

Youth Engagement Action Plan

October 2022



Project(s)	Actions	Latest Position
<p>Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Engagement of year 11 students at risk of not engaging with education, training or employment. ii. Enterprise challenge. iii. Debate clubs. iv. Youth Mental Health. v. Resource for schools to access various provisions on offer by SRBC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Linking in with Investment and Skills team; Department of Work and Pensions; schools and colleges, to create a provision that offers a clear youth offer with wraparound support for young people into training/education/employment. - Connecting with providers who deliver enterprise challenges and activities, and local businesses that would want to support the project i.e. offering skills and mentoring sessions; judging enterprise challenges; World of Work visits etc. - Building upon the existing relationships with schools, through the Active Health Team and Cluster Head Teacher meetings (primary and secondary). - Engaging with existing community projects to incorporate into the school offer (i.e. Broadfield Community Garden) - Strengthening referral pathways to youth mental health services. - Ensuring more staff in schools have access to training and support i.e. safeguarding & mental health first aid. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All South Ribble Schools contacted and meetings ongoing to discuss partnership working. - Meeting held with Investment and Skills team to discuss interest from local businesses in supporting communities to align with their social value policies. - Mapped community offers for schools and students to engage in, particularly those on a reduced timescale. - Exploring the feasibility of developing a 'one stop shop' signposting resource for young people; teachers and parents to access information/support for youth mental health. - Lancashire Mind Bounce Forward programme scheduled to deliver in more primary schools early 2023. - Lancashire Youth Challenge RESTORE programme approaching completion. Programmes successfully delivered with Lostock Hall Academy and Worden Academy. - Identified Youth Council member to lead on the Debate Club project.

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<p>Youth Council</p> <p>I. Continue to develop the youth council.</p> <p>II. Engage Youth Council members in local decision making.</p> <p>III. Recruit and maintain consistent number of young people attending.</p> <p>IV. Establish roles within the Youth Council, including a Youth Council Mayor.</p> <p>V. Broaden the developments opportunities/activities on offer to young people to consolidate skills and knowledge relative to the Youth Council.</p> <p>VI. Establish methods of communication to raise the profile of the Youth Council and to promote what they're doing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attending school events to promote the youth council and network with young people. - Create a 'learning programme' model to be applied to each theme that the Youth Council explores. - Creating and developing relationships with pertinent people to offer skills sessions/development and talks relevant to the youth council: i.e. local businesses; councillors; emergency services; digital skills agencies; local radio. - Youth Council members to support recruitment by attending visits to schools and delivering presentations within assemblies. - Connecting with Leyland Radio to develop a training programme and establish a regular 'show'. - Developing a Youth Council newsletter to be shared with schools and partners. - Working with the communications team to develop a communications plan for social media and recruitment, including professional photography and videography. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Council meetings scheduled to run bi-weekly – agreed theme of Cost of Living Crisis; group interested in engaging with local food banks to develop knowledge on theme. - Meeting held with Dem Services; papers for Youth Agenda and Youth Council to be drafted for November Cabinet. - Meetings held with Walton-le-Dale High School and Balshaw's pupils to introduce the Youth Council. Meetings will other schools to follow. - Communications team scheduled to join next Youth Council meeting to create materials/advertising for Youth Council.

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<p>Youth clubs and provision</p> <p>I. Work with existing youth clubs to enhance their offer and increase community involvement.</p> <p>II. Support community partners to establish new youth clubs and provision.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build relationships with providers of existing youth provision. - Work with members, partners, and the voluntary sector to explore establishing youth clubs/provision in areas where there is an identified need. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mapping exercise been carried out looking at community assets and provision across South Ribble. Gaps in youth provision identified.
<p>Twinned Towns Virtual Conference for youth</p> <p>I. Continue to strengthen the re-established relationship with Kreis Schleswig Flensburg.</p> <p>II. Engage/deliver the virtual conference for youth, offering the same impact of the in-person exchange programme.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting to be scheduled for project to be explored further. - Democratic Services to contact Schleswig Flensburg NPC to gain further information on the youth conference. - Propose opportunity to Youth Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential ideas for Youth Conference drafted.