

Livewire youth project report to Saltash Town Council September 2020 to December 2020

We ran detached sessions at the end of the summer starting in August and continuing until the end of September the work was mostly centred on the waterside area of Saltash because there had been a number of complaints about the behaviour of certain groups of young people. However Livewire's youth work team only encountered very polite and friendly young people. The total number of sessions to date: 10

Open access has changed considerably this year because of the pandemic Livewire's current provision consists of:

1. Online sessions Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings where young people can chat with youth workers, students and volunteers. Have music lessons, enter silly competitions etc. Sessions since September to date: 09/12/2020 = 39
2. We have also moved our Tuesday evening wellbeing session online where young people can access everything they did before lockdown on a Tuesday evening with the exception of the therapy dog. Sessions to date: = 14
3. Online 1 to 1 youth work support (mainly through zoom) sessions to date = 6
4. Online counselling (through zoom, skype, teams or telephone)
5. Telephone and text support daily.

Face to face work at Livewire since September includes:

6. Music sessions for young people with high needs on a Monday and Thursday evening at Livewire. Sessions to date = 28
7. Music sessions for young women again with high needs on a Wednesday evening with a female musician employed through a grant from the tampon tax fund to work specifically with young women to encourage music making amongst them. Sessions to date = 13
8. Recording sessions on Saturday for the young people that attend the above music sessions. Sessions to date = 14
9. Daytime music sessions for referrals from social care and schools currently running 5 sessions per week. This work varies depending on need.
10. School work support for students referred from schools. Currently 5 days per week with 2 students attending. Again this work varies according to need.
11. 1 to 1 youth work support with our highly qualified and experienced youth workers who have up skilled to include qualifications in mental health due to the rise in young people we increasingly encounter with ill mental health. This includes daytime sessions and some after school sessions.
12. Counselling with Livewire's team of counsellors again this mainly takes place during the school day but there is also provision for after school sessions.

13. We have just started a young men's and a separate young women's support group run on a Tuesday evening at Livewire very early days yet but 2 weeks in and it's going well.

All of the above services were available during our open access sessions at Livewire prior to lockdown in March but since then we have had to pre book everything so whilst we currently aren't running open access sessions we are providing the same service.

Number of young people engaged with since September: 281

Number of single-issue programmes run: 3 online safety has been prevalent during this time and we have also run a single issue programme on Boredom and Loneliness which was a spin off from the online safety and a single issue programme on inspirational women for the young women's support group.

Number of young people receiving individual or group support: 139 (51 receiving counselling, 36 receiving 1 to 1 youth work support, 52 young people have received group support since September 2020)

Number of young people helped into or back into education, training or work:

Number of young people referred to Livewire from other organisations, Targeted youth support, school, social workers, early help hub: 19

Numbers of volunteer support worker hours: 410

Match funding secured so far:

£750 from powergrid

£2000 donation from an individual

£3000 CCF

£1555 Facebook Birthday fundraiser

Co-op made Livewire one of their charities again but we won't know the final amount until round about March.