

## **Annual Report for JYSP/JY Youth 2020/2021:-**

JY Youth is an indoor youth facility that has open access sessions delivering youth work in a safe and friendly environment, which also has within its building a Skatepark which is a unique Niche to encourage Youth people of our community to come and hangout within our space and been able to keep them safe and give advice and guidance where needed, JY has a great team (be it small) that support the young people who attend JY and we also have a JNC qualified Youth worker who is able to give out any advice and guidance that is needed.

As well as running JY Youth, we, with the support from Saltash Town council funding are able to deliver outreach/detached youth work. We have had a presence predominately down at Saltmill Skatepark, keeping in contact with our young people and connecting with young people who don't attend JY, over the last 6 months we have focused on giving information on Covid19 and generally making sure there doing okay and giving out any information that is needed, from these visits we have established how important JY is going to be to support young people when they can come back to the building once it is safe to do so and we come out of Lockdown.

Whilst we were able to open last Year we have delivered numerous conversations and informal education particularly regarding drug use/impact/exploitation and the rules of COVID.

During lockdown Lewis one of our youth workers/coaches has supported 1 young person with their emotional health and wellbeing in terms of support and conversation with a trusted adult down at Saltmill Skatepark, We also have 2 more of our more vulnerable young people having 1-1 support with our JNC youth worker on Wednesdays at JY to give guidance to gain successful employment support.

Also during lockdown we have maintained a presence online giving information on our social media pages regarding covid19 safety, health and wellbeing for our young people to access. On our social media pages we have organized and run Competitions to get the community involved with ( one been design your own Skatepark) and the ones we got sent through were amazing and the feed back was how great it was to do a project together as a family etc.... We are looking to continue with these as it gives our young people a focus and activity to do whilst keeping safe.

Last year over the Christmas Period we did food packages for our Local Schools which was offered to all Schools ( supported also by Waitrose) and we had positive feed back from this, our Young People helped support with this whilst we were able to be open, which gave them an understanding of how a lot of families are struggling and need support, our young people loved getting involved with this and were coming out with other ideas that could help, so we'll try coming back to this and push with supporting more with the Local Schools for later in 2021.

The funding we secured from Saltash town council and other Grants will enable us to continue with JY Youth Nights/Outreach once we get back to some sort of normality and we will focus heavily on getting young people's minds back to a positive outlook, they have been confide to a closed space for a long time and this may have become the norm for them and there confidence to socialised and there motivation may have

been damaged and we will look to support this as best we can moving forward through 2021.

We have secured a small budget of funding from Sport England to deep Clean JY and put Covid19 measures in place for our return.

We have started to attend Safer Saltash meetings and will continue to do so and support were ever we can, We will also look to communicate with the Local Schools once we come out of lockdown ,We will look to communicate with Saltash.net and see where we can work together and give support and we will contact the primary schools offering youth Coaching sessions. We will continue to keep in touch with GW South regarding Saltmill Skatepark and look to secure some funding to support bringing Saltmill Skatepark back to life and to a safe standard.