



Introduction



Pelton Youth Project's April 2023 update is saturated with incredible updates on events, projects, and upcoming opportunities for local young people. These include our High Sheriff Award, NXGEN workshops, and our plans to provide an outstanding programme of activities to children and young people throughout the Easter holidays. Our reports are designed to communicate monthly with our own board of trustees, and key partners and funders including Pelton Parish Council and the National Lottery. Beyond these forums, our reports are published onto our website, so are available to young people, families, and the public to read about our work with young people. 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.

Easter Programme 2023

Our youth work teams will be delivering a programme of activities for young people accessing our junior youth clubs, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and senior youth clubs across Pelton, Grange Villa, Bournmoor & Fencehouses. The table included details the opportunities that are available to our members, and we look forward to reporting in May 2023, how those youngsters benefit from those offsite experiences with their peers.

Date	Group	Activity	YP
03.04.2023	SYC	Trampolining, Infinite Air	25
04.04.2023	JYC	Extended Junior Youth Club	50
05.04.2023	JYC	Trampolining, Jump Giants	25
05-07.04.2023	DofE	DofE Gold Training Expedition	12
06.04.2023	SYC	Carlton Lodge Activity Day	24
11.04.2023	JYC	Extended Junior Youth Club	50
12.04.2023	JYC	Moorhouse Activity Day	24
13.04.2023	DofE	Flamingo Land Theme Park	50
13.04.2023	SYC	Go Karting, Team Sport	25
14.04.2023	SYC	Sponsored Activity Night	36

Durham High Sheriffs Awards 2023



On the evening of Tuesday 28th March 2023, a group of five representatives from Pelton Youth Project were invited by County Durham Community Foundation to Ushaw Historic House. This notable venue was hosting the Durham High Sheriff Awards 2023, and Pelton Youth Project were fortunate enough to be shortlisted for an award. The circus themed evening involved performers including jugglers, aerialists, and fire-eaters who entertained the crowds throughout the event. Importantly, held in the theatre was the awards ceremony. We were thrilled to be one of fifteen groups awarded a High Sheriffs Award. Our group also received an unrestricted grant of £2000.00 to support our work with young people, the third highest grant awarded. One of our young people Jess, aged twelve, was interviewed by former editor of the Northern Echo Peter Barron, as we received our award, and was eloquent and articulate as she described her involvement with the youth project. To conclude, all those invited to the awards enjoyed a most incredible banquet style meal, continuing the circus theme, and surrounded by the performers. What an amazing night!



Durham Youth Work Conference 2023

On Tuesday 28th March, from 9am to 4pm, substantive youth work staff from Pelton Youth Project attended the Durham Youth Network Conference, held at the Durham Centre. This youth work networking and collaboration event, is organised by the North East Youth Alliance, and attended by youth workers and professionals supporting young people from across County Durham. Our team attended workshops around songwriting and building a workforce, listened intently to keynote speakers, and participated in a practice sharing session to end an incredible day for youth work.



NXGEN DJ & MC Workshops



On the evening of Tuesday 28th March 2023, during the senior youth club session, young people were visited by performers from NXGEN. This session, attended by fifty young people is hopefully the beginning of a collaboration, which will see young people access DJing and MCing workshops during their youth club sessions, inspiring them to get creative. Local rave music scene performers like MC Rockeye, and hopefully more in the future will visit the sessions, and support young people with their confidence and creativity.

One Youth CLS Update

The One Youth CLS collaborators from across the district ended the second year of our three year National Lottery Community Fund grant period in March 2023. Our second year has been exceptionally triumphant, and has involved onsite, outreach and activity youth work sessions across five communities, with the addition of abundant school holiday provision for young people to get involved in. Impressively, 610 young people have been directed to and involved in youth work opportunities through the One Youth programmes. In addition, 330 progression outcomes have been completed with 263 young people, demonstrating development throughout their involvement. In 2023-2024, we enter our final year of the current grant period with the National Lottery, so our thoughts and attention turns to the continuation of this work, which is having an enormous impact on local young people.



50th Birthday Celebrations



The youth work team have been working in partnership with the community centre staff, who are taking the lead in the organising of Pelton Community Centre's 50th Birthday celebrations. The event, on Saturday 20th May 2023, will involve a parade around the streets of Pelton, drumming, and an open day at the centre with games, food, refreshments, and activities. This will be a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together.



NPT Funding

Pelton Youth Project are planning to begin our cyber safety and online bullying awareness programmes for young people week commencing 17th April 2023. This will utilise funding awarded by the Durham Police, Crime, & Victims Commissioners Neighbourhood Policing Team Fund. Our local policing team find this issue is the number one issue they deal with among young people. The programme will be completed with a graffiti art mural in the main activity area of the youth centre, which will be viewed by all those young people using the youth centre. We look forward to updating you on the progress of our work in May 2023.



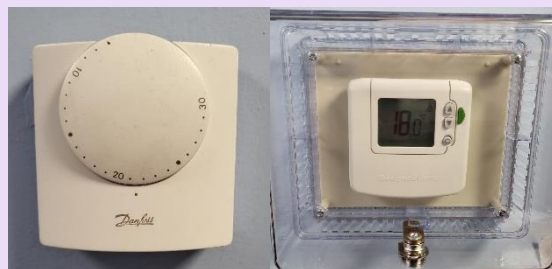
Buckingham Palace DofE Visit



DofE leader Davey and Youth Project Manager Tom are thrilled to have been invited by the Duke of Edinburgh's award to Buckingham Palace on Friday 19th May 2023. The organisation has five young people attending the gold awards ceremony to receive their gold awards. This is a wonderful opportunity for young people and youth workers alike, to take the time and space to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our young people.

Room 14 Thermostats

Room 14 youth centre has been updated with digital thermostats replacing the existing analogue thermostats installed in 2010. These control the heating zones throughout the building. This will ensure our heating system is reliable and efficient for all those using the space. They also look a lot better too, and their protective covers will prevent any unauthorised altering.



Fundraising Update



In March 2023, we have received grant funding from three different sources. £2191.52 was received from the DofE's Access Without Limits programme, to purchase DofE equipment to support expeditions. £4735.00 was received from the Durham Fun & Food programmes, which is majority funding the Easter Programme 2023, and will be an enormous help. Finally, £3000.00 from the William Webster Charitable Trust will allow us to make upgrades to the computer room facility in 2023-2024, including the introduction of new tablets and stands for young people, improving their access to tech during sessions. We are also awaiting our £2000.00 High Sheriffs Award from CDCF, and £3000.00 from the NPT, so an extremely positive month, which we hope to continue in April 2023.



2022-2023 Attendance

As we concluded 2022-2023, at the end of March 2023, we are thrilled with our performance this year. Our total reach for the year was 964, and while reduced on 2021-2022, remains an amazing number of young people to support in twelve months. Our National Lottery funded One Youth CLS project supported 610 young people, and 309 young people have enjoyed school holiday activities with Pelton Youth Project this year. The table included also indicates attendance across funded projects, senior and junior provision, and our Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Our aims for 2023-2024, is to exceed the one thousand young people supported, much like we achieved in 2021-2022.

Total 2022-2023 Attendance	964
One Youth Chester-Le-Street	610
APT Youth Project	283
Senior Youth Clubs	357
Junior Youth Clubs	248
Sports & Activity Sessions	362
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	79
School Holiday Programmes	309

Closing Comment

To conclude the report, and indeed 2022-2023, I am thrilled with our performance and everything we have achieved with and for young people over the last twelve months. There have been some amazing events in March 2023, which I'm sure you have enjoyed reading about, including the amazing Durham High Sheriffs Awards. We have many things to be excited about as we enter 2023-2024, including our One Youth CLS grant year three, which we hope will not be our final year delivering the project. We are looking forward to delivering the Easter Programme 2023 for young people, which we will provide a further update on in May 2023. Finally, we are grateful to those who continue to provide our youth project with financial support, this makes a huge difference to young people's lives. You will see our annual report released in early April 2023, and hope you will enjoy reading about everything we have achieved in 2022-2023.

Pelton Youth Project Session Flyer

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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)

Supporting young people since September 2008
 Operating from Room 14 since January 2010