

Lyskerrys Youth Funding Bid for Youth Work Provision

Lyskerrys Youth is the fully constituted committee, created to take over and continue the youth work provision in Liskeard instated by Young People Cornwall. Young People Cornwall (YPC) applied to the town council on 19th September and the council agreed to fund their work until March 2018 (see Appendix 1 for further details including back ground to the project), combined with a £2000 contribution from the Masonic Charitable Foundation which they had secured. The committee wishes to formalise the following provision going forward.

Provision

- Professionally staffed youth club sessions targeting 11-13 year olds and 14-18 year olds (currently Friday). This includes positive activities, informal education, targeted youth support and issue based work.
- Older sessions targeting 14-18 year olds (currently Tuesday) including issue based work, targeted youth support and volunteering opportunities e.g. healthy eating workshops, mental health, c-card / sex education, youth parliament, planning partnership activities such as cinema, party in the park etc.
- Young people's steering group to consult on the work of the committee.
- Mental health support group (currently on hold), but referral routes into other mental health and well-being support.
- Network of partner referral agencies and organisations, which would be maintained by a continued relationship with Young People Cornwall.
- Voluntary run Youth Cinema (launched on 25th November), also offering volunteering opportunities for young people.

Evidence of Need

- 193 individual young people have attended youth club since its start, and new young people continue to attend. Events and school activity have reached 424 young people
- 51% Female 49% Male, majority 12 to 16 years old
- On average each young person has attended 23 hours of provision.
- 35+ young people attend on a Friday night and the majority walk from the town centre. Data shows 80% of Young People who attend the Liskeard youth project are from Liskeard Town. 20% of young people attend from Dobwalls, St Cleer, Menheniot and other surrounding areas of Liskeard.
- 40% of Children in Liskeard North live in poverty (after housing costs) – (Source: Vital signs Pg 6 [Cornwall Community Foundation](#))
- With provision of 1,400 new housing in Liskeard between 2010 and 2030 the need for provision and activities for young people will increase (Source: [Liskeard 2030 'A Place to Live' Report October 2016](#))

Impact

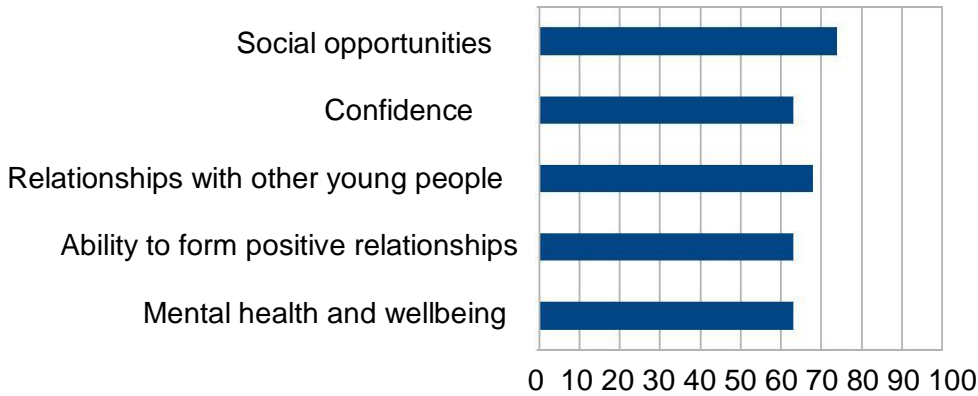
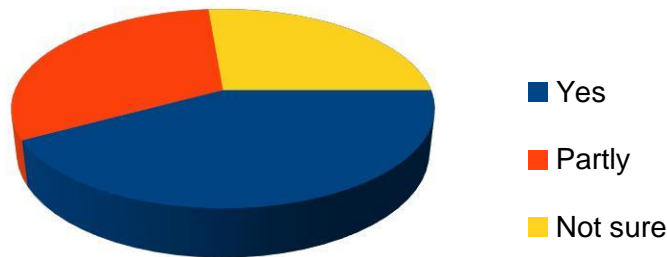
Youth workers monitor and measure impact in a number of ways. They will monitor numbers of young people, postcodes, gender and age. They also record outcomes using a national online Youth Star. The Outcomes Star enables workers to ascertain individual changes in behaviour. The tool captures where young people are and their progress in 6 areas of their lives, all of which are considered essential to contribute to the personal & social development of a young person. Young people are asked to fill in the 'Youth Star' (supported by a youth worker) at the beginning of a project and then do the same at regular intervals throughout their involvement with the project. The results are then collated and can show demonstrable progress in the 6 areas and as such individual outcomes can be highlighted and the impact of interventions measured. Youth Workers also gather case studies – Significant Change Stories - from young

people. Significant Change Stories for the past 2 months are attached (Appendix 3)

In addition they will gather feedback from partners; during the last year while youth work has been provided, local residents have reported a noticeable reduction in anti-social behaviour by young people. This is reinforced by Sergeant Jo Williams whose email (Appendix 2a) correlates the youth provision with an absence of young people in the anti-social behaviour escalation program, and there not being a “summer spike” of offences involving young people. St Austell Town Clerk's office report a similar positive effect from their funding of youth work. (Appendix 2b).

Please see below results of an impact survey given out to the young people.

Has having support from You Decide / Liskeard Youth Project helped you?



Percentage of surveyed youth who felt an improvement in this area due to youth services

Funding

To maintain the current level of provision for 1 year, the cost would be £20,188. Detailed costs are overleaf. In the situation of reduced funding being secured, Lyskerrys Youth Committee will work with Young People Cornwall to decide what amount of youth work provision could be delivered.

If 50% of the project cost was funded by the Town Council, the provision would be halved and would probably just deliver Friday evening. If no funding from the council is forthcoming then there would be no youth work provision in Liskeard in the near future. However, in both scenarios Lyskerrys Youth Committee will continue to make additional funding applications supported by the Community Worker. The committee believe that any funding for youth work from the Town Council will help secure additional funds from other funders.

The Lyskerrys Youth committee are all in agreement that YPC can support the group by ring fencing any funds successfully secured for the next 12 months while the group fully establishes itself. A Partnership agreement – Appendix 4 - would be provided by YPC to the Town Council and the committee to detail responsibilities.

Match Funding

- There are multiple funding opportunities which will be sought for match funding. Since the last application Pitch Pot funding of £1100 has been applied for and granted for the Youth Cinema.
- We are currently in the process of looking at and applying for the Youth Social Action Fund, Together for Families funding, and Awards for All funding. The progress of this has been slowed by the need to wait for an appointment to establish a bank account – this is now completed.
- Young people and youth workers are keen to run fundraising events and activities as young people understand the need to be involved. An event is planned for April 2018.

Added value

- Access to a youth participation worker through the relationship with Young People Cornwall and the Your Way. This worker will support young people to have their voice heard, encourage them to apply for funding for the project and support them to inform local decision-making.
- The youth cinema, which has sought its own funding and will seek further funding to involve young people.
- Mental health support group (currently on hold) to be volunteer-led by experienced individuals, who are trained and supported through Your Way. Through relationships with local organisations the space for this has been donated, so incurs no cost to the council.
- Volunteers are in the process of being recruited to offer additional activities at the youth group e.g. a local musician.
- Training and support for volunteers, has been opened to other related organisations such as Liskerrett, Liskeard Community Action and/or Real Ideas Organisation, giving the project added value wider into the community. For example, First Aid training for volunteers.
- To increase young people's access to services and youth work provision, Lyskerrys Youth, Youth workers and Volunteers have attended, and will attend and promote to school assemblies and other organisations in the community e.g. links with the TIC TAC service with regards to sexual health advice (C-Card), local football club to support sport activities, Your Way information advice and guidance and RIO training and apprenticeship.

Funding Required for Current Provision

	Breakdown of Cost	Annual Cost	4 Year Cost
Qualified Youth Workers	Youth Workers: JNC level 13 £23, 201pro rata for 8 hrs a week x 2 workers. Inc data and impact, reporting Plus oncosts and pension	£11546	
	Management Supervision, Safeguarding	£1664	
	Stationary/printing, telephones, publicity, insurance, training, legal and compliance, health and safety, reporting and administration, payroll, audit etc, travel, Resources for club	£2000	
		£500	
	Total	£15,710	Yr 2 + 2% = 16024 Yr 3 + 2% = 16344 Yr 4 + 2% = 16671 £64,749
Rental of Space for Youth Sessions	£35.50 (£22 + £13.50) for youth and office spaces at Liskerett Community Centre) / 4 hour session 2 sessions a week.	£3,692	£14,768
Insurance	Insurance for 4 days a week (to cover 3 regular sessions + monthly cinema and summer activities)	£322	£1,288

Lyskerrys Youth Administration Costs	£200 for printing of volunteer applications, policies, committee meeting agendas and minutes etc.	£200	£800
Rental of Space for Committee	£22 for room at Liskerett Centre	£264	£1,056
Totals		£20,188	£82,661
		Year 1 Cost	4 Year Cost