



Report on the delivery of youth work December 2019 to February 2020

Provision

Between December 2019 and February 19th 2020 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, and our Tuesday evening closed access wellbeing sessions have continued with youth work staff, musicians, counsellors and a therapy dog.

Statistics from open access sessions

Number of open access evening youth work sessions during this period: 28, December 9, January 12 and February 7.

During the open access sessions 248 individual young people have engaged in youth work activities and 164 of them have received additional, individual or group support. Most of them have had measurable distance travelled.

Provision continued

Our mental health project supports our Tuesday evening closed access sessions; there have been 10 of these sessions between December and February. The Tuesday evening sessions are still exceeding all our expectations in terms of building resilience and improved self esteem for the young people attending, whilst 4 already attend our open access sessions regularly there are another 3 moving into open access sessions which will make 7 in total since September 2019.

Our afterschool group for primary school age children is really successful and the change from asking parents to stay has really impacted on attendance in a good way all the children that were referred have attended every session which is excellent.

We currently have 8 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.

In January we started to run a dementia project whereby young people from Livewire work with a musician and youth worker to support a music workshops with people living with dementia, sadly this has not been well attended and we are halting the project to evaluate and maybe change the day or times or take it out into the community to make it more accessible as it's such a lovely project we really want to give it every chance of success.

Young people's development group.

Livewire's development group of young people has representatives of various elements of the work at Livewire. These include the venue team, volunteers from junior club, music production, general youth club activities, wellbeing and peer education. This

ensures that all young people from Livewire are represented and have a voice in the developments at Livewire.

Single issue programmes

During this period Livewire has continued the theme of single issue programmes on healthy relationships and positive body image as part of our wider wellbeing programme in our open access sessions. In addition we have started to run a single issue programme on bullying.

Daytime provision

During this period there have been 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, social workers and T-plus. Livewire has continued to provide support to Saltash community school's triage sessions 3 times a week and we currently have students from the school at Livewire receiving support from our youth work team 5 mornings a week. Our Monday drop in session has stopped due to a) the student that started the sessions in October finished her placement with us and b) there wasn't the demand for it to continue. The one to one daytime counselling sessions continue daily from 9.30 until 2.30.

Match funding to date

Since the last report Livewire has received various funds including £11,000 a year for the next 5 years from the Young family in memory of Malcolm Young guitarist from AC/DC who died in November 2017.

£7,200 from the tampax tax fund for young womens work.

Waitrose has named Livewire as their charity of the year and we are still waiting to hear back on a number of funding bids.