

South West Wiltshire Area Board Youth Partnership Forum

31st July 2024, Nadder Centre

Summary of key messages and actions

1. Representation from Seeds4Success, including 8 young people, Chalke Valley Sports Centre, Broadchalke, Fovant, Wilton, West Tisbury, Police and Wiltshire Council
2. Strong offer from Seeds4Success benefiting a good number of young people from most villages, but with some pockets without good engagement (i.e. Chalke Valley, Semley, Ludwell, Whitesheet). Starting up a new Youth Committee which will inform the Youth Partnership Forum (YPF)
3. Dinton, whilst served by S4S also has indicated a need for more local and regular activities for young people
4. Transport remains a key barrier to offer support and facilitate opportunities, especially as a key offer of the YPF could be to connect up young people to the various assets locally, e.g. Chalke Valley Sports Centre, Fovant Youth Club, Nadder Centre etc
5. Whilst the Area Board funding is for 13+, all recognise the importance of engaging young people from as young as year 6
6. Wiltshire has a county wide network for youth providers who regularly liaise on how to strengthen youth provision locally – this is a positive forum for the South West Wilts YPF to collaborate with
7. Members of the YPF are interested to explore both broader VCS and private sector youth offers to strengthen local arrangements
8. Wiltshire Council's new Family Hubs which will have an outreach service at the Nadder Centre, include new Community Navigator roles which will be useful to collaborate with also.
9. There is a need to ensure that county wide children and young people initiatives reach residents in SW wilts, as historically this has not been the case with young people attending secondary schools outside of the community area

10. There is also a need to be better aware and linked to nearby out of the area youth initiatives, including a new one in Warminster, and a youth worker scheme in Somerset, Youth4Christ's Mobile Youth Café
11. We are interested to research further the data for this area of young people resorting to self harming behaviours to see how we might helpfully target and offer meaningful support
12. Young people present are interested in potential new activities being facilitated including biking, music festival, sports from Wiltshire Outdoor Learning CIC, Zorbs, climbing, bouldering, video gaming
13. Warminster is starting up a new Police Cadets unit
14. Police very keen to see YPFs in Wiltshire strengthen engagement and support for young people as the trend currently locally and nationally is concerning in terms of young people resorting to harmful behaviours for themselves and others
15. Youth Partnership Forum next meets in October (date to be confirmed)