

Local Youth Network update for March 2015

Devizes Local Youth Network Management Group
Notes and actions from 2 February 2015

Attendance-

Sean Kemp-Devizes young person
Emily Banks-Devizes young person & Wiltshire Youth Disabled Group
Cllr Andy Johnson-Devizes Town Council
Cllr Simon Jacobs-Wiltshire Council Cllr & Devizes Area Board Chair
Cllr Richard Gamble-Wiltshire Council Cllr
Richard Rogers-Devizes Community Area Manager
Sally Willox-Devizes Community Youth Officer
Damian Haasjes-Voluntary & Community sector representative
Jack Oatley-Apprentice Youth Worker Devizes

Apologies-

Daniela De Cet-Lavington School Deputy Head teacher & student reps
Margaret Bryant-local Business representative/young people's mentoring champion and Devizes School Governor
PC James Sheate-Devizes NPT
Cllr Philip Whitehead-Wiltshire Council Cllr
Julie Nipress-Community Sector representative

NOTES

ACTIONS

Notes and actions agreed from last Local Youth Network from Monday 8 th December 2014 (through Area Board). No comments to add today.	
Must ensure the wider Local Youth Network is functioning effectively, this can include anyone interested in developing young people's positive activities across the community, young people and adults. This operates through communication in the main, with sub groups establishing as and when required, to develop young people's projects. Sally Willox is communicating continuously with the wider community, those whom have a vested interest in young people. This is the way forward to developing new positive opportunities for young people.	Sally W to continue networking, informing the community of the role of the new model and Community Youth Officer. Update wider Local Youth Network template continuously and circulate to LYN Management Group. To arrange a wider LYN event for the wider community to come together. Proposed for August 2015 and approach Braeside. Focus on taster sessions for young people that meet their identified priorities through the needs assessment, a meet and greet for community groups/organisations, sharing of good practice and ideas, as well as possible training sessions. Sally Willox to lead
Richard Rogers added that Wiltshire Council	

<p>has 'resource packs' available in terms of planned events, where young people could link into, rather than planning a new event from scratch. These opportunities could provide a foundation for a community LYN event. E.g.-May cycling week, June Magna Cart event.</p>	<p>implementation.</p>
<p>The needs assessment was received well at the area board on 28th January 2015. The data shows clear priorities for what young people would like in their communities and will form the plan for the Devizes LYN. It is important to share this to the wider community and to refer to it when receiving applications for youth grants and young people's projects. The needs assessment will set the work plan for the coming year.</p> <p>Cllr Jacobs commented on how important it is to use existing resources across the community to meet young people's needs, secondary schools have fabulous facilities, as does Devizes Sports Centre. However, it was highlighted by others that not all young people wish to return to their schools once the day is over but will frequent other facilities. Cllr Johnson reminded everyone to ensure those young people with special educational needs and disabilities are catered for when developing new opportunities/activities.</p> <p>The needs assessment will now be fed into a strategic plan for the Devizes LYN. This is being developed county wide by Early Help.</p>	<p>Sally Willox to distribute needs assessment tot LYN management group and to the wider community, to meet requests.</p> <p>Sally Willox to explore the possibilities of using schools facilities to develop young people's projects in the future. Trampolining and circuit training were 2 identified priorities and these could be met through partnership working with the schools and or sports centre.</p> <p>Sally Willox to write the Devizes LYN Strategic Plan, with support from the LYN management group. This will form the basis of the work plan for this coming year and the priorities from young people to be put into action first.</p>
<p>Update of young people's projects-The SEND film, of which had a youth grant approved at the 28th January area board meeting, is underway. Sally Willox is working with Create Studios, WEST and young people. The project will provide a valuable insight into the difficulties and</p>	<p>Sally Willox to feed back on progress at next LYN management group meeting.</p>

challenges faced by both young people and employers, in relation to securing employment/training opportunities. Filming with both young people and employers will commence in March 2015. There is a working task group in place comprising of Sally Willox Community Youth Officer, colleagues from the WEST (Wiltshire Employment Support Team), Create Studios and young people.

Young people's art competition, 10th year young people's art competition and exhibition in conjunction with The Lawrence Society of Art. This received a youth grant application, awarded at the January area board. The competition offers an opportunity for young people to take part in art during the months prior to the judging and to enter their work, for exhibition, with a chance to be awarded a prize. This project is organised and run by volunteers from the Devizes area. Art featured high in the recent young people's needs assessment so this provided a positive activity for young people across the community to engage in.

Open youth club provision for young people- this featured as a priority for young people in the needs assessment. Looking at the individual surveys completed by young people, it is clear that they wish to have provision to use where they live, especially in villages, as well as a facility in the town centre. It was discussed that village hall availability be explored and that a satellite provision be developed. This links to an earlier LYN meeting discussion whereby a town centre youth club provision can be established, then satellite sessions from this, using the same team of 'staff' can go out to villages and operate. Aster Housing still keen to engage in this process and to

Sally Willox will ascertain numbers of young people that engaged in this opportunity and provide feedback at the next LYN management group in April.

Sally Willox and other LYN members to begin visiting village halls and other suitable premises to ascertain suitability for hosting young people's activities. This includes great Cheverell's hall facilities, Erlestoke 'converted church' and Brickley Lane hall provision.

be involved in a sub group.

The Devizes Youthy project will be putting in an application for youth grant funding shortly and the steering group is working very positively. The steering group comprises of local adult and older young people, as volunteers, from a variety of backgrounds. This will provide a one evening per week provision within Devizes Leisure Centre's community space, which was used as Devizes Youth Centre previously.

Bromham Parish Council has sought support and advice from Sally Willox in relation to developing a youth club in the village. A group session is taking place with young people from the village, on Thursday 19th March 2015 at John Bentley School. This is where most of Bromham young people go to school.

St Arbucks youth café suggestion. Young people have said through the needs assessment that they would like to have a youth café in the area that covers Market Lavington, West Lavington and neighbouring villages. After discussions, it was suggested that they approach existing St Arbucks Café in Market Lavington to explore the possibility of having an evening per week for young people only. Sally Willox has met with the management committee there and they are keen to explore this further. This project idea meets the top identified priorities through the needs assessment.

It was highlighted how important it is to have LYN management group membership from

Sally Willox has been supporting this steering group and will continue too. Policies, procedures, DBS clearances, training and insurances being verified. Training sessions in relation to Youth Work with young people scheduled for April 2015, lead by Sally Willox.

Sally Willox meeting young people from Lavington School who reside in that area and are keen to develop this project. This is scheduled for Monday 16th March 3.30pm, along with members of the St Arbucks staff team and management committee.

Sally W continue schools development work and to engage with young people.

secondary schools and the importance of them engaging in this process. Community Youth Officer will continue to act as a go between as she has developed links and relationships with the 3 main schools. It will take time to identify the appropriate adult and young person representatives. It is vital schools are involved, both adults and young people. Schools need to realise and see the benefit of engaging with the Local Youth Network and Community Youth Officer, so they can see the benefit to engage fully.

Sally W has continued to engage positively with Devizes School recently, through tutor times. Assemblies have taken place at Lavington School and been positive. Young people are being engaged with by Sally Willox, carrying out the needs assessment has helped this because young people have been leaving their contact details for Sally to communicate with them. Many of these young people wish to get involved with the wider LYN, the management group and future working task groups.

It is important that young people are central to this LYN, especially the management group and it is still early days but must engage young people soon. Sally Willox raised that a separate youth network be established because young people don't know enough about the LYN presently and it is a big ask for them to turn up at a meeting full of adults they don't know well. Sally is engaging with young people a lot and developing positive relationships but this take a long time. Lots of young people have shown interest and are being communicated with. It is important to acknowledge the need for regular times to meet young

Sally Willox to establish a Youth Network for young people only, as a sub group of the LYN management group. Representatives from this will then attend the LYN management group and rotate amongst themselves. First Youth Network is 24th February 2015 Estcourt Rooms, then 25th March 2015 Devizes Leisure Centre Community Space (old youth centre).

people, as face to face contact is vital.

POST 2ND FEB EVENTS-

The Young people's LYN development held on 12th February 2015 was successful. This enabled promotion and engagement with young people to ensure they are involved. Young people developed ideas linked to the needs assessment in terms of identified priorities. They broke into three groups, working with local artists to develop meaningful projects. One group worked with Fired Thoughts Art Studio to develop a proposed idea for young people to hold a youth café in St Arbucks Market Lavington. They produced individual monoprints exploring what they would use a youth café for. Group two engaged with another local artist, Jennie Quigley, producing comic strip and postcards in relation to Devizes Youthy, the vision behind having a town centre youth club. Group three worked with Create Studios to produce a short animated film to highlight the need for more sporting activities, especially a BMX track at Green Lane.

Sally Willox to ensure the short film and examples of young people's work is available at the Area Board meeting on 23rd March 2015.

To maintain contact with these young people as they all expressed a desire to be engaged with the LYN and future projects/working groups.

Scoring youth grant applications needs revising as it is very lengthy and cumbersome. Ideally, young people should be the main ones scoring applications submitted. The LYN management group as a whole will provide feedback on applications for youth grants and then one single scoring sheet will be compiled. This will then be the LYN management group's recommendations to proceed to the area board. The concerns with scoring applications will be taken to managers by Sally Willox.

Sally Willox to feedback concerns to Kevin Sweeney, manager within Early Help, lead for youth work. Ultimately this is down to Commissioners to revise as they wrote the new model and scoring framework, therefore the process still needs to be implemented and followed.

**Next LYN Management Group meeting-
April 13th 2015 4.30-6pm.**

It was suggested that the LYN management group meetings move locations from time to time, to ensure young people especially can attend, at a place more convenient to them. This action may also assist other community partners and stake holders to participate. It would be advantageous to change times so that both adults and young people could come straight from school/work/after school clubs and not miss out on or interfere with evening activities and commitments.

Future LYN management group meeting dates-June 15th 2015 4.30pm (venue TBC), 17th August 2015 (venue TBC), 12th October 4.30pm (venue TBC). Youth network sub groups will take place prior to each LYN management group meeting. These will be promoted to young people through Sally Willox Community Youth Officer.

Sally Willox to enquire about holding this at Devizes School and inform the LYN management group.

These meetings to take place in alternative locations, Sally Willox will arrange and confirm during April 2015.

Recommendations from the LYN management group for the Area Board on 23rd March 2015 to consider.

1.Devizes Youthy youth grant application-received 02/03/15 requesting a total amount of £2884.84-the local youth network management group have scored, provided feedback and discussed this application (in-between LYN meetings-this was previously agreed to happen). This project is detailed in the notes above from the 2nd February LYN management group meeting.

It will provide an positive opportunity and provision for young people aged 13-19 to engage in a safe activity, where they can socialise with peers, have trusting,

competent adults to talk to, participate in diverse developmental and fun sessions, develop their self-confidence and self-esteem and be able to explore young people's issues. This meets the identified priorities of the recent needs assessment and has necessary, required policies in place. This is being verified by Sally Willox, Devizes Community Youth Officer. The application meets Wiltshire Council's requirements and funding criteria. Representatives from the group will be at the area board meeting.

2. To confirm and approve the notes and actions from 2nd February 2015 local youth Network Management Group meeting.

Author-Sally Willox Community Youth Officer-9th March 2015