

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 February 2022 update reflects on the month of January 2022, reports on projects that have been completed, the progress of our youth work sessions, recent events, and upcoming youth work plans. Should there be any questions around the content of this report, then please contact me (Tom) at tom_pelton@yahoo.co.uk.

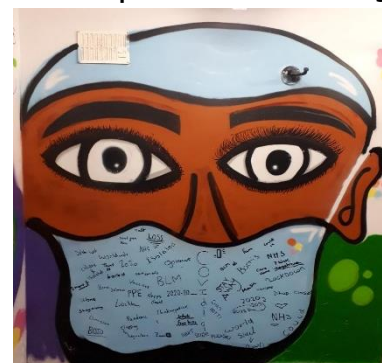


Room 14 - Graffiti Art Mural – 29.01.2022



A group of young people, backed by their youth workers, contributed to a magnificent street art project with Chris Clark from Heart Remind CIC. On Saturday 29.01.2022, young people devoted the day to creating a positivity themed graffiti art mural, to decorate the music room in Room 14 youth centre. The young people planned and designed the mural with artist Chris, learnt about the protective equipment required, were taught how to spray paint, and ultimately produced wonderful artwork, which incorporated a Covid-19 dedication to the NHS. The young

people worked tirelessly throughout the day and behaved perfectly, which really made their youth workers proud. Their artwork will be displayed in the youth centre for many years to come, reminding everyone of the pandemic, and the heroic work of our NHS. Well done to all those young people who took part, and a massive thank you to Chris who was patient and encouraging throughout the project, ensuring young people gained a valuable experience. Thanks also to County Durham Community Foundation, who paid for the project, through their #iwill programme.



One Youth CLS Project – Area Residential – 24-26.02.2022



In February half term, a group of thirty young people from across Chester-Le-Street are going to benefit from an area residential to Carlton Lodge Outdoor Activity Centre in North Yorkshire. The event will involve young people participating in the National Lottery funded One Youth CLS project coming together for three days of outdoor activities. The young people from Grange Villa, Pelton, Pelton Fell, Chester West and Bournmoor will be enjoying kayaking, high ropes, zip wire, climbing and team building activities. In addition to experiencing being away from home with their peers, and all the excitement and challenge that is associated with such an opportunity. Year one of the One Youth CLS project ends in March 2022, and we will be reporting on a successful year to the National Lottery.

DofE Race Night Fundraiser – 05.02.2022

It seems like such a long time ago since we were able to bring families and friends together and celebrate the achievements of our DofE members. This because our last fundraising event, involving families and friends, was back in 2019, before the disruption of the Covid-19 pandemic caused our March 2020 event to be cancelled.

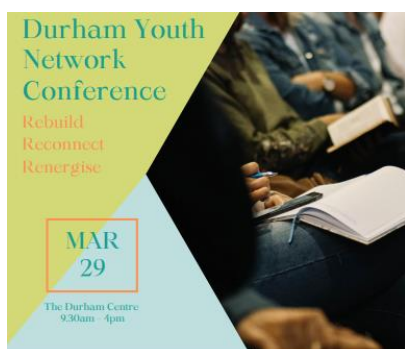


I am pleased to report that Davey Hardy, our dedicated DofE leader, in his own time, organised a magnificent race night fundraiser on Saturday 05th February 2022. The event welcomed over one hundred guests, including colleagues, young people, families, and friends. It gives me pleasure to announce that the evening raised an impressive £914.00, which will be used to subsidise expedition costs for young people in 2022-2023.



During the evening, the team were able to celebrate the achievements and participation of over thirty young people, who have completed and worked towards their DofE awards at all levels. One of our participants, Airlia, was also recognised for achieving her silver award during the pandemic, while battling cancer and undergoing treatment, a genuinely inspirational young lady. Our Chairman Mick Rodgers was also applauded during the presentation for fourteen years at the helm of Pelton Community Association. A huge thanks to Davey for organising the event, and to Craig, Rocky and Jake who assisted, making sure the event was a success.

Durham Youth Work Conference – 29.03.2022



The youth work team at Pelton Youth Project are booked to attend the Durham Youth Work Conference in late March 2022. The event will bring youth workers from across the County together, to discuss our profession and how we move forward in the area. The theme of the conference is to rebuild, reconnect and reenergise youth work, a vitally important service in communities across the County. The conference is open to all youth workers, volunteers and professionals working with young people. Anyone interested in attending the event should click the link on the poster or contact NE Youth.

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The purpose of the conference is to engage locally based projects in the further development of the Youth Network.

Speakers include: Joy Allen (Durham Police and Crime Commissioner) and Dr Hannah King from Durham University.

Workshops include: Youth Voice, Effective Collaboration and Developing Volunteers.



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The Queens' Platinum Jubilee Event – 05.06.2022



The youth work team, together with the community centre staff, will be supporting Pelton Parish Council in organising and hosting an event to celebrate the Queens' Platinum Jubilee. The event, which is in the development stage is proposed to take place on Sunday 05th June 2022, at Pelton Community Centre. Children and families will be brought together, to enjoy arts, games, and refreshments to celebrate the occasion. The youth project will be making a financial contribution to the event, as it will benefit children and young people in Pelton. The finer details will be confirmed closer to the date, including how families will be able to purchase tickets.

Youth Investment Funding – BBC Children in Need

The youth project is looking to potentially transform an outdoor space to the left of the youth centre. The aim is to create a safe and secure outdoor area for young people to participate in activities and projects during their youth club sessions. The Youth Investment Fund is open for applications through BBC Children in Need, and applicants can apply for up to £50,000.00. The organisation is currently working with the local authority and a building company, to see if we can obtain landlords permission, and make the project happen. There is a tight turnaround for the application, for the works to be completed, and the monitoring for the grant, but it will be a great development for young people if we can make 'The Centre Garden' a reality. I am looking forward to keeping you all up to date.



Youth Work Sessions



Senior Youth Clubs – I am delighted to report that attendance in our Senior Youth Clubs on a Monday and Tuesday evening is now steadily increasing, with between twenty and twenty-five young people coming along to each session. Presently, young people are enjoying cookery, consultation and are planning some media-based projects with youth workers in the coming weeks.



Junior Youth Clubs – Our Junior Youth Clubs continue to be extremely busy, with new members joining us every week. Our young people have been participating in art sessions with Culture for Kids, including a great session on Chinese New Year. The group have also been enjoying the sports sessions delivered by our youth worker Michael, giving young people a chance to stay active through football, cricket, circuits and more.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Young people continue to attend our DofE groups on a Wednesday and a Thursday, in numbers between twenty and thirty. As we are headed into the spring, young people will be working on their expedition training and preparing themselves for that challenge. Young people have also been working on their physical and skill section of the award during the sessions.

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Activity Sessions – The activity sessions visiting Birtley Boxing and Powerleague in Gateshead continue to be delivered, with young people offered the opportunity to keep physically active and improve their general health. These sessions are great in ensuring our programme is diverse, and we offer activities to young people outside of their local area and normal routines.



Grange Villa Youth Clubs – Youth clubs in Grange Villa are going well but are a little quieter than we would like them to be. George is going to be promoting these youth clubs in local schools. This will ensure all local young people are aware of the sessions available in Grange Villa. Young people continue to work on their creativity during the clubs through arts and music sessions.



Fencehouses Youth Sessions – The outreach and activity sessions delivered on a Monday evening in Fencehouses and Bournmoor continue to go well. Young people are enjoying a go karting programme at Top Gear Karting until March 22, so that is very popular. Youth workers will also be working with young people on their ideas for the next activity session, keeping young people engaged.

Fundraising Update

During January 2022, the youth project received the two grants totalling £40k, that were reported on last month, which was superb. These were our only grant incomes, and we hope that February will also be a successful month in terms of fundraising, which we will report on in March 22.

2021-2022 Attendance

Here is our most up to date attendance information for Pelton Youth Project. The numbers of young people we support continues to grow, which we are really pleased about.

Pelton Youth Project Total 2021-2022 Attendance	1216
One Youth Chester-Le-Street	618
APT Youth Project	334
Junior Youth Clubs	182
Community Events	157

Closing Comment

It has been motivating in January and early February, to see young people engaging in our programmes in such excellent numbers. This is a trend that we hope will continue. The young people who worked on the Covid-19/positivity mural worked extremely hard and gave us some outstanding artwork. The DofE Race Night was a roaring success thanks to the hard work of Davey and his friends, so well done to everyone involved. Lastly, we have some exciting potential developments, so I look forward to keeping you all up to date on those in March.

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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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