers to highlight young people's concerns
- Isolation of young people
- Options for improvements to transport/new initiatives
- Funding for transport initiatives
- Positive impact on young people through being able to access 'out of school hours' services
- Recognising the importance of the voice and opinion/influence of young people
- Costs to young people when they access transport
- Safety of young people
- Young people's desire to expand their cultural knowledge and experience new challenges.
- Young people to look at fundraising opportunities for future projects.

Projects

- Look at further improvements to the skate park and the town park in relation to the friends of the park and Wiltshire councils 5 year plan and that young people's involvement is welcomed.
- Develop Signage for the Skate Park to make it more welcoming and young people to take ownership and responsibility for their own actions within the skate park.
- The existing transport provider's public bus routes/timetables are explored
- Transport providers from current services should be invited to the Warminster CAYPIG & possibly future Area Boards
- Further consultation/in-depth questionnaire with young people regarding the times they want buses to operate and from what specific locations, this has been initiated but needs continuing
- Young people to look at fundraising initiatives for International Youth Exchange for next year

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