



Introduction

Welcome to Pelton Youth Project's March 2023 update. This monthly report has been written to communicate with Pelton Community Association Board of Trustees, Pelton Parish Council, parents, young people, partners, and funders, keeping them up to date on Pelton Youth Project business and information. Our monthly reports are also uploaded onto our website, and therefore accessible to all members of the public, should they wish to find out more about our youth project. This March 2023 update reflects on the month of February 2023, which includes our offsite visits in February half term, DoFE progress and building developments. More standard information relating to annual attendance and funding is also included. Should there be any questions relating to the content of this report, then please contact me (Tom), Youth Project Manager at tom_pelton@yahoo.co.uk.



February Half Term 2023



Pelton Youth Project delivered two offsite visits during the half term holidays, and both were Ice Skating at Whitley Bay Ice Rink. On Tuesday 21st February, we took a group of nineteen young people from the senior youth clubs, all who participated in the skating for the two-hour public session, before enjoying food together as a group. The following day Wednesday 22nd February, a group of thirty-

nine young people from our Duke of Edinburgh's Award group enjoyed the very same. They too participated in the two-hour public skating session, before eating together at the venue. Ice Skating can be tricky, particularly for those trying the activity for the first time, but our groups had great fun, developing their skating skills and spending time with friends.



NPT Funding



Pelton Youth Project received positive news from the Chester-Le-Street area policing team this month. Our application to the Durham Police, Crime, & Victims Commissioners Neighbourhood Policing Team Fund has been successful. The funding relates to tackling the issue of online bullying and general safety online among young people, which our policing colleagues find is one of the most common issues they face involving local young people. The project will include a six-week education programme, followed by a graffiti art mural on the subject, at the end of the project.

The hope is that this project will lead to safer communities and safer young people, which are two priorities in the Durham police and crime plan.



One Youth CLS Update

In March 2023, Pelton Youth Project and the One Youth CLS team enter our final month of our second year of delivering the National Lottery Community funded project. This means next year 2023-2024, we will enter our final year of the project, which we will make every effort to extend with the National Lottery. The second year has been another great year of collaboration, and delivery of consistent services for young people across Chester-Le-Street. The team has managed to support 575 young people so far in 2022-2023, and have achieved progression outcomes for over three hundred of those youngsters. Those participating in sessions have been involved in both onsite and offsite youth club sessions, in addition to the school holidays programmes, residential and expeditions. We hope that our third grant year will continue to achieve outcomes for young people, and consistent support in five communities across CLS.



DofE Golds Galore!



You will be aware that over seventy young people have participated in DofE with Pelton Youth Project this year, with sixty-eight currently working towards their full awards across bronze, silver and gold levels. There have been several young people in recent months who have completed the gold award entirely and have been invited to Buckingham and Holyrood Palace to collect their awards. We wanted to say a huge congratulations to Grace McAloon, Annabel Towse, Victoria Fairless, Hannah Peters, Holly Goldsmith, Lucy Duggan, and Jack Bell. We hope you enjoy receiving your awards, and well done on all your hard work throughout your journey with us.

Room 14 Main Area Cladding

You will remember from our last report, that our main area cladding was almost complete. I am pleased to be report that the new protective surface is now installed and has made a significant difference in our main activity area. You can see from the pictures that the room appears clean, and is going to be more durable for the high numbers of young people we welcome into the space every week. In addition, it will save on re-painting costs and frequency going forward.





Fundraising Update

In February 2023, we did not receive any grant income. On a more positive note, we did hear from the Police as mentioned earlier in the report that our application for NPT funding has been successful and will mean over three thousand pounds to deliver the online safety programmes. We do hope that March 2023 will see grants incoming for our work with young people, then in April 2023, our funding drive will begin, to continue to secure our services for young people.

2022-2023 Attendance

As of February 2023 end, Pelton Youth Project has contacted 899 young people in total throughout 2022-2023, an increase of 6% or fifty-two participants since our January 2023 report. This year, our aim continues to be to exceed one thousand young people supported across all youth sessions and services, although we may fall just short of this target, we will know the final figures come the end of March 2023, and these will be contained within our April 2023 update. Our figures for school holiday participants was increased following our half term delivery, with a further fifty-eight young people getting involved.

Total 2022-2023 Attendance	899
One Youth Chester-Le-Street	575
APT Youth Project	259
Senior Youth Clubs	321
Junior Youth Clubs	264
Sports & Activity Sessions	343
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	77
School Holiday Programmes	309

Closing Comment



To conclude, it was great to take young people offsite over half term, and we will look forward to doing the same in the Easter Holidays for young people. It is also fantastic to see those young people who have been working with Pelton Youth Project Room 14 DofE group for so many years, complete their full gold awards. The team here are very proud of everything they have managed to achieve. Finally, we look forward to delivering our online safety programmes utilising NPT Funding and are eager to see our final participation figures come the end of 2022-2023.

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Pelton Youth Project Session Flyer – Updated Feb 2023



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Our Sessions:

Monday:

Fencehouses Activity Session | 4pm - 5:30pm (11 - 19)
Fencehouses Outreach Session | 6pm - 8pm (11 - 19)
Room 14 Senior Youth Club | 6pm - 8pm (11-19)

Tuesday:

Room 14 Junior Youth Club | 4pm - 5:30pm (7 - 12)
Room 14 Senior Youth Club | 6pm - 8pm (11 - 19)

Wednesday:

Room 14/Grange Villa Joint Activity Session | 5pm - 8pm (11 - 19)
Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award | 7pm - 9pm (14+)

Thursday:

Room 14 Junior Youth Club | 4pm - 5:30pm (7 - 12)
Room 14 Offsite Activity/Outreach Session | 6pm - 8pm (11 - 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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