

## **The Core Youth Project**

The Core is a youth work facility situated in the old K3 building behind Cornwall College campus on Church Road. It runs frequent workshops and sessions for young people in the town such as after school drop-in sessions, youth club, an LGBT+ 'Just be you' group; cookery classes called the 'Grub Club' which will hopefully continue once further funding is found, and clubs including a climbing club as well as trips out such as the cinema. The Core also has its own Youth Committee offering young people the chance to volunteer and get involved.

Since opening it has attracted a lot more groups to use the site including hobbycraft groups, exercise classes and bowling. With this in mind, The Core is becoming more interested in extending its provision to the wider community establishing itself as a hub.

The committee are currently working together with Cornwall Council to work out the finer detail of the centre being devolved to them. This will involve The Core having to find funding for the upkeep and maintenance of the building and pay for its rent. It's hoped that increased revenue from the hiring out of the centre will help towards these costs.

Funding is going to be increasingly important going forward in keeping this community asset open and also to be able to extend its offer of youth services. The youth worker coordinator at The Core currently provide outreach mental health service to its users including a triage morning drop-in service and workshops at Saltash.net and well as being a one-to-one drop-in for children and young people at The Core building.

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