

Community Youth Work Quarterly Report Form


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<p>Slinfold Youth Club (SYC)</p> 	<p>Slinfold youth club (SYC) runs for school years 6-9 helping to bridge the gap between primary and secondary school from 6:30pm-8.00pm every Friday. We have seen a growth within our number, now getting between 20-30 young people each week. We have enjoyed some great sessions this quarter with activities such as, pizza making and murder mystery nights - during the evening all the clues were based around the year 6 SATS, helping them to revise without knowing!</p> <p>We also Enjoyed a Joint Trip with toasties youth club to Air hop in Guildford over Christmas 15 young people attended.</p>
<p>Toasties</p>	<p>Toasties youth club runs for school years 6-8 and again works to aid transition for primary into secondary school young people. This term we have taken the decision to run every other week, in order to provide some staff training and to ease the load on our current volunteers, as we were struggling to cover every week with our current team. We are looking to recruit a wider base of volunteers through online campaigns, word of mouth, posters and creating a recruitment video. With the addition of some new volunteers we would be able to go back to providing a weekly club. We have had steady number of young people attend over the last term.</p> <p>We also Enjoyed a Joint Trip with SYC youth club to Air hop in Guildford over Christmas.</p>
<p>BBH Seniors</p> 	<p>BBH Seniors is a youth club for those in school year 9 onwards, meeting at St Johns church on a Thursday night 7pm-8:30pm. This club has been running for over a term now and has provided a follow on youth group from those in toasties. This provision has given us the opportunity to keep working with all those we started with in year 6 at the beginning of the project and have known for 4 years, it has been a great privilege to journey with them and see them grow and develop. This term we have taken part in activities such as; challenge night, games and cooking.</p> <p>We have also had a great opportunity to talk with young people and support them through issues they are facing in school from building to friendship and home issues.</p> <p>The young people have benefited from having a safe person to chat to regarding more serious issues including safeguarding and internet safety.</p>
<p>HYPHER</p>	<p>HYPHER (Horsham Young People's Empowered Representatives) is Horsham's youth council representing young people across the Horsham area. We have 11 Member at present made up of both male and female from schools years 8 to 13. This term the council have been looking at the expansion of Horsham and how this would affect them long term in regards to housing and the feasibility of them moving to the area once development is completed and public transport.</p> <p>In November 5 young people attended a Horsham District council meeting in order to raise the profile of the youth council, 3 of the group</p>


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	<p>delivered a well-received presentation in order to build and develop stronger links between the two groups.</p> <p>As a response to this visit, HYPER are currently waiting for a visit from Tom Crowley Chief Executive and Leader of the Council who will be attending in order to answer the groups questions.</p> <p>The group are currently planning an away day in Easter to focus on Brexit and what this means for them as well as building a campaign around cannabis awareness for young people and parents, working alongside Sussex police and Horsham Council safer communities team. Dan is also in the process of visiting all the school councils to promote HYPER and bring in new members.</p>
Skate JAM	<p>Dan has been working with a small focus group to put on this year's Skate JAM, we continue to meet every month to develop a plan for advertising and promotion of the event. This includes, demonstration events on the forum using our mobile skate park, production of flyers and gaining sponsors. Dan has been liaising with the district council on practical matters for the event such as barriers, events licensing, access etc.</p> <p>At the moment we are anticipating there will be a few hundred young people attending this event and as a learning point from last year have put in place several contingency dates to allow for adverse weather conditions.</p> <p>The focus group have also looked at the current plans for a new concrete Skate park in Broadbridge Heath and given their feedback to developers.</p>
<p>Schools Work (Including Youth support team - YST)</p> <p>Forest</p> <p>THS</p>	<p>Over the last term we have been present in every school within Horsham, providing valuable support to all the students and a visible presences to thousands of students. This work is completed as part of a multi- agency workforce, which partners with other local youth workers and community volunteers.</p> <p>We have had a regular weekly attendance of in both Millias and Tanbridge House School meeting with new young people as well as catching up with old faces. It is great to meet the friends of the young people we already see and support regularly, being a face they recognise and trust. This in turn has lead to young people coming to chat with us about their lives and issues. The team also use this engagement to advertise events for young people and gain feedback on ideas we have.</p> <p>In Forest boys school we have completed 2 small self-development courses with a total of 8 young people to help young boys who were struggling with behaviour issues and confidence issues. Following the course the boys who attended saw improvement in their behavioural logs as they started to make better choices. Staff also reported the attendees have got involved in less conflict within school and seemed to be happier within the school community.</p> <p>In Tanbridge House School we have run one 11 week Eliv8 Course in the last term, with 11 young people attending the course focused on building confidence and resolving friendship issues. The team have had</p>

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<p>Millias</p>	<p>good feedback from the young people who attended noting increased confidence and self esteem. Many of the group developed positive friendships within the group itself and reduced feelings of isolation and loneliness that were mentioned at the start of the course.</p> <p>This is offered alongside the YST detached work that takes place every Wednesday (changing to Friday's from Feb) on average the team talks with around 20 young people each session.</p> <p>The head teacher of Milais school Dr Lodwick met with the team last week to discuss involvement with the school and development of existing projects and has requested that the team to continue their involvement for this year.</p> <p>In terms of provision the team currently provides a Tuesday 12.30-1pm Lunch period of detached work through YST. Youth workers have the opportunity to be a positive presence within the school talking with young people in and around the dining halls and outside space engaging with around 30 young people on average per session.</p> <p>As well as the provision of an open space for group work where young people are open to discuss issues they have identified as areas of greater need and support. This runs on Wednesday's after school 3pm-4pm and takes place in the dinning hall. During this session the group play games and discuss topics such as; friendships, building confidence, self esteem, raising aspirations etc. This is done through using a variety of resources such as colouring-in, discussion, workshops, games and activities. This provision is a development of the previous "sweet corner" project. We currently have a core group of 8 young people in the group.</p> <p>Maria is continuing to develop relationships within other organisations to enhance further opportunities to be provided for the girls.</p>
<p>Café Nero</p> 	<p>In November and December Maria invited other local agencies support the Café Nero sessions. Those invited related to issues that had been raised by young people in previous sessions. For example: Worth Services (domestic violence/healthy relationships), Streetlight (sexual exploitation), Oasis (pregnancy & sexual health), FindItOut (information, advice & guidance) and YES (mental health & emotional wellbeing).</p> <p>It proved very positive bringing in expertise direct to the young people and giving them a chance to have their questions answered. Engagement was good from both young people and the services who attended.</p> <p>In addition to these outside agencies Maria and the team have continued week by week to provide a safe space for young people to chat to youth workers and provide on-going guidance and challenge. It has been good to note that there has been less need for police involvement/anti-social behaviour reporting at Café Nero in November and December. Discussions with Swan Walk security team have also been minimal due improved respect and behaviour within the group. Café Nero has shown an interest in rolling out the project idea into some</p>

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	<p>of their other venues across the region. Several café Nero managers have asked Liz Burt to put them in touch with youth providers in their areas. We are waiting to hear whether the project will be replicated elsewhere.</p> <p>Despite the good quality of youth work being provided. Due to the lack of young people buying drinks and a shortage of volunteers the project has now ceased to be financially viable to continue long term. It is hoped that remaining funds can be utilised to support young people one to one and develop a new youth provision. As a result the team held their last session on Jan 27th. The team have been continuing to meet with the young people in the Library as the library staff had requested support due to antisocial behaviour from the same group of young people.</p> <p>The team look to pursue a long-term alternative venue for this group of young people to meet together and continue to gain valuable support from youth workers. Meetings with other venue providers are set to take place next month. In the meantime youth workers will continue to meet and consult with young people gaining insight into their needs and inviting them to be a part of the process to develop a new provision.</p> <p>Social activities have also been planned in school holidays for the young people who were taking part in this project in order to maintain relationships with youth workers and provide positive activities.</p>
<p>Training</p>	<p>Dan continues to work on completing his coursework, to qualify him as a forest schools teacher.</p> <p>Dan also attended a training day in November provided by UKYouth. This will enable him to run a level 1 leadership course for young people and means those who are young leaders or those showing leadership skills who complete the course will receive a recognised qualification and the opportunity to continue to level 2 in the future.</p>
<p>Networking</p>	<p>We have continued to attend regular meeting with other youth workers and agencies, maintaining an awareness of other activities and resources available for and to young people. We also keep good working relationships with other groups.</p>
<p>Staff Changes</p> 	<p>We would like to formally introduce Dani Woolley to our team as she takes on the role of sessional youth worker for BBH seniors.</p> <p>Dani joined the Youth Work team at Horsham Matters in October 2016. She has a degree in Primary Education and is a fully qualified Primary School Teacher. Dani grew up in Horsham and has worked in schools across West Sussex for the last 6 years. Dani plays Ten Pin Bowling regularly and although she has played at county level, just enjoys the social side of the sport nowadays! She is passionate about providing exciting opportunities and experiences for young people and is thoroughly enjoying her role as Youth Worker.</p>

Work to focus on next quarter:

Recruitment of more volunteers for every Club, and sessional staff
Maintain all youth clubs.

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Feedback from young people/ Community

Case study:

We have a young girl who has regularly attends one of our clubs, over the past few months, as she has got to know the youth workers she has started to open up and has now started to discuss her struggles with anxiety and depression, youth workers have been a listening ear and as such have been on hand to give advice and guidance, and provide an opportunity for the young person to feel listened to and understood.