

Liskeard Town Council Youth survey report April 2018

The survey and how the report is presented

The survey (as a word document and SurveyMonkey link) was sent to 76 organisations which work with children and young people in Liskeard. We did not include those working only with pre-school children. It was also publicised widely on social media.

We received 17 responses. These include a wide range of types of organisation but this sample is likely to be skewed towards organisations looking for extra support or funding and those with the capacity/motivation to respond to a relatively long questionnaire. Not all respondents answered all the questions.

The report is divided into two documents, purely because of the easiest ways to extract different types of data from SurveyMonkey:

- This overview, including the key findings and the full text of answers to key text questions, including the organisations which responded to the survey and what they do..
- The Data_charts_youth PDF which shows charts of the responses to key multiple choice questions.

The full response from each organisation is available from the office for anyone who would like it.

Key findings

- Half of those who responded were a **branch of a national organisation**.
- 10 of 16 **organise activities specifically for young people**.
- Everyone who answered said that they were **accessible** to a wide range of young people and over 2/3 said they undertook **activities to address deprivation**. Q19 below covers the specific responses in accessibility.
- The organisations access a **wide range of funding sources**, with grant funding the most commonly cited (by over 60%) and funding from 'our parent organisation' the least.
- A third of those who responded said they had experienced a **reduction in funding** from other agencies.
- Over a third of respondents said that their work with young people locally involved **paid workers** and almost 80% said it involved **volunteers**.
- The answers to **Q25** below set out a range of plans for **further developing work with young people**. 11 of the 13 organisations which responded said they would need external funding for this to happen.

- 11 of the 14 respondents said that they would be interested in participating in a **youth forum or council**. We've sent out a follow up email to all the organisations we originally contacted to try to gauge interest in this specific idea.
- The answers to **Q29** below relate to **gaps in youth provision** in Liskeard. A number of them mention the lack of suitable venues.
- The organisations which responded almost all said they had child protection policies, undertook DBS checks and didn't need help with safeguarding. It may be that those most likely to respond to the survey are also those most likely to have **safeguarding measures**.
- Half of those who responded said their organisation needed **help with training, support or information** but the follow up question asking them to specify didn't elicit much information.
- A number of the organisations **evaluate the impact** on young people they work with. A number do not. See the answers to **Q36** below. This may be an area where it would be useful to spread good practice.

Q1 Name of Organisation and Q9 Give a brief description of your purpose and activities related to children and young people

Liskeard and South East Cornwall Breathers group	As one of our community projects group members visit Cornish secondary schools and talk about the hazards of smoking, using their own illnesses as an example. We talk to roughly 2,500 pupils a year and we have been running the project for 10 years. In 2013 we won the Queen's Award For Voluntary Service for our work in the community.
Liskeard & Looe Foodbank	We provide emergency food aid to local families and individuals in crisis, by way of referral from frontline agencies.
Girl Guides, Brownies and Rainbows.	As a Girlguiding volunteer we aim to help girls & young women reach their full potential,to be caring, challenging, empowering,to have fun (lots of) inclusive and inspiring.
Liskeard Bowls Club and Caradon indoor bowls	Coaching given in preparation for Cornwall School Games
Young People Cornwall	liskerrett youth club offers young people aged 11-18 years two nights of youth sessions a week. sessions are run by Young People Cornwall, from the liskerrett centre. The project provides young people with a safe space, somewhere to go, fun and positive activities, sports, arts, music, cooking, workshops, trips, advice and guidance and much more planned and designed with young people
Liskeard Family Hub	

Combat Athletics Academy	We teach martial arts, self defence and self empowerment to young people
1st Liskeard scout group	We are a scout group based in Liskeard. Girls and boys age from 5 & 3/4 to 14 years. We do lots of activities earning badges, outdoor activities include walking, camping and fire lighting.
2nd Liskeard Guides	Youth organisation for girls aged 10 - 14
LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE	<p>Lighthouse Community Centre seeks to provide benefit primarily to the youth through various activities including training, mentoring, team building and employment, whilst meeting the needs of the most socially deprived in our community.</p> <p>We are a group of people, many of whom have been in youth work in Liskeard for over 20 years working for and alongside the local churches, this includes youth clubs, trips, events, camping, workshops and a school lunchtime club.</p> <p>Lighthouse Community Centre is a new venture which we hope will eventually be available to the local youth 6 days a week providing them with an abundance of opportunities in many different areas.</p>
Real Ideas Organisation	<p>RIO are passionate about solving social problems From breathing new life into old buildings, to supporting young people to develop the skills to succeed in an ever-changing world, RIO innovates to deliver real and lasting social change.</p> <p>We deliver programmes that support young people in Liskeard to develop skills and find employment or progress into education called Talent Match and Game Changer.</p> <p>RIO in partnership with Liskeard school delivers Bridge academy a year long development programme for 17-18 year olds that enables them to gain qualifications whilst importantly unlocking their passions, skills and aptitudes and enabling them to apply them through involvement in real life projects and programmes of activity.</p>
Louise School Of Dance	I teach children to dance in Ballet Tap Modern Jazz Contemporary stretch and Musical theatre
1387 (Liskeard) Squadron	1387 Squadron is Liskeard's branch of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets. We meet on a Monday and Wednesday 1900-2130 at the Barras Cross Drill Hall. Cadets get the opportunity to take part in numerous activities including; Map Reading, Aeronautics, Shooting, Flying, DofE, Adventure Training and Camps.
Volunteer Cornwall	<p>Independent Visitors and Advocacy (CIVAS) Volunteer Cornwall in partnership with Barnardo's South West are working together to deliver an Independent Visitor and Advocacy Service (CIVAS) for vulnerable children and young people in Cornwall.</p> <p>Youth Volunteering - Volunteer Cornwall are currently reviewing how we can enable more young people to get involved in their community through volunteering. It is likely that we'll be delivering workshops and giving talks in schools and youth groups to increase engagement</p>

Caradon Hockey Club	We have 143 under 18 members who train on Monday nights September-March and play in regular tournaments throughout these months.
Dance Centred	They vary - but include: Working with schools to deliver creative approaches to the curriculum and personal well being. Running Flying Monkeys - creative child centred dance activity for children age 5 - 10
Sparrows and Sycamores Forest School	Sparrows and Sycamores Forest School aims to provide a long-term, regular natural environment, which offers challenging outdoor learning opportunities, such as fire lighting, shelter building, campfire cooking, tool use and natural art. We are situated at the Old Road Nature Reserve in Liskeard. Specific sessions for Pre-school children, Home Educated children, School aged children and teens will be starting in the coming months.

Q19 If your work is accessible to a diverse range of young people, please give examples of good practice which can be shared

Code of Conduct, Safe Space Safe Guarding
Special sessions for vulnerable adults
Being inclusive and open to all young people, and adaptable to meet different needs, is at the core of our culture. we run a variety of awareness raising workshops with young people. our sessions are free and costs for trips etc are kept to a minimum.
We have a ramp into the scout hut, a few of the leaders are trained in diabetes, epilepsy and all are first aid trained.
The site we use is flat so is accessible to all, inc wheelchair users
We often provide childcare costs for individuals, build programmes around specific needs to encourage participation and empower young people to help build the activities so that it ensures their needs can be met.
We have lots of children that have disabilities and emotional behaviour problems
Work with children who have SpLD and disabilities.
Timebanking Your Way was a great way to engage young people in volunteering. The rewards could be used as a hook, but often the real reward for the young people came from their experience of volunteering. We have also found that workshops with small groups of young people to talk about how they can get involved in their community can inspire them to start volunteering and take action on issues they are passionate about.
Children with autism are encouraged as part of the group. Children of all abilities are selected for tournaments.
The creative practice enables people of all physical and mental abilities to find a way in

Q25 Do you have plans for further developing your work with children and young people over the next couple of years? Please give a brief description

We would like to encourage other Breathers groups across Cornwall to perform the same service, thus increasing the number of young people reached. We are having a video made of one of our school talks to facilitate this.
No
We strive to help girls and young women develop throughout their Guiding experiences.
Support the schools that enter Cornwall School Games
we would like to see the youth club continue over the years, aswell as increase the activities we can offer, and get more involved in community activities. we have an adult steering group who also assist with this.
Giving the children the opportunity to go camping. Which we will need more tents.
I want to expand my Forest School and hold regular sessions each week of the year. I plan to run free sessions in conjunction with Liskeard Community Action group. I also want to run sessions for the local Home Educated children.
Developing Lighthouse Community Centre into a lively and vibrant place which is easily accessible to the young people where they can learn new skills, grow, receive support, build confidence, have fun, feel socially included and provide them with greater future prospects.
Yes, we are looking to develop a wider offer for children and young people connected to the library we are looking to support.
We are always addressing the needs and adapt accordingly
The volunteers aim to become more qualified to run activities to provide a more varied programme.
We plan to develop a Youth Volunteering project and seek funding for this in place of Timebanking Your Way.
Yes. We hope to maintain excellent numbers at training sessions and enter as many tournaments as possible. This year, we have two teams representing Cornwall at the West In2 Hockey Finals up at Bristol and it would be great to build on this in the coming years.
I would like to continue to develop Flying Monkeys activities and train others to deliver sessions

**Q29 Do you think there are currently gaps in the youth provision in Liskeard?
Please give details**

Not just in Liskeard. As far as we are aware we are the only independant group performing this service anywhere in the country.
One problem is cost of venue. There is no discount for children by GLL for hire of bowls hall.
Or for the Junior badminton inclusive club.

the above idea of a youth forum would be a fantastic asset to Liskeard and a great opportunity to get all providers to work together to ensure valuable services are available for young people and their needs are being met.

through young people cornwalls Hear our voice project we were enabled to run a short Mental health and emotional well being group, this has now ended but is something that young people are telling us they would like and need.

I think the older children need somewhere safe to 'hang out' outside. They have the skate park but it is unsafe after sunset as there are no floodlights. Castle park has unsafe equipment on it. I think the Youth could help redesign Castle Park to make it better for not only their age group, but younger children too

Yes. There are many clubs, however these cost money and many parents are unable to finance them. There are also several voluntary youth clubs which are a great asset however these are only available to the youth a few hours a week. After working with the youth over the past 20 years we believe there needs to be something more substantial for them, a venue that is built around them, for them and available more than a couple of hours a week.

There are many issues facing our young people today bullying, social media, boredom, alcoholism, drugs, sex etc However since working within the school we have noted another serious issue with self harming which is a life long battle that affects everyday life, this points to underlying issues that need to be addressed. We believe by giving them something to value, somewhere to go, somewhere they can build on their confidence, learn new skills and find better future prospects we may well have a chance at combating these issues before they arise rather than dealing with the crisis afterwards.

ongoing support for young people with disabilities continues to be a challenge.

With regards to Q28 - I think there are other organisations and representatives who would be better suited to attend the youth forum, but perhaps someone from Volunteer Cornwall could facilitate a session on volunteering with the forum.

Perhaps there is a need for specific services for disabled young people or young people with mental health problems?

Yes. Links between secondary school and feeder primaries could be stronger.

There could always be more

Q36 How do you assess the impact on young people of their involvement with your organisation?

At the end of each talk the pupils fill in a questionnaire concerning the impact that the talk had on them. In addition, the teachers involved also write a report about the talk. One head teacher estimated that after our talk the percentage of pupils in that year who smoked dropped from 25% to 15%.

Greatly with social interaction self confidence and pleasure

Our youth work team uses an outcomes measurement tool to track the personal and social development of individual young people accessing the Liskerrett Youth Project. Young People Cornwall use an outcomes measurement system which highlights an individual's progress in 6 key areas of their lives all of which are considered to be vital in reducing risk factors, raising aspirations, developing confidence & increasing social good.

We also regularly gain feedback from young people, and have a young persons steering group.

I have a feedback questionnaire that I give to all young people and their parents/carers.

We always measure and evaluate the impact we have on our young people and develop strategies that will encourage their development and participation. We have regular team meetings, log all relevant information and the youth are involved in much of the decision making.

Through our impact assessment tool, co-production and transformational index.

We are an inclusive group and aim to help all those who attend with their own particular needs.

We record case studies and stories about our projects and how they have had a positive impact on a community or an individual's life. Timebanking Your Way had a feedback form which young people who were Timebanking completed so we could see what worked well and find ways to improve the service.

We review junior membership numbers and look at tournament attendance, results and finishing places year on year.

Feedback form relevant to project/activity

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