



Progress Report to Prudhoe Town Council

Meeting 30th June 2021

Background information for the new Town Councillors

Prudhoe Youth Project was set up at the request of town councillors as a voluntary youth project comparable to those in other towns in Northumberland. We were first supported by Prudhoe Town Council which led to Children North East delivering outreach youth session in Prudhoe.

Children North East continued to deliver sessions on behalf of Prudhoe Youth Project, funded by the Town Council until March 2020. In the first half of this year, we were awarded a total of £62,000 over three years which enabled the trustees to appoint their own staff.

The Prudhoe Youth Project team now consists of a Youth Development Worker and 2 Sessional Youth Workers to develop and deliver youth clubs, activities and trips for local young people.

Junior Youth Club

This session has moved venues and the group now meets in the Parish Hall. This venue has allowed the group to grow and we can now have a maximum of 30 young people at each session. There is a large hall to run group activities or arts and craft sessions, we have outdoor space for games and a fully operational kitchen to develop young people's cooking skills.

We have 2 sessions on a Wednesday evening to allow us to reduce the number in the building at any one time. We have a variety of activities planned and this term we are welcoming Mortal Fools to 3 of our sessions to deliver some drama workshops.

Our young people enjoy crafts, outside games and most of all being together. Many of our young people started our sessions without any friends attending and during these sessions have developed new friendships.

Senior Youth Clubs

On Tuesday evenings we run Senior Youth Club sessions at the Methodist Church. These sessions are aimed at young people in school year 9 and over. We have a core group of attendees who we see on a regular basis. They are a group of friends outside of sessions therefore it is nice to be able to offer them a safe space to come together.

The group is young person lead and we develop our plans around their interests and needs. We have played many games and a favourite seems to be Uno. They enjoy playing pool and decorating tiles.

We have incorporated issue-based discussions with the group highlighting issues such as drugs, alcohol, progression into employment and safety. We have organised a session with the external provider 'SORTED' to better inform the group about the risks relating to substance misuse.



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Outreach Sessions

Our Detached Youth Work has now reverted to Outreach which aims to signpost young people to our youth sessions. These sessions either take place straight after school where we can have a great deal of contact with young people or on a Friday evening where young people get together in their free time.

These sessions have been a great way to engage many young people and allow them to get to know who we are and what we do. We have had contact with a wide age range, which has given the staff team the opportunity to develop early working relationships with young people.

Statistics- April 2021 to now

Session Title	Number of young people accessed provision	Total attendance
Junior Youth Club	40	64
Senior Youth Club	20	53
Girls Group	15	15
Outreach	59	79
Total (removing duplicate young people)	133	98

Easter Holiday Activities

During the Easter Holidays we had several activities planned. We had young people with us at Stomping Ground which proved to be extremely popular. We also had a face to face bush crafts activities, an online Pilates session and zoom quiz night.

Summer Holiday Activities 2021

We are busy behind the scenes organising trips, centre-based activities and project work for the summer holidays, we are working on providing 2 activities a week. The girl's group will be meeting each week at Stomping Ground, we have a trip planned for our Juniors and Seniors and we have 3 youth club drop-in sessions where we will be cooking, playing games and being arty!

Working with other organisations

We believe that communities become stronger if we all work together. We want to work with as many organisations as we can to bring opportunities to young people.

In May we visited Highfield Middle School and Prudhoe Community High School to work with groups of young people for the East redevelopment project. The aim of this working group is to create a new Centre for children and young people of the town.



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We collected young people's ideas to feedback to the group and architects to help inspire the next stage which is the design process. Organising and attending the school's sessions gave PYP the chance to introduce themselves to the staff and young people and created vital links between the two organisations.

We have worked with Happy Faces since September and in March we were able to recruit a youth worker to support the group on the weekly basis. The youth worker is paid for by Happy Faces but employed by PYP. We are extremely happy to be able to support the group in this way.

Moral Fools have been delivering workshops for young people in our Junior Youth Club. We have 3 sessions booked in with the hope that young people gain a new skills and confidence and may wish to follow up in attending additional sessions. So far, the young people have loved the activities provided.

Future Planning 2021-2022

Here at PYP we are looking forward to planning a residential with both our Junior and Senior youth groups when restrictions allow. We will also be looking for some new trustees later this year and we are currently working on a long-term funding strategy which will give the charity more sustainability.

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