










Community Youth Work Quarterly Report Form

Youth Worker(s)	Ben Sheldon, Allan Taylor, Dani Woolley
Area	Billingshurst & Pulborough
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<p>The Weald</p>	<p>Ben has now met with the school counsellor and has formed a good working relationship. This has resulted in improved communication between the team and the school and provided positive outcomes for young people with referrals being made when necessary. We continue to see a high number of young people each week and have dealt with a range of things this term from difficulty in lessons to issues of mental health and have been able to get young people the support that they need. (for more details please see separate report)</p>
<p>PYC</p>  	<p>PYC has seen a steady group of young people attending this term, ranging from 8 to 12 taking part each session made up of a core group and young people who attended on a sporadic basis. Over the term the club has supported 18 different young people in total.</p> <p>The core group that come along are very receptive to the youth work provided and engage well in the activities run by Ben and Allan. We have been trying to find a replacement for Allan who is intending to move onto a new job in the near future. Recruitment has been a struggle with the first round of advertising failing to provide a suitable candidate so we will be re-advertising. We understand that the times aren't suitable for everyone, but remain hopeful that we will find the right person soon.</p> <p>This term we have been doing activities such as: Smoothies, Easter Nest Cakes, Mother's Day Cards, Romance Academy Cards, PS4 competitions and pool competitions. Looking forward to the summer months we are hoping to use the park across the road, or even the school field for some wider activities based outdoors.</p>
<p>BYC</p>   	<p>We have seen a big change to BYC this term with our move to the URC hall on West Street. This has been a great venue for us this term with young people telling us that they are happy with the move and environment the club has created. We have also altered the way we run the session having more structure and have seen our young people respond well to this. It has been great to see more young people coming along, with young people inviting their friends, and being confident in bringing their siblings along.</p> <p>We have been doing a range of activities that have included an egg and spoon race at the end of the term, clay modelling and sumo suits. Due to the change in venue we have also been able to do some cooking activities including mini pizzas.</p> <p>We have a core group of young people attending each youth club and after experiencing a decrease in numbers in our previous venue, numbers are now building and we are exploring options on how we can grow the number of young people we are reaching each week.</p>
<p>U-Nite</p>	<p>At U-Nite we have seen growth from 18 – early twenties every week, which has been an excellent boost to the provision. We have been able to support the young people in a number of different ways including issues with mental health, and eating issues.</p>

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	<p>We are looking to the future to include sessions on healthy eating, and increasing awareness about what support is available for young people locally.</p>
<p>Easter Plans</p>  	<p>On the 11th April the team ran a skatepark in Pulborough through the Easter holidays. 8 young people attended and really enjoyed the provision. The young people also made full use of the centre, as well as the park, and had a great day.</p> <p>Through out the session we had really positive conversations with a parent who was keen to see the provision provided and was encouraged to see the work grow she thanked the team for bringing this opportunity to local young people. The team were also visited by the Headmistress of the St Mary's school and encouraged the team to make full use of the school car park for similar sessions in other school holidays.</p>
<p>Future Plans</p>	<p>We are still looking into making a second youth club session in Pulborough for young people in year 10 and 11 similar to in Billingshurst; we have seen how beneficial this was to BYC, and we are confident that we can provide a similar service for those young people in Pulborough subject to on-going recruitment.</p> <p>We are currently looking to recruit some volunteers to bolster those at BYC by engaging with parents, looking for recommendations, approaching local churches and community organisations and ensure there is wide poster coverage locally. We seek to do the same in Pulborough to open the new club on a Tuesday evening on the 2 & 4th Tuesday of the month.</p> <p>We have a number of exciting trips planned for the future and are currently looking to provide a trip to either Flip out or Airhop – trampoline park for our young people at BYC in the coming term.</p> <p>Looking ahead into the summer holidays the team are now planning to repeat the camping residential that we did at Brinsbury last year. This year we are proposing a trip for two age groups; plans for this haven't started coming together fully as yet, but information will be circulated once finalised.</p>
<p>PYC Renovation</p> 	<p>We are please to have gained funding for the renovation of the hall flooring! This work is due to happen on the 4th and 5th of May</p> <p>We have been able refresh the paint work in the lounge area and give the space a new lease of life with help and suggestions from a parent we have been aiming to make the room more comfortable and "soft" place for the young people to relax.</p>
<p>Training and Networking</p>	<p>On Friday 17th Of March Ben attended training on supporting young people through bereavement and loss provided by West Sussex MIND. Ben also attended training on Tuesday 28th of March on managing challenging behaviour Provided by Safety Net both topics have been relevant to young people the team are working with.</p> <p>This coming Saturday on the 22nd of April Dani will be completing her emergency first aid training in Hove – this qualification will last for three years.</p> <p>We have continued to attend regular meeting with other youth workers and</p>

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	agencies, maintaining an awareness of other activities and resources available for and to young people. We also keep good working relationships with other groups working within the community.
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Work to focus on next quarter

- Boost volunteers in BYC and PYC in order to create a rota system.
- Start putting together a plan & team for PYC seniors.
- Organise trips for both BYC & PYC
- Continue planning of summer camp with the rest of the district.
- Plans for summer using the PYC building, and bringing the skate park down.
- Plans for summer for Billingshurst using the skate park & detached to promote BYC

Feedback from young people/ Community

Case study – Through BYC We have been able to work with a young person who has moved to the Pupil Referral Unit in Burgess Hill and his grades and behaviour have seen a huge improvement. He has also managed to sustain a job for a couple of months. Youth workers have supported this young person from the very beginning of the CYW initiative and was included in the set up of the youth club.

- Young people have been saying how much better they like the URC. One young person said it's "my favourite youth club".
- "It's fantastic the work that you are doing here; and I hope that you can continue to do it." – St Mary's Primary School Head Teacher
- It's really great to see this place up and running and doing some well" – St Mary's Primary School Groundsman.
- "Thank you so much for running this youth club, it really gives **** a place to come and meet other young people" – BYC Parent.

" Working with Horsham Matters and their youth team really helped us to engage with local young people to understand what mental health support is needed where and to think about how we could meet these needs by working together. We're really delighted that this joint work has helped us to get funding for a new youth mental health post for the local area and we are looking forward to working in partnership with the HM youth team next year to deliver this service. " - Katie Glover Coastal MIND

(Consultation at PYC took place Feb 2016)