



Introduction

Welcome to Pelton Youth Project's March 2025 update. In this report, we'll reflect on the key events of February 2025. This includes our evaluation event at Beamish Hall Hotel, our plans for youth voice in the area, and some upcoming events. As standard, you'll also find important information on funding and attendance towards the end of this document. These updates are designed to keep our trustees, funders, partners, parents, and young people informed about the progress of Pelton Youth Project. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Youth Project Manager Tom, at tom_pelton@yahoo.co.uk.



One Youth CLS - Year Four - Youth Evaluation Event – 09.03.2025



It was a pleasure to organise and deliver our One Youth CLS year four young people's evaluation event on Sunday 09th March 2025. It was a beautiful day at Beamish Hall Hotel, and a group of sixty young people and youth work gathered from the four One Youth partner organisations. The five-hour event included food and refreshments on arrival, games, prizes, and breaks spent outside in the sun. Importantly, the event allowed our young people to feedback on their experience of youth work through One Youth, including its impact on their emotional wellbeing, their skills development, and communities.

Youth Print Durham – North Durham – Youth Voice Meeting

In March, ourselves and fellow Youth Print North Durham anchor organisation the Activity Den will be organising a Youth Voice meeting. This event is going to offer young people from across the YPD North Durham area the chance to organise the next YPD area activity, which is likely to take place during the Easter holidays. Young people will also discuss their experience of issues such as crime, ASB, and will participate in completing a survey for the National Youth Agency. Youth voice is vital to quality youth work, and its important for the Youth Print network to incorporate this into the programmes for our area.

AAP Celebration Event 03.03.2025

It was a pleasure for Pelton Community Association to be represented at Chester-Le-Street Area Action Partnership's celebration event in early March. Alongside our community centre colleagues, our organisation showcased the work that the AAP had supported over the years, which included cost of living projects, youth support, and DofE expeditions. We, as an organisation are looking forward to being a part of the new Local Networks, and continuing to work alongside our colleagues from across the CLS area.



Point North – Durham High Sheriff's Awards 2025



Pelton Youth Project are once again thrilled to be nominated for a High Sheriff's Award, following an application to Point North about the work we do with young people. This year, the themes included supporting young people with their mental health and helping young people become positive role models in their communities. We felt these themed aligned well with the work we do here at Pelton Youth Project, and we are excited to attend the awards evening at Kynren, Bishop Auckland.



This is Youth Work Conference 26.03.2025

The youth work team will once again be attending the County Durham Youth Work conference, which this year, has been named 'This is Youth Work'. The conference will also include a premiere of the film of the same name, which has been made by our very own Youth Project Supervisor George. This involved him visiting projects across the County, finding about their youth work delivery, and what it means to young people.

NE Youth Gala Dinner 10.04.2025

Staff at Pelton Community Association will be able to enjoy another celebration soon by attending NE Youth's Gala dinner in April 2025. It will be a pleasure to support the event as one of NE Youth's member organisations. The evening will include performances, auction, dinner, raffles, games, and prizes. It also gives the staff the opportunity to spend some time together, away from our normal routines.

Fundraising Update

February 2025 was a successful month in terms of grant income with four grants incoming and totalling an impressive £17,522.00. These grants will be supporting our DofE expeditions and services in 2025 and will also support the general running of the youth project. Thanks to our local Councillors, Northern Railway Small Grants, The EC Graham Belford Charitable Settlement, and the Joicey Trust for seeing the value in our work.

Attendance 2024-2025

Pelton Youth Project, as we enter the final month of 2024-2025, have currently worked with a total of 993 young people, and we are therefore certain we will achieve our annual target of 1000 young people supported. This includes an impressive 553 young people who have been involved in the One Youth CLS project. A breakdown of our attendance can be found here in the table.

Total 2024-2025 Attendance	993
One Youth Chester-Le-Street	553
R14 Senior Youth Clubs	354
R14 Junior Youth Clubs	271
R14 Sports & Activity Sessions	145
R14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award	80
School Holiday Programmes	205
Grange Villa Youth Clubs	75

Closing Comments



To conclude, we were thrilled to welcome such an amazing group of young people together to take part in our One Youth CLS project evaluation, the event was a success and young people behaved excellently throughout the day. We have many exciting events and opportunities for staff and young people over the coming month, including the High Sheriff's awards night, which this year will be at the wonderful Kynren. Again, a massive thanks to all of those charitable trusts and foundation who continue to support our work with young people financially, this has helped our team to support almost one thousand young people so far this year.