

**Local Youth Network Management Group Record of
notes and actions from September 7th 2015**

Area	Devizes Community Area				
Date	7 th September 2015	Times	17:00- 18:30pm	Venue	Devizes Youthy
Present	<p>Sally Willox-Community Youth Officer Devizes, Wiltshire Council and Safeguarding Champion in respect of the Devizes LYN Cllr Simon Jacobs-LYN Management Group Chair & Wiltshire Council Cllr Jack Oatley-Apprentice Youth Worker Devizes, Wiltshire Council Daniela De Cet-Deputy Head Teacher, Lavington School Cllr Anna Cuthbert-Wiltshire Council Cllr LYN Young Person's Representative Lucy Owen-Baines-Young Person and Equality/Diversity representative/Champion in respect of the LYN Damian Haasjes-Voluntary & Community Sector representative</p>				
Apologies	<p>Cllr Andy Johnson-Devizes Town Council Cllr (youth focus) Sue Marshall-acting Head teacher/SLT representative Devizes School Sophie Moorehouse-Young Person, Yr 8 Lavington School Laura Barr-Young Person, Yr 12 Devizes School Holly Faulkner-young Person, Yr 10 Lavington School</p>				
Agenda Items/Notes and Actions					
1	Welcome/Introductions/comments on notes and actions from LYN management group meeting on 29 th June 2015.				
2	<p>Project updates-Devizes Youthy is still running once per week although numbers low, marketing and promotional drive commencing from the group shortly. Have appointed paid youth worker which is positive. St Arbucks The Food Cave youth café operating weekly and has keen yr 10/11 young people volunteering there too. Sally Willox visiting in few weeks for update. Lavington School cycle challenge went well in August; Daniela De Cet gave verbal report at this meeting. Young people completed the ride from Lavington School to Paris, with the support of their school staff and parents, they thoroughly enjoyed it, it inspired them to keep cycling afterwards and motivate others, fitness levels were increased and they raised a lot of money for charity. The Go-Pros captured video footage, some of which will be available to view soon. Bromham Youth Club will be commencing in October and has appointed a paid youth worker, it will operate weekly. Summer activities lead by Devizes LYN in the main went ahead and were enjoyed, with new skills and interests developed. Two activities-Braeside activity day and Splashdown have been rescheduled for October.</p>				
3	<p>The available funding for PAYP-positive activities for young people was discussed; there are still adequate funds for young people's projects. Sally Willox has been in touch with local groups/clubs to promote and there are several possible new PAYP on the horizon. The LYN are unsure if the funding will be rolled over post April 2016, Sally Willox to confirm. £24,000 has been allocated to positive activities for young people since October 2014 and there is £43,000 remaining for new activities/projects. This applies to the Devizes area.</p>				
4	<p>New PAYP/projects emerging-Sally Willox visited Devizes BOCCIA who may apply for youth grant funding to ensure the sustainability of this club for young people with additional needs and disabilities. Lavington School raised their proposed Young Leaders programme, this sounds very positive and an application for funding will be welcomed. Contact has been made with Dorothy</p>				

	House Hospice who is seeking funding for young people and their families in the area, who would benefit hugely from specialist support and counselling. Sally Willox is meeting them on Thursday 24 th September to discuss further. Devizes Youthy will be applying for further funding from this financial year for the club, which will include funds for an LGBT youth support group. Lavington Youth Club has approached Sally Willox in relation to funding too and may be submitting an application to develop their provision further. The idea of a youth 'super choir' event was discussed too, due to the success of the recent primary schools 'super choir' event. Sally Willox will contact secondary schools to discuss with young people. Sally Willox will be carrying out promotion of the youth grant funding so that the community is aware of it, how to apply and to learn more.		
5	SEND film update-The young people's film which highlights barriers and issues those aged 13-25 with additional needs and disabilities face when trying to secure employment, training and work experience, had a successful initial showcase to those involved. DVDs have started to be circulated, as well as a link to the film direct. Various newsletters have had a report on it too. It has received a lot of positive coverage and feedback. The next step is to have an in-depth launch event, where local and Wiltshire wide employers will be invited so that they can view it, as well as the community. The intention is off course to make a difference to young people's lives, so that there are positive outcomes, increasing their entry into employment, training and further education/experiences/opportunities. Sally Willox is coordinating this launch.		
6	LYN participation-The numbers of young people engaging in the Local Youth Network has reduced sadly, this is due to some naturally moving on but involvement needs to improve. Sally Willox has approached local secondary schools in relation to attending assemblies to promote this and will be discussing other ways to engage with young people through their schools. The intention is that the LYN and its management group engage a wide diverse range of young people, from across the Devizes community. There are many committed and positive adult members, who are supporting young people's projects and activities.		
7	Podium.me-This is an interactive website for under 25's to post/comment/share journalistic style pieces. It is very positive and was introduced by Cllr Simon Jacobs. It is an opportunity for young Britain to speak out, post stories, share news of interest and get involved in having a say. The benefits to young people are vast. The LYN has agreed to promote this initiative and are hopeful that schools may take this forward to their students.		
Decisions			
1	To reschedule the Braeside LYN Development Day for young people to October half term. Sally Willox and Jack Oatley to co-ordinate.		
Recommendations to Area Board			
To consider and approve the allocation of youth grant funding for a multi-activity day at Braeside Outdoor Education Centre for the purpose of engaging young people to participate in the Devizes LYN. This recommendation went to the July Devizes Area Board but the decision was delegated to Sally Willox Community Youth Officer. The LYN fully approved this funding allocation, therefore agreed by Sally Willox, however requires full approval from the Area Board.			
Other Actions			
1	To provide the strategic plan for 2015-2016 to highlight working plan addressing the top identified needs of young people across the Devizes community area. Sally Willox.		
Dates of Next meetings		Monday 2 nd November 5.30-7pm at Lavington School, Market Lavington	
Notes Taken By	Sally Willox	Position	CYO

