

Introduction



This report has been written to inform PCA board of trustees and PPC councillors of all Pelton Youth Project's business, progress, and information. This December 2021 update reflects on the month of November 2021, reporting on events, activities, grant income, and our youth work sessions progress. Should there be any questions around the content of this report, then please contact me (Tom) at tom_pelton@yahoo.co.uk.

DofE Sponsored Activity Night 12.11.2021



Youth workers are extremely proud our Duke of Edinburgh's Award group members. Thirty-one young people came together to raise funds for BBC Children in Need & for their DofE group, through a sponsored activity night in Room 14. Throughout the evening, young people participated in karaoke, singing, board games, arcades, table games, films, cooking, salon, and other activities. Collectively, young people managed to raise a staggering £1130.00 through the sponsored event, which is a fantastic achievement.

£576.50 Donation to BBC Children in Need

Pelton Youth Project were thrilled to be able to donate £576.50 to BBC Children in Need. We made the payment on Friday 19th November 2021, which was their appeals night this year. These funds were raised through the DofE sponsored activity night, as well as our Junior Youth Club subs from one week's sessions contributing too. The Junior's also participated in Children in Need themed artwork during sessions, and the team discussed with all young people how we are supported by the national charity to deliver our services in Pelton.



BBC Radio One Life Hacks Interview 14.11.2021



It was a pleasure for Pelton Youth Project to be invited to take part in BBC Radio One Life Hacks Children in Need special episode. This gave the project the opportunity to talk about the work we do with children here in Pelton, and how vital our funding from BBC Children in Need is. This was a great experience!

Investing in Children 18.11.2021 – Positive Relationships



On Thursday 18th November 21, our DofE group welcomed Investing in Children, who delivered a session with young people around positive relationships. The workshop was attended by thirty young people, who were all more than happy to get involved. According to Lauren from IIC “the young people were great, an absolutely amazing group”. Working with Investing in Children has always been important to Pelton Youth Project, allowing young people to have their say on important issues affecting their lives, and achieving change.

New Music Room



You might remember that the team had been changing storerooms around in the youth centre. We have now made improved use of the old storeroom connected to our main activity area, through developing a music room space that our young people can use during their sessions. This will allow young people to develop additional skills in the creativity theme of our curriculum. Young people in our DofE groups can also use the space to work on their skill section. The new facility has acoustic, electric, and bass guitars, an electronic drum kit, PA system, and keyboards. The equipment is much more likely to be used on a consistent basis by young people, now we have this dedicated space.

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Youth Work Sessions Update

Pelton Youth Project continues to deliver thirteen youth work sessions across Chester-Le-Street and are associated with a further four sessions delivered by Pelton Fell Community Partnership through the One Youth CLS project. Below is an update on those sessions delivered by our team:

Junior Youth Clubs



Our Junior Youth Club sessions continue to attract high numbers of young people. During these sessions, our young people have participated in crafts with Culture for Kids, Green Screen Photo Editing (as pictured) and a range of other fun activities including karaoke and games. Our Wellbeing Box Buddies project also continues to be delivered on a Thursday evening, providing local young people with a snack and activity pack to take away with them.

Senior Youth Clubs

Attendance in our Senior Youth Clubs has increased slightly throughout November 2021, with between fifteen and twenty young people attending the sessions. Young people have been taking part in baking, cookery, and have been working with youth workers around diversity and current affairs, to develop positive views of the world around them. We are looking forward to our younger members continuing their engagement and taking part a range of activities with the team throughout the year.



Activity Sessions



Our physical activity sessions 'Kick On' & 'Box Clever' continue to be well received by local young people, who want to work on their physical fitness and enjoy positive activities. During one of our boxing sessions with Birtley Boxing Club, young people met professional boxer Tommy Ward. Tommy is undefeated and has held the NABA super-bantamweight title since 2019, so it was great for our young people to meet him as a fantastic role model for young people and aspiring boxers.

Grange Villa Youth Clubs

Our Grange Villa Youth Clubs had endured a quiet spell in terms of attendance with ten to fifteen young people attending. Thankfully, young people have begun to return to the sessions, and we are welcoming back up to twenty young people per session. The young people are enjoying working with Heart Remind cic, taking part in DJ & art workshops and developing their creativity skills.



Fencehouses Youth Sessions



The outreach and activity sessions in Fencehouses & Bournmoor continue to go well. We have a group of fourteen young people signed up to Trampolining on a Monday evening at Jump Giants, which is going very nicely. The young people are also excited by the prospect of a half term of Go Karting in the new year. Another great opportunity for young people thanks to our National Lottery Community Fund Grant and One Youth CLS project.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Sessions

Our three Duke of Edinburgh's Award sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday continue to be a fantastic space for young people to complete their awards. Our DofE leader Davey Hardy is ensuring all our young members are getting a valuable DofE experience while completing sections at all levels. Presently, young people have been using the community gym to complete their physical section, and all new members have been working on basic first aid with youth workers. The young people have also done amazingly well supporting sponsored events and welcoming our partner agencies.



Fundraising Update



November 2021 has been a great month in terms of grant income for our youth work activities. The grants of £1000 from Tesco Community Grants and £2000 from William Webster Charitable Trust that we discussed last

month have now been paid to us. In addition, we received £1250 from a Barclays Bank employee, which was matched with £1250 by their employer. This individual has contributed to our youth work for the second year running now. Lastly, we received notification that we are one of the Coop Community Fund 'Local Causes' for one year October 2021 until October 2022, which means Coop members can opt to support our youth project as well as two other charities in the Chester-Le-Street area.

2021-2022 Attendance

During November 2021, we have continued to increase on our annual attendance figures, with this year being the busiest in our history, thanks to large grant funding from BBC Children in Need and the National Lottery Community Fund. The figures below give an idea of how our amazing attendance figure is broken down according to project.

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Pelton Youth Project Total 2021-2022 Attendance	1141
One Youth Chester-Le-Street	584
APT Youth Project	305
Junior Youth Clubs	163
Community Events	157

Pelton Youth Project Session Flyer

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Our Sessions

Monday:
Fencehouses Activity Session | 4pm - 5:30pm (13 - 19)
Fencehouses Outreach Session | 6pm - 8pm (13 - 19)
Room 14 Senior Youth Club | 6pm - 8pm (13 - 19)

Tuesday:
Room 14 Junior Youth Club | 4pm - 5:30pm (8 - 12)
Room 14 Senior Youth Club | 6pm - 8pm (13 - 19)

Wednesday:
Room 14 Offsite Activity Session | 6:30pm - 8pm (13 - 19)
Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award | 7pm - 9pm (14+)
Grange Villa Junior Youth Club | 4:30pm - 6pm (8 - 14)

Thursday:
Room 14 Junior Youth Club | 4pm - 5:30pm (8 - 12)
Room 14 Offsite Activity Session | 6:00pm - 7:30pm (13 - 19)
Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award | 7pm - 9pm (14+)

Friday:
Grange Villa Junior Youth Club | 4:30pm - 6pm (8 - 14)





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Closing Comment

To conclude this month's report, I would like to say that I am extremely pleased that Pelton Youth Project were able to support BBC Children in Need during November 21. BBC Children in Need have been a long-standing financial supporter of Pelton Youth Project, so giving back when we can is important. The progress of youth work sessions across the board is encouraging from our activity sessions to our development work outside the Pelton area. I would like to thank all those organisations and individuals who support us for their continued assistance. I would also like to acknowledge the young people who make our youth project so incredible. We hope you have a great Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to working with you all again in 2022.