



Progress Report to Prudhoe Town Council

March Meeting 2022

Overview

This year has felt more normal than the last, with services resuming, restrictions on what we are able to do easing and the withdrawal of measures such as social distancing and masks. This has meant we have been able to get back to the basic principles of youth work.

Establishing relationships with young people have been at the centre of everything we do, we aim to build a strong foundation so young people from the town have a service they can access now, in the future or whenever they require it.

We were blown away by our recent uptake from young people, funding support to start new projects and our ever-growing staff team. We are excited about the future of PYP and would like to thank Prudhoe Town Council for identifying the need for our project and for the funding support you have given us since then, without it this wouldn't be possible.

1st April 2021 to 15th March 2022 Statistics

Session Title	Number of Young People	Total Attendances
Junior Youth Club	129	623
Senior Youth Club	70	243
Girls Group	59	332
Lads Group	27	29
Outreach	68	206
PYPSS	15	15
1to1 Support	4	22
Total Young People	288	1470



Junior and Senior Youth Club Sessions

We recently split our Junior Youth Club into two sessions to reduce the number in any one session. We currently have on average 38 accessing our first session and 23 accessing our second session. We have been busy cooking, getting crafty with art resources, playing games and sports. We had a visit from Jon who delivered a TaeKwon Do session which was well received. We have been doing other activities around science, friendships, and group work over the past 6 weeks.

Senior Youth Club has dropped in numbers, however this does allow us to engage in more group and one to one discussions. Many young people wish to talk about school issues, friendships, and relationships. An increased staff team gives us the luxury of time during these sessions therefore help advice and guidance is a regular part of each session.

Girls Group

Our Girls Group has been popular since it was established last year, we have grown each week and the group work together well. New friendships have been made, we have seen young women grow in confidence, we have talked through issues relating to friendships, family issues, anxiety and school worries.

A successful funding application means we can continue the work that was started last year and we look forward to engaging with more young women over the next 12 months.

Prudhoe Youth Project Support Service (PYPSS)

Our support sessions are now up and running and we are based in PCP's Community Hub twice a week.

We have dates to visit local schools including PCHS and Highfield to discuss the service with young people in assemblies and we have already visited Ovingham Middle. We are currently offering 2 young people one to one support and have spoken to 15 young people during the sessions we have delivered so far.

NCC Youth Service

We have seen 9 out of the 11 young people attending the county council youth provision transition across to our youth sessions, many of these young people have attended trips and holiday activities in the past 6 weeks.



New Sessions Coming Soon

Lego Club – This will start on a Monday evening at the Methodist Church once we receive the first payment from the Coop which is expected in April.

Lads Group- We were successful in receiving funding from Operation Payback and the Wellesley Trust for these sessions to be weekly. They will be based at the Pavilion in West Wylam.

West Wylam Group – This group was set up to reduce any barriers young people from West Wylam face to access our youth clubs on front street, our aim is to address any struggles these young people may have by offering opportunities, a safe space to access support and a place to have fun with their peers.

Summer Holiday Camps – We have been successful in receiving funds for some summer camps from the Awards for All, Lottery Community Fund. We will deliver sessions twice a week over the whole 6 weeks and include a meal for each young person attending.

Easter Holiday Activities- We are looking forward to taking 20 young people on a residential on 8th-10th April as well as 3 sessions over the 2-week school break.

Again, we would like to take the opportunity to thank Prudhoe Town Council for your ongoing support.

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