






Community Youth Work Quarterly Report Form

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Area	Horsham
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<p>Schools work: Millias</p>   	<p>Work in Millias currently runs every Tuesday lunchtime (12.35-1.10) providing detached youth support, which involves chatting and interacting with staff and pupils, building relationships and maintaining existing contacts. This is the backbone of youth work, continuing relationships through good and bad times. This quarter the team have been able to signpost young people to the new LGBT group running in Horsham following conversations around sexuality. The young people have reported that they have attended the group and thanked the youth workers for sharing the information. Maria also visited the girls as part of their sports day in July.</p> <p>We have also been running and developing a Wednesday after school group (3pm-4pm). This is a support group with around 12 young people currently attending and covers topics such as resilience, confidence building, dealing with stress and self-esteem as well as playing games and taking part in craft activities. This has been a great project building up young people in need of support. On the 1st June during half term Maria and Kath took the group to Pretty Little Things in Horsham for a cake decorating master class. This was enjoyed by all and gave the girls some new cake decorating skills and growth in confidence. The workshop was delivered by a volunteer and gave a good opportunity for the team to get to know the girls better on a more informal basis. Some of those who have been attending the group will be joining us on our summer camp in August.</p> <p>Maria has also been involved in a workshop to generate the school's values and developing their ethos for the year ahead. Alongside this she also went "back to school" for a day as a pupil understanding what young people face and experience. This has been helpful for supporting young people when they talk about issues surrounding school life and beneficial to understand the changes in education. This has led to great conversations with staff, being able to support teachers personally and giving them an opportunity to share difficulties about young people and group dynamics.</p> <p>We stay in regular contact with the Head Teach Dr Ludwick and have good communication with staff developing for growing the work undertaken in this school.</p>
THS	<p>This quarter Dan has been in the school for some special one off days including supporting with mock interviews – giving the young people and opportunity to build skills and experience as well as receive constructive feedback on how to present in an interview and the types of questions they might be asked. The team have also worked alongside the school with regards to safeguarding issues that have arisen in clubs so that information is being shared appropriately to support each young person.</p>
Hurst Road	<p>The Friday Night Youth Project started off the back of the Café Nero project to provide a safe chilled space for young people. The club offers ham and cheese toasties, teas and coffees, free Wifi, Sumo Suits, tuck shop, games and computer</p>

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	<p>access. We have now got a great youth club, with an excellent team of volunteers and staff who have developed the project together and all completed their training. The club runs from 6.30pm-8.30pm on Fridays during term time. Since opening we have seen low numbers, although the young people who have attended have been positive. We are hopeful that with an additional push with advertising over the summer through our summer detached work and a new push in schools and online at the beginning of term, this will bring a good group of young people to the club.</p>
<p>Needles</p>	<p>We have managed to keep in regular contact with some of our young people from Needles despite not running over the summer months through detached work, social media and other clubs the young people are attending. We are still in talks with West Sussex regarding use of the Snack Wagon and look for a way to continue to support these young people in the coming academic year. At the beginning of August we have a meeting with the team manager of delivery in West Sussex to discuss partnership projects going forward.</p>
<p>HYPER</p> 	<p>HYPER youth council has been running for many years now and we have had some great outcomes for young people in terms of experiences, awards and campaigning, particularly around adolescent mental health. This group has seen many young people come and go over the years. We are now losing a large number of our young people to university but were grateful to welcome some of our previous members back to the group to talk about their experiences and the way HYPER has positively impacted them. We have started to recruit a new cohort of young people by having a stand in the Carfax and publicising the group to young people. We will be making a presentation for all the schools in September with some of our leaving members leading the presentation before going off to university.</p>
<p>Mentoring</p>	<p>Currently as a team we are formally mentoring 3 young people within their school time this term on issues including self-confidence and dealing with terminally ill parents. However informally the team regularly meet with numerous young people on an ad hoc basis to provide support for specific issues, around relationships, parents, school and college. This has shown the strength of the relationships between youth workers and young people as they seek out trusted support and advice. Many of these requests come through clubs, detached or social media.</p>
<p>Alton Towers</p>	<p>During half term Dan and the youth worker from Forest School Youth wing, Dean Sweet, took a group of 12 young people to Alton Towers for two days and a night staying at the resort. This was a joint project and all the young people had a wonderful time away.</p>
<p>Skate JAM</p>	<p>The skate JAM has been in planning for a while and it has been a great opportunity to work with some of the skating young people as well as outside organisations. Unfortunately in the lead up to the planned date there were urgent repairs needed to the ramps. We are still waiting for the council to confirm completion date so that we can re-advertise this event. This process has been frustrating for the young people who are keen to put their hard work into action. The team is working hard to maintain relationships with the young people and keep them enthused until an update is received and new plan and date can be finalised.</p>
<p>Training</p>	<p>Dan is nearing completion of Forest School training over the next few weeks. This will enable him to run outdoor activities with young people with the potential to work alongside schools to deliver Forest School Programmes.</p>

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	<p>On the 29th of June both Maria and Dan renewed their first aid certificates, which last for three years.</p> <p>On the 7th of June Maria attended a Personal Resilience course for those working with children and young people offered by Coastal West Sussex MIND.</p>
Summer camp	<p>On the 1st and 2nd August the team are taking a group of young people from across the district on a summer camp to Blackland Farm. A group of young people from Horsham are joining others from different youth clubs to take part in activities such as kayaking, abseiling, team building, campfires and orienteering. The cost of the camp is £50, which includes food, staff and activities, however some places have also been funded or subsidised for those who will struggle with the cost.</p>
Summer Plans YST	<p>As we head into the summer term the team will be going out to meet young people in the local area on detached as part of a partnership project with other youth workers. They are planning to go out every Friday between 4pm – 6pm from Friday the 28th July to 1st September, advertising the service and activities available, signposting young people and being a visible presence in the community. They will be operating from The Barn in the Causeway and covering the town. The team will be working closely with the Police and Safer Communities team in order to best direct their efforts.</p>
Forest Schools	<p>Over the summer in partnership with 4theYouth Dan will be running 6 Forest School sessions every Friday. This will complete his Forest School qualification.</p>
Brighton Road Skate Park	<p>On the 22nd August the team will be taking the mobile skate ramps to Brighton Road Baptist Church to run a skate park session. This session will be open to all and advertised through detached.</p>
Networking	<p>The team continues to network with youth workers and other youth organisations to help support young people. The team regularly attend ASBAG (Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group), take part in local forum meetings and are involved in stakeholder meetings as West Sussex develop their new Horsham Hub.</p>
Social Media	<p>Do follow us on Social media for updates on activities: Twitter - @communityYW Facebook – www.facebook.com/cywhorsham</p>
<p>Work to focus on next quarter</p> <p>Summer activities</p> <p>Advertising Hurst Road and HYPER in schools in September</p> <p>Preparation and planning for new academic year</p> <p>Recruiting volunteers</p>	
<p>Feedback from young people/ Community :</p> <p>Quotes from Millais' pupils who attend our support group.</p> <p>"It's fun and nice way to relax" "It's relaxing and gives us a chance to reflect"</p> <p>"It's really relaxing and you know if you have an issue about school you know who to talk to and trust the adults" "It's stress relief" "I just wanted to say a big thank you to Maria, Angie and all the other youth workers who have helped out at Millais. The boxes we made have really helped me revise for my exams better and keep myself calm when I was getting stressed over the exams".</p> <p>Young person from Needles</p> <p>"I remember chatting with you guys at Needles about drugs and I just realised I did not want to go down that way, so now I spend all my time at the park, and even my grades have got better"</p>	