

Introduction

This report has been written to inform our networks and partners of all Pelton Youth Project's business, progress, and information. This March 2022 update reflects on the month of February 2022. It reports on our One Youth CLS area residential, the progress of our youth work sessions, DofE expeditions plans, and our new partnerships. Should there be any questions around the content of this report, then please contact me (Tom) at tom_pelton@yahoo.co.uk.



One Youth CLS Area Residential to Carlton Lodge



In February half term, from Thursday 24th to Saturday 26th February, young people from across Chester-Le-Street were brought together to participate in One Youth CLS area residential to Carlton Lodge Outdoor Activity Centre in North Yorkshire. A group of thirty-three young people and youth workers from Pelton, Pelton Fell, Chester West, Grange Villa, Fencehouses and Bournmoor were involved. A busy programme of outdoor activities was delivered by Carlton Lodge instructors for young people, which included canoeing, raft building, high ropes, zip wire, axe throwing and archery. Our National Lottery Community Fund Grant is all about bringing people together, and this event really allowed youth workers to do that, and friendships blossomed among young people because of this collective project. Our young people also evaluated their experience, which will inform future events and activities the One Youth CLS team will organise for the benefit of young people.

One Youth CLS Year One Reporting

March 2022 will be the final month of our One Youth CLS projects first year, and the team are busy putting together a final year one report for the National Lottery. The plan is to share that report with wider partners to reveal the work we have been doing with young people across five Chester-Le-Street communities. It is such a privilege to be National Lottery funded, for the first time on this scale, so we want to ensure we make the project a success, which I am confident we have achieved.



Easter Programme 2022 Planning

The youth work team at Pelton Youth Project have begun to plan and organise the Easter Programme 2022. The challenge of this programme will be to ensure that we are able to support the high numbers of young people accessing provision across the board, with our team of six youth workers. It is likely that young people will be taken offsite as normal, to gain new experience, and spend time outside of their community. We look forward to updating partners on the Easter Programme in April or May 22.

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Humankind Partnership - Substance Misuse Sessions



Pelton Youth Project are excited to be working in partnership with Humankind's drug and alcohol team in the coming weeks, to support local young people. Humankind staff, from the health team will first visit Pelton Youth Project's Senior Youth Club session on Monday 14th March 2022, to run an informal information session around substance misuse. Moving forward in partnership, the plan is to deliver monthly drop-in sessions for young people, to provide support and information.

Wellbeing Box Buddies – Final Month

Since April 2022, young people and youth workers have been delivering Wellbeing Box Buddies, our Youth Social Action project, which is funded by County Durham Community Foundation. The project involves young people being provided with a 'Wellbeing Box,' containing snacks, toys, and craft resources for young people to enjoy at home. The project was designed during the Covid-19 pandemic, and initially saw the youth work team delivering these packs to young people's homes, before ultimately being delivered from September 21 in the Junior Youth Clubs. March 22 represents the final month that the project will be delivered, and come the end of the month, the project will have provided 1644 snack and activity packs to just over two hundred young people aged seven to twelve. We are extremely proud to have been able to provide this support, and grateful to CDCF for providing financial support.



DofE 2022 Expeditions



Our Duke of Edinburgh's Award leader Davey Hardy is working hard in organising our DofE expedition for 2022. This year, we will be working in partnership with Tees Outdoors CIC, who will deliver canoeing expeditions at both gold and silver level, benefitting twenty-six young people. We also have an amazing twenty-eight new bronze participants who have joined our DofE group and will also be completing their expeditions in 2022 in the Durham area. Thankfully, we have support from BBC Children in Need, Chester-Le-Street Area Action Partnership, and other funders, who are supporting our busy year of expeditions.

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 contact NE Youth.



Youth Work Sessions Update



Senior Youth Clubs – We reported last month that our Senior Youth Club attendance had increased, and participation continues to rise, with over thirty young people now attending regularly. Recently, young people have been helping youth workers with Easter Programme planning through consultation, enjoyed pancake Tuesday, and making a wonderful display from the Carlton Lodge One Youth CLS residential.



Junior Youth Clubs – A record was broken recently in the Junior Youth Club, when the youth work team welcomed 67 young people aged seven to twelve into one Junior's session. The popularity of the Junior's club is wonderful to see, and the team will be working hard to ensure those programmes are attractive and continue to engage those young people who are attending in great numbers.



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 continue to work 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.



Activity Sessions – The activity sessions visiting Birtley Boxing and Powerleague in Gateshead continue to attract between ten and fifteen young people per session. The young people are using the time to keep physically active and improve their general health. The activity session themes may change soon, to give young people more experiences of sports and physical activities, which could include ice skating, climbing, or bowling.



Grange Villa Youth Clubs – Youth clubs in Grange Villa are going well but continue to be unpredictable in terms of their attendance. Presently, young people can participate in street art projects, music tuition and sports sessions using outdoor space. The sessions will be promoted by the youth work team, to ensure attendance grows.



Fencehouses Youth Sessions – The activity session delivered on a Monday evening in Fencehouses and Bournmoor continues to be delivered. Young people have completed their go karting programme and will begin a new offsite session to AMF Bowling in Washington, running until the Easter Holidays. Outreach in the community also continues, allowing youth workers to support large groups of young people in the community.

Fundraising Update

There was no grant incoming in February 2022, however in early March 2022, Pelton Youth Project received funding from Chester-Le-Street Area Action Partnership. The restricted grant of £12,778.00 will support the costs of our 'Going for Gold' Duke of Edinburgh's expeditions this summer. A huge thanks to CLS AAP for supporting our DofE expeditions this year. Due to supporting sixty-three young people through their expeditions, associated costs are high.



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2021-2022 Attendance

Here is our most up to date attendance information for Pelton Youth Project. The final figure for 2021-2022 will be detailed in our Annual Report in April 2022, and our efforts will begin again in the new financial year, to support as many young people as we have in this year.

Pelton Youth Project Total 2021-2022 Attendance	1288
One Youth Chester-Le-Street	665
APT Youth Project	349
Junior Youth Clubs	199
Community Events	157

Closing Comment

February has been a positive month for Pelton Youth Project. The One Youth CLS area residential was a fantastic experience for young people, and the team are looking forward to completing our first National Lottery funding return, to highlight the benefits of the One Youth CLS project. We also look forward with positivity to the Easter Programme and involving young people in a variety of offsite opportunities, including DofE expeditions. Youth work sessions continue to thrive and will be enhanced by our upcoming partnership with Humankind.

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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