



## Introduction



Welcome to Pelton Youth Project's February 2024 update. This update will explore our February half term plans with One Youth CLS, and some key events over recent weeks. More standard information relating to funding and monthly attendance can be found towards the end of the document. Our updates are written to keep our trustees, funders, partners, parents, and young people informed of Pelton Youth Project's progress. 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](mailto:tom_pelton@yahoo.co.uk).

## One Youth Edinburgh Residential

The team here at Pelton Youth Project are delighted to be taking a group of young people from Pelton, Grange Villa, and Bournmoor youth sessions on a three-day residential to Edinburgh City Centre. Our twenty strong group will explore the capital of Scotland during February half term. This will include sightseeing, Edinburgh Dungeons and Mary King's Close visits, Ghost Bus Tour, and even a visit to the theatre. Pelton Youth Project has an annual tradition of visiting the historic Scottish city, and our young people always have a wonderful time. I look forward to letting you know all about our residential in our March 24 update.



## Make Your Mark – Durham Youth Council Visits



Pelton Youth Project have been working with Durham Youth Council recently, who visited two of our youth work sessions. UK Youth Parliament's 'Make Your Mark' helps form leaders of the future. It provides young people with a unique opportunity to let decision makers know the issues they're most affected by. We were delighted to be visited by Cat from DYC who explained to our young people the voting process, and supported those who hadn't yet voted, advising what they were required to do. Youth Voice is incredibly important to our services, and valuing young people's opinions is essential to quality youth work.

## Care In Crisis

Pelton Community Association were extremely thrilled this month, to learn our application to The National Lottery Cost of Living Fund was successful. This additional funding is going to allow both community and youth work teams to support our community with the cost-of-living crisis. We will be providing meals, food parcels, hygiene packs, hampers, and a slow cooker project. The funding has also contributed to this year's utility costs for the organisation, which is a massive help, as our own energy costs have increased significantly over recent years. I look forward to keeping you up to date on the progress of these support projects.





## County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service Visit



It was a pleasure for Pelton Youth Project to have a visit from County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service during one of our seniors' sessions. They discussed secondary fires like bin fires and the general dangers of setting fires. They advised the time and resources it takes away from more serious incidents. Young people were able to see the newest fire engine, a more compact version of a full-size engine, allowing responders to deal with smaller fires and other incidents, a very engaging visit.

## Fundraising Update

In January 2024, we received funding from The Squire Foundation and the EC Graham Belford Charitable Settlement, both of £5000.00 to support the costs of our youth services. In February we will also receive funding from the National Lottery Cost of Living Fund to allow us to deliver the community support projects applied for. It is grants like those above, which allow the team to deliver vital services for our young people, without which we could not succeed. A huge thanks to all our funders!

## Attendance January 2024

As of the end of January 2024, we have almost achieved our ambition for 2023-2024, to reach one thousand young people in a single year. You will see from our reach figures that we are currently at 979 young people, which is 98% of our target. This figure includes 702 young people who have engaged in One Youth CLS sessions, thanks to our National Lottery Community Fund grant. You can also see in the table, reach figures from across all services delivered by Pelton Youth Project.

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| <b>Total 2023-2024 Attendance</b>           | <b>979</b> |
| <b>One Youth Chester-Le-Street</b>          | <b>702</b> |
| <b>R14 Senior Youth Clubs</b>               | <b>306</b> |
| <b>R14 Junior Youth Clubs</b>               | <b>304</b> |
| <b>R14 Sports &amp; Activity Sessions</b>   | <b>200</b> |
| <b>R14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award</b>        | <b>79</b>  |
| <b>School Holiday Programmes</b>            | <b>205</b> |
| <b>Grange Villa Youth Clubs</b>             | <b>119</b> |
| <b>Fencehouses &amp; Bournmoor Sessions</b> | <b>113</b> |
| <b>South Pelaw Youth Club</b>               | <b>69</b>  |

## Closing Comment

The youth work team are incredibly excited to be taking another group to Edinburgh to gain a new experience with their peers. We are thrilled to see our progress in reaching our reach target this year. The attendance of young people is testament to the hard work and dedication of the youth work team here at Pelton Youth Project. We are looking forward to the coming weeks, continuing delivery for so many young people across the Chester-Le-Street area.

