



Youth Provision Working Group

23rd February 2021

6.30pm

MS TEAMS

[Click here to access meeting](#)

Chair: Teresa Scott

Notes:

1. Introductions (a chance to find out about the experience and background of our newer members)
 - Avtar Singh – Chalfont St Peter youth centre, team of volunteers
 - Benson James – Director of Fitness Garden (community interest company) including youth projects in Denham and Chalfont
 - Carl Jackson – Chalfont St Giles Parish Council, Involved with CSG Youth Club
 - Debbie Hulme – Community co-ordinator for Chiltern and South Bucks (part of family support team)
 - Hellen Orme – Gerrards Cross Town Council
 - Isobel Darby – Chalfont St Peter Parish Council, Buckinghamshire Council
 - John Arnold – Chairman of PACCAR Scout Camp
 - Jonathan Rush – Vice chair of Community Boards, Director of Chalfont St Peter Community Centre
 - Karen Dickson – Chalfont St Peter Parish Council, Youth Club and Community Centre, Involved with volunteers re: activity park
 - Stuart Parker – Community development manager – youth offer within Voluntary sector
 - Teresa Scott – Gerrards Cross Town Council, previously worked with unemployed youths, trained as a teacher

2. Priorities for the group
 - Existing youth provision – where they've received previous funding, do we need to look at if they need the funding from us still?
 - Doing what was done before may not be the right thing anymore – young people's lives have been turned upside down. What is their need now, and what can we do to help this?
 - Avtar – continuing to see young people around CSP. The impact of lockdown has affected young people differently: lockdown has worked positively for some of the most vulnerable - opportunity to reflect on previous choices.
 - Socio-economic groups: even those with more privileged access (tech, space, "luxuries") have experienced considerable mental health issues. We need to look at each as an individual, rather than mass generalising.
 - Vast majority have been robbed of their childhood and interactions. We need to appreciate this.
 - Sports court (astroturf) and equipment at CSP youth centre, which will be available to the community once re-opened.
 - Stuart – how can we speak to young people of the area to find out their needs, their priorities? We need to give them a voice, we need to consult with them.
 - Some boards have young people on their working groups.
 - Need to ensure there is a diverse range of young people.

- Do we train up those who are already working with young people, or specialist organisations to come in and deliver?
 - Bucks Mind – trailblazers for mental health
 - There is a gap for the younger age group as we tend to focus on 13-19 year olds
 - PFA work – preparing for adulthood (Kickstart by the DWP)
 - Could tie-in within the colleges? It might just be funding necessary for them to continue to study.
 - **John – a definition of youth would be useful.**
 - A section of youth – around year 11-13 – whose watershed moments in life have just gone by. E.g. no Duke of Edinburgh award that could help them into “adulthood”, aiding their growth and development.
 - Now finding themselves in an adult world and may not be well-equipped.
 - Here to enable via the activities and opportunities PACCAR can provide.
 - Isobel – looking at it holistically, we need to find out the school provision.
 - Primary to secondary transition may also be a key section, they’ve lost their leaver’s time.
 - Benson – delivered work in CSP around 2019.
 - Detached youth work for 12 weeks – try and find out what’s going on.
 - Started a project just before lockdown in Denham
 - Those who aren’t involved in structured groups are looking for structure and community – and they’ll find it anywhere. Youth Groups e.g. at CSP, which are less structured, allows them to break off into their sub-groups.
 - Boxing work – has showed that sometimes the activities you think will work on one set of young people, actually work on another. Need to be able to be flexible.
 - Those in the most affluent villages are more suspicious of the help given to them.
 - We need to ensure we get to those who need help.
 - Hasn’t been into GX yet.
 - Gavin James – violence reduction unit (custody, young people), tries to create a plan for them in the community. Referral scheme to work with them on a one to one basis. He will also share list of gateway companies for KICKSTART.
 - Mental health provision: is it about awareness, identification etc?
 - Not yet informed enough to set our priorities.
 - Should we invite PCSOs?
 - Send over anyone you think would like to be on this group to Ani.
 - Ani to send out funding criteria for members consideration
3. Consideration of applications to the Community Board
 - None
 - Teresa Scott – we need to consider some applications and not let this money disappear
 4. AOB
 - Need to ensure we are managing expectations, be realistic about what we could achieve, especially when talking to young people.
 - Theme the offers? E.g. Health & Wellbeing?
 5. Date of Next Meeting
 - Currently set officially as 13 July 2021
 - The group would like to set an interim meeting to continue the momentum.
 - 24th March 2021, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Actions

- Volunteer it yourself – Denham Scout Hut
- Look at those who received funding from the districts – see if they still need our help.

- Send out funding docs
- Talk to the schools – what MH provision
- Offers of help to be logged
- Consider database of current projects and their funding streams for match funding opportunities.