



Report on the delivery of youth work April 2019 to July 2019

Provision

Between April 2019 and July 2019 Livewire ran open access sessions on Monday and Thursday evenings for 13 to 21 year olds and on Wednesday evenings for school year six to school year 8, we no longer run our Job Club on Wednesday mornings as our NEET work (for young people not in education, employment or training) works well during our open access sessions and by appointment. In addition we have continued to run our Tuesday evening closed access wellbeing sessions to support young people (13 to 21) with anxiety issues, low self esteem and/or low level ill mental health, with youth work staff, musicians, counsellors and a therapy dog.

Statistics

Number of open access evening youth work sessions during this period: 38, 42 by the end of July: April 6, May 11, June 12 and July 9 to date 13 by the end of July. During the open access sessions 221 individual young people have engaged in youth work activities and 134 of them have received additional, individual or group support. Many of them have had measurable distance travelled.

Provision continued

Our mental health project supports the Tuesday evening closed access sessions, there will have been 16 of these sessions by the end of July, The Tuesday evening sessions are exceeding all our expectations in terms of building resilience and improved self esteem for the young people attending.

Our afterschool group for primary school age children accompanied by a parent/carer, has continued to be a success and we are now going to open up the referral process so that more children can benefit.

We now have 10 volunteer counsellors supervised by our mental health lead the counselling service at Livewire continues to be a successful part of the work we do and we are thrilled to report that we still don't have a waiting list of more than a couple of weeks.

Young people's development group.

Livewire's development group of young people has representatives of various elements of the work at Livewire including; 1 members that is part of the venue team, 2 members that volunteer at Junior club, 1 member that represents the music production, 2 members representing general youth club activities including youth work, 1 member representing wellbeing and 2 members representing peer education at Livewire. This ensures that the entire life of Livewire is represented within the development group so no one group of young people dominate the direction for the work but that all can have a say in the direction of the developments at Livewire. One representative of the

development group attends management committee meetings on behalf of the young people at Livewire. Their plans for decorating upstairs of the building are coming together nicely and ideas for funding have been discussed. Although their plans have rather taken a back seat of late as they are all quite excited about another project they want to get up and running whereby young people from Livewire will be making music with the older members of our community in partnership with the dementia group in Saltash.

Single issue programmes

During the open access sessions Livewire has run single issue programmes on online safety which has continued from the previous months also bullying and LGBTQ+, as well as our ongoing single issue programme on wellbeing. All of these have been identified by members of Livewire.

Daytime provision

During this period there were daytime sessions running every weekday for one to one and targeted sessions for young people referred to Livewire from various organisations, including: Cornwall children in need team and targeted youth support, Cornwall college, Caradon WAVE academy, and Saltash community school. In addition 3 times a week there are youth workers from Livewire working in Saltash community school to support the school's triage for students struggling for whatever reason, helping them get classroom ready. We have also supported the schools enrichment week again this year with 12 students taking part in the enrichment week activities and 10 students on work experience for the week. This has been another fantastic week of activities which ended with a live performance which their parents were invited to come and see on Friday afternoon.

Events

So far this year these have included the May fair where young people from Livewire performed and Saltash Regatta where we also had a number of young people performing.

Match funding to date

£2,850: in donations from Saltash Rotary club and Tamar Trotters

£2,115: fundraising gig held at Livewire on 16/03/2019

£10,238: grant from people's health trust. (wellbeing project)

£10,000: donation from a local supporter.