

## Community Youth Work Quarterly Report Form


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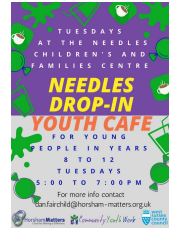
HYPER	<p>HYPER (Horsham Young People's Empowered Representatives) is Horsham's youth council representing young people across the Horsham area. We have 11 Member at present made up of both male and female from schools years 8 to 13. This term the council have been looking at the expansion of Horsham 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 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>
Schools Work (Including Youth support team - YST)	<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 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.</p>

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Forest	<p>This in turn has led 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>
THS	<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 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>
Millias	<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 dining 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>
Needles	<p>We have started needles youth club with great success, making good connections with local young people. We started the project working in partnership with west Sussex youth work workers who, for the first term supplied a youth worker to assist in each session.</p> <p>We have had a core group of 5 showing up most weeks with an</p>

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	<p>additional 8, which come and go. Our average session attendance is around 10 most weeks.</p> <p>These young people are the same group we made contact with with as part of the outreach work that took place with then snack wagon. It has been positive that we are able to give these young people a space to meet and look forward to continuing the relationships made and growing the club. During sessions the young people have discussed issues around sex &amp; relationships, drugs and Friendships.</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 &amp; sexual health), FindItOut (information, advice &amp; guidance) and YES (mental health &amp; 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 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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</p>



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	people who were taking part in this project in order to maintain relationships with youth workers and provide positive activities.
Training	<p>Dan continues to work on completing his coursework, to qualify him as a forest schools teacher.</p> <p>Both Dan and Maria attended a training day in November provided by UKYouth. This will enable them 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>

### Work to focus on next quarter:

- Planning HYPER Away day in Easter
- Organising trips for the next term
- Developing Nero into a self sustaining entity in a new location not dependent on funding
- Growing the group and relationship with needles young people.
- Developing Millais from a sweet corner into a growing enterprise and more!

### Case studies:

Whilst on detached during the summer, Maria was chatting to a young couple who attended Café Nero last year during the winter months. The girl's boyfriend was displaying aggressive behaviour towards his girlfriend e.g. punching and kicking her. He also tried to burn her with his cigarette. Maria challenged his behavior, however the young man did not respond positively and continued to flick ash at the YST team. The team removed themselves from the situation and logged the incident on their return from the session. The following week Maria sent a facebook message to the girl, offering support and a time to meet. At the start of Café Nero this year, the young couple returned, Maria was able to talk to the girl about her relationship and raise questions regarding how she was being treated by her partner. The young girl sent Maria a text asking to meet up and have chat. The two have met and the young person told Maria about her difficulties and past history in which she has experienced some domestic violence. Maria has kept an open invitation for young person to get in touch when she needs it. Maria has also given the young person information for help and support and signposted the young person to attend the CRUSH course offered by Worth Services which seeks to challenge domestic violence in teenage relationship and aid young people to discover what makes a positive relationships and the ways in which they can keep themselves safe. – after the meeting the young person said "Thank you for today, helped a lot to talk to someone about it". We will continue to support this young person in the future.

A young man from forest had been having issues controlling his anger and would often be bated into conflicts, getting in trouble within school, getting in fights, arguments or displaying some questionable behaviour. The young person was referred to the team as part of their personal development course. Through the course the young person recognised the decisions he was making were not correct and after working with Dan and Maria realised what his triggers were. He started to understand where his anger came from and in turn helped this awareness improved his relationships with teachers at school. He thought about his aspirations for the future and what career he wanted. The young person was able to make the link of how his actions would effects his future options as well as chances of becoming a police officer.

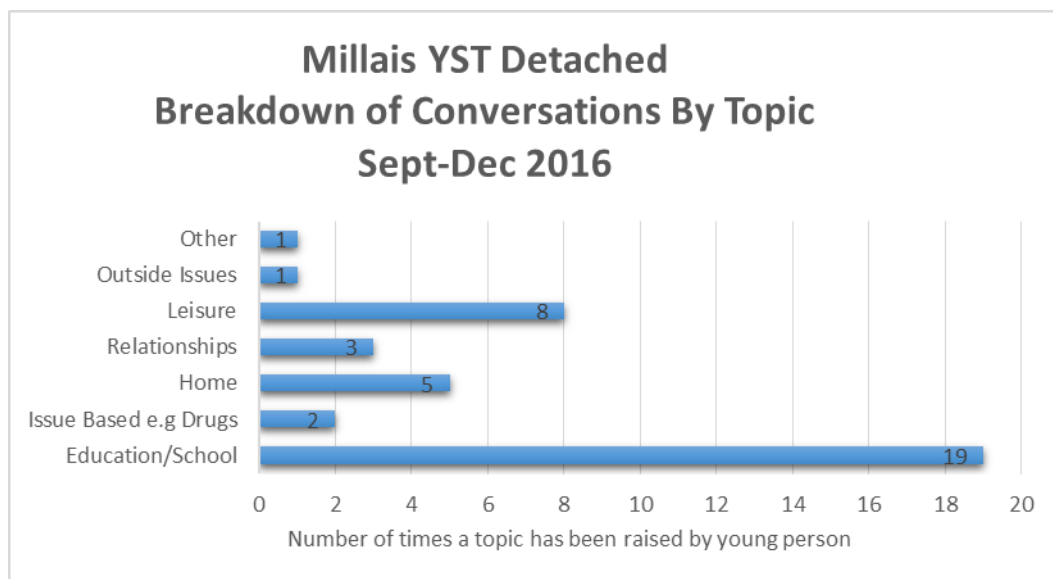
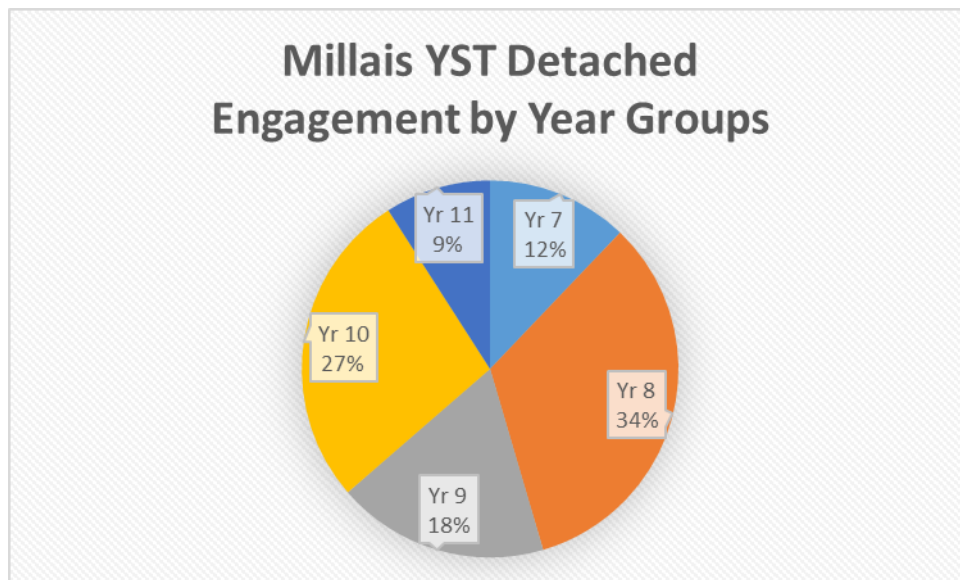
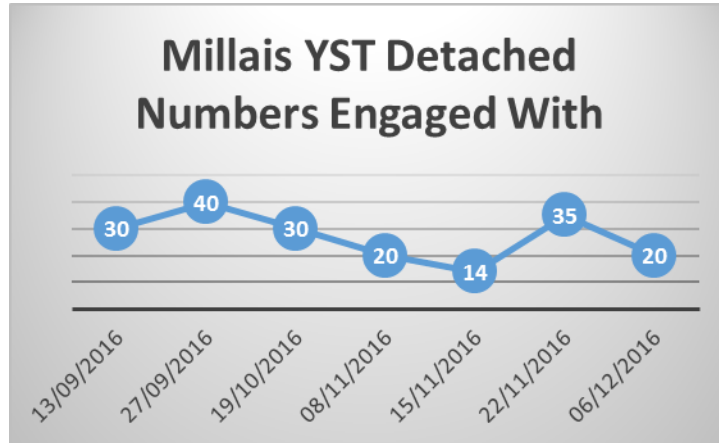
### Feedback from young people/ Community:

**From Young person in Reference to Christmas:** When is Needles back on? I go down every Week to check if it is on!

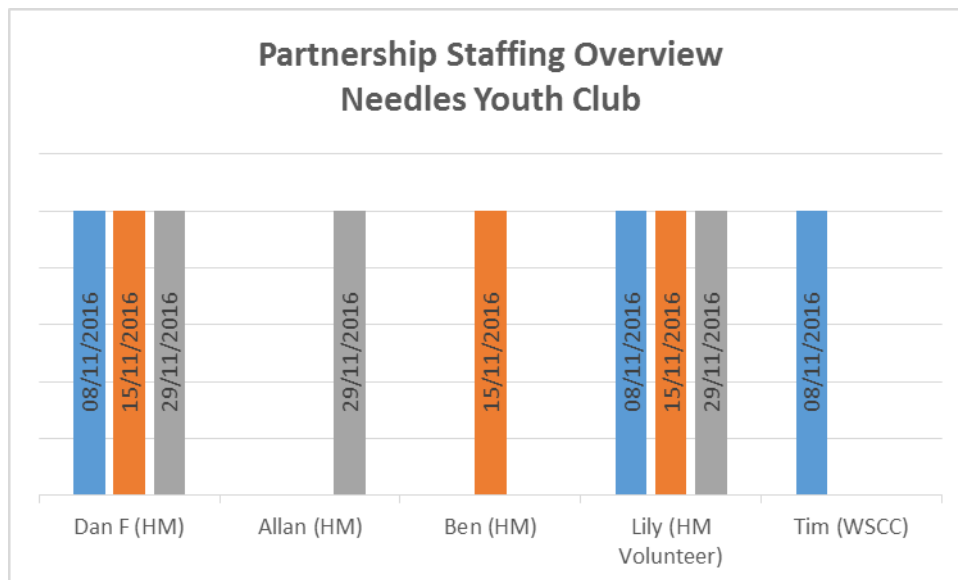
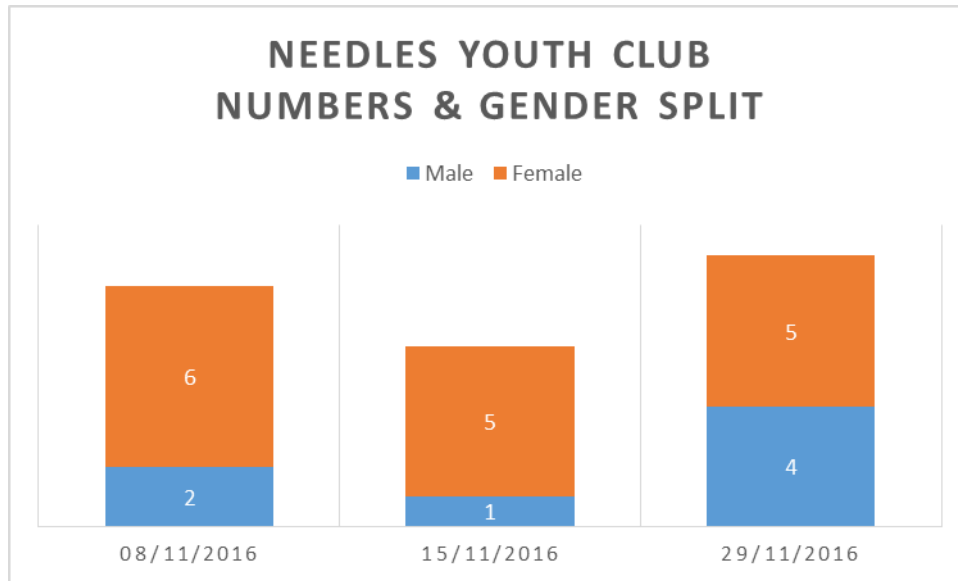
**From Young Person at Nero:** You Guys are great you make me laugh but your also great to talk too

**From Dr Lodwick Millais Head Teacher:** I want you in here!!

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### Issues Raised by Young People

Youth workers particularly noted in each session evaluations discussions with individual young people around relationships & sexual health.

Other general discussions related to friendships and school life.

### Session Ratings

The team rated sessions as follows:

08.11.16 – Very Good

15.11.16 – Satisfactory

29.11.16 – Good

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ELiv8 THS Nov 8 week course

M/F	Year Group	Area
M	8	Warnham
M	8	Southwater
M	8	Horsham
M	8	Horsham
M	8	Horsham
F	8	Horsham
F	8	Southwater
F	8	Warnham
F	8	BBH

Forest anger management 2x 6-week courses

M/F	Year Group	Area
M	9	Horsham
M	8	Southwater
M	8	Horsham
M	8	Horsham
M	7	Horsham
M	7	Horsham
M	7	Horsham