



Mama Bee Group

Chesham Detached Youth Work Project

Project Overview:

This document outlines the proposed detached (street based) youth work project that Mama Bee Group will provide to support the current youth work practice delivered in Chesham, Buckinghamshire. This project is in response to the need to engage positively with young people in various areas across the town and the temporary closure of a local youth centre.

It has been identified that some young people are at personal risk and responsible for a number of anti-social and behavioural issues across Chesham. The provision available for young people between the ages of 13 – 19 years old in Chesham has significantly decreased over the years.

Implementing a detached youth work project will enable authentic engagement with young people in a more effective way and develop a robust approach to the management of emerging issues related to younger members of the community.

Targeting specific areas with Mama Bee Group's specialist youth work team, will combat the disconnection between young people and the rest of the community and begin to develop a sense of pride and ownership for the area they live in. We are also aware that Chesham may be a 'destination town' for other young people who do not live in the community.

Detached youth work provides a platform to engage with young people on their terms and in their environment.

We will focus on building more positive relationships and identify any significant needs within the groups of younger members of the community. Creating a sustainable approach to youth work in the town will ensure good relationships are maintained.

Decision making skills and developing healthy relationships underpin the delivery of all Mama Bee projects. This project provides young people who participate with a healthy and informal opportunity to engage with our team and contribute to better intergenerational understanding within the Chesham community.

Delivery:

- Starting summer 2022
- Three hours a week project for Twelve weeks
- Mama Bee youth work practitioners
- Mama Bee Support Worker
- Full risk assessments of all stages of project delivery
- Safeguarding, evaluation and reporting

Sustainability:

Initially Mama Bee Group practitioners will liaise with current organisations who have any interaction with the local young people in Chesham. We will work together to gather knowledge of the types of risk and anti-social behaviours that are present in the community, who are the groups or individuals perpetrating those behaviours, and challenge these directly by having a strong and collaborative presence in the identified areas.

After the Twelve weeks of detached youth work, recommendations will be made on the future areas of development for young people. Mamma Bee is already in communication with the youth worker from Chesham youth club, and the intention is to work together with Chesham youth club, as well as the organisations mentioned above, to implement a collaborative strategic plan moving forward once recommendations have been made.

Example session plan

Below is an example of how a detached youth work session could be delivered.

Time	Activity	Resources	Lead worker
5:30pm	Arrive in Chesham at identified areas where young people meet. (Several areas can be visited and engagement repeated with different groups)	First aid kit, Wifi hub for young people to connect to	Mama Bee youth work team
6:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mama Bee team to introduce themselves to any young people and explain their purpose • Explore setting boundaries and expectations to ensure safety and wellbeing of all participants • Young people to be encouraged to share their views on identified themes relating to the project • Any concerns around conduct will be documented and evaluated before the next session 	Direct to Mama Bee website/social media so young people can see who we are in their own time	Mama Bee youth work team
7:00pm	Sharing food and drinks – based on young people’s engagement and conduct	Snacks Drinks	
7:30pm	Further discussion and consciousness raising input by Mama Bee, exploring positive decision-making using the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How do we make a decision?</i> • <i>What influences our decisions – people, situations, money, reality, fantasy?</i> • <i>Possible consequences of decisions we make?</i> • <i>How can we make better decisions?</i> 	Paper/flipchart pens/stickers	Mama Bee youth work team
8:30pm	Leave Chesham		

Project costs

Costings per Three-hour detached session:

DBS Mama Bee practitioners @ £70 p/hour	£210:00
Delivery resources @ £10p/session	£10:00
All administration and safeguarding @ £25p/session	£25:00
Total per session	£245:00

Total cost of Twelve-week Detached Youth Work Project = £2940

Mama Bee Group will contribute £500 in funding towards this project and are in conversation with the Buckinghamshire Council Community youth team who may be able to pay for the first 2-4 weeks' worth of detached work. Mama Bee is also supported by Terence Higgins Trust, Switch and Chesham youth centre.

Mama Bee Information:

Mama Bee Group is a non-profit organisation created in March 2017 by Amber Preen, a qualified youth worker BA (hons).

Mama Bee provides specialist services for young people and communities to tackle a range of social issues.

Mama Bee has a unique and collaborative approach to designing and delivering projects, that are an effective and innovative way of capturing the needs and ideas of participants.

We have over twenty years' experience in meaningful participation and engagement and have previously worked within a local authority setting (BCC Youth Service) for many years and engaged with hundreds of young people during that time. All Mama Bee projects are young person led, this means the participants shape structure of delivery with our youth work practitioners. This leads to more productive engagement and a sense of ownership for learning and development.

For more information about Mama Bee – www.mamabee.org.uk