

ACTIVITY REPORT 2010-11

YOUTH TEAM STAFF 2010-11



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HEAD OF YOUTH - OVERVIEW

This Activity Report is a snapshot of the work we have done in 2010 / 2011 - we want to celebrate all the work we do and the people we work with.

The past 12 months have been exciting for the Youth Team at North Yorkshire Youth (NYY), including many challenges. Unfortunately, funding for the involved team ceased at the end of March 2011 with the conclusion of the 3-year national investment in youth volunteering. We hope to continue our support for young leaders and will be championing v-awards accreditation in the coming year. We are sorry to be losing one member of staff and the close partnership with NDVSA.

Our involvement in the national Progress programme, funded by the Children's Workforce Development Council, has increased our capacity and that of the sector as a whole. As new members of the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services we have received a bursary and funding to achieve centre recognition with OCN and to deliver accredited programs for the youth sector. We hope to use our new status to offer accredited training for young people and volunteers.

Our close partnership with 4youth, the County Council's youth service, continues to embed the voluntary youth activity we support within the wider landscape of youth support services. In order for us to provide a valuable service we need to understand and appreciate the changing environment under which the County Council functions.

The team continues to be flexible, forward thinking and responsive. We face a number of challenges, geographical and financial, but with creative ways of working we are able to move forwards.



Lucy Downes
Head of Youth



VCS YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE

The VCS team works in partnership with volunteers, community members and professionals across the young people's workforce to help develop voluntary youth provision in North Yorkshire.

In 2010-11 the team worked with 70 clubs who provided us with information about their membership and the young people who accessed their provision. Collectively, over 1000 young people attended these clubs, averaging a weekly attendance of approximately 14 young people aged 13–19yrs. In total, the volunteers running these clubs provided just over 5000 youth sessions for their communities.

Snape Youth Club in Hambleton has worked closely this year with their local Fieldworker and with trainee youth worker Richie Bastow. Through this relationship, the group has had access to CYC Big Boogie dance sessions and clay sculpture workshops. The young people have also gone through Keyfund stage 1, enabling the whole group to go on an ice skating trip.



Our work with Hunmanby Young People's Organisation in the Scarborough district is a good example of our partnership work. A group of young people from the Hunmanby area got together with some volunteers in their community to set up a youth project. The group contacted NYY, Scarborough Borough Council, Ryedale Voluntary Action and Hunmanby Parish Council for support in renovating their venue.

The young people made a video presentation about their plans and how it would benefit the community, and, as a result, were awarded £5000 from 'Voice Your Choice' Scarborough. The young people were also successful in gaining £250 from Keyfund stage 1 to buy some equipment for the youth club. In addition to this, a local business generously donated a large sum of money to the group. This has enabled the group to move forward with the changes needed to make their venue suitable for the club to use. The NYY Fieldworker for this area will continue to work closely with the young people of Hunmanby, helping to sustain and further develop the club in the future.

VCS YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE



This year, the team welcomed their first youth work apprentice - Richie Bastow, seconded from NYCC. Richie passed his NVQ Level 2 and is well on his way to Level 3 in Youth Work and the team are delighted to have the opportunity to support him. During 2010/11 Richie has supported voluntary groups in Snape, East Harlsey and Colburn, as well as working with 4Youth in Richmondshire, delivering Duke of Edinburgh award, Youth Ability and dance sessions.

One of Richie's real successes was setting up a 10 week Friday evening golf project in Richmond. For this project, Richie was supported by a number of young volunteers, many of whom received v-awards and Young Leader training. Richie even secured a year's free membership at Richmond Golf Club for every young person involved!

Richie has also facilitated a number of young people through the Keyfund process in Snape, East Harlsey, Colburn and Richmond, and continues to produce an NYY quarterly newsletter for young people accessing voluntary youth provision.

With recent changes to youth services in North Yorkshire we are hoping to develop our service in line with the new priorities within the Youth Support Service. One of our main aims for 2011 is to develop a quality system for voluntary youth clubs which will enable groups to progress their good practice and develop their potential.

The North Yorkshire involved Team: 2008-2011

The North Yorkshire involved Team ran from April 2008 – March 2011 and was delivered as a partnership between NYY and Northallerton & District Voluntary Service Association (NDVSA):

James Wainwright, Youth Volunteer Manager, North Yorkshire Youth
Tabitha Grove, Youth Volunteer Advisor, North Yorkshire Youth
Seetal Jutla, Youth Volunteer Advisor, North Yorkshire Youth
(April'08-Aug'10)

Lenny (Roger) Lennon, Youth Volunteer Advisor, North Yorkshire Youth
(Sep'10-Mar'11)

Dawn Carter, Youth Volunteer Manager, NDVSA
Chantal Dyer, Youth Volunteer Advisor, NDVSA

The team's aims were to create opportunities for 16-25yr olds to volunteer across North Yorkshire, as well as to broker young people into volunteering.

Between April 2008 and March 2011 the team:

CREATED
3245
SHORT-TERM
VOLUNTEERING OPPS
(ONE-OFF ACTIVITIES
OF 2HRS OR MORE)

CREATED
2574
PART-TIME
VOLUNTEERING OPPS
(REPEAT ACTIVITY,
ONGOING COMMITMENT)

CREATED
81
FULL-TIME
VOLUNTEERING OPPS
(c.30HRS PER WEEK FOR
13 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS)

BROKERED
830
NEW VOLUNTEERS INTO
PLACEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES
(YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAVE NOT
VOLUNTEERED WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS)

BROKERED
870
EXISTING VOLUNTEERS INTO
PLACEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES
(YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAVE VOLUNTEERED
WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS)

Awarded **5450** hours' worth of vawards!

What did all these volunteers do?

The top ten activity areas:

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| 1. Campaigning | 6. Education |
| 2. Supporting other young people | 7. Sport |
| 3. Arts | 8. Social Care |
| 4. Fundraising | 9. Mentoring |
| 5. Environment | 10. Administration |

Who benefitted from this volunteering?

The top ten beneficiaries:

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| 1. Local young people | 6. Elderly people |
| 2. People living in rural areas | 7. Seriously ill people |
| 3. Children | 8. Refugees |
| 4. Other young people | 9. LGBT Groups |
| 5. Disabled people | 10. Young people in or leaving care |

CASE STUDY: Rory was referred to one of our Youth Volunteer Advisors by a local Connexions worker. At the time, Rory spent his life locked in his room playing computer games and his Mum was desperate to get him out of the house and participating in something else. Due to his isolation, Rory had no other interests and had no idea what environment he could work in.

Our Advisor placed him at a learning centre for adults with mental health issues, volunteering in IT sessions. Rory soon progressed from 1 afternoons volunteering to 3 days per week. Within the first month, Rory had taught a visually impaired person how to use a keyboard in a single afternoon, and also began to write short IT tests for the class.

Rory is now working in the offices of a national charity, while still volunteering at the centre one day a week and applying to go to college to study for formal IT qualifications. Within just six months of starting to volunteer, Rory had completed his 'vfifty' award, joined a gym, and, in his own words, "turned his life around".

YOUTH TEAM

YOF GRANTS

Through our partnership with 4Youth we have been able to distribute £15,000 in small grants to 13 voluntary youth clubs in North Yorkshire during 2010-11. Youth Opportunity Fund grants are available for young people to apply for grants to start up a club or develop its activity. We are proud to have been given this responsibility and over the past 3 years we have distributed over £80,000 in this way to the voluntary youth sector in North Yorkshire.

V.I.P. TRAINING

In June 2010 Lucy delivered two workshop sessions as a member of the North Yorkshire Voice, Influence and Participation (V.I.P.) group. The series of four workshops, held across the county, were open to all staff and volunteers across the children and young people's workforce. Workers from the Police, Extended Schools, 4Youth and many voluntary sector groups attended the training, which aimed to promote participation of children and young people within services.

EVENTS

Once again we attended Culture Shock festival with our snazzy NYY t-shirts. The sunny day provided us with ample opportunity to speak with young people and carry out a survey which we have used to inform our plans. Lounging around on our giant bean bags was enjoyed by many young people, as were the music and activities across the festival.

This year, we were also invited for the first time to attend the Great Yorkshire Show. This massive event was a great opportunity for us to showcase our work.



YOUTH TEAM

KEYFUND

The VCS team love using Keyfund to develop young people's ideas and skills. The process develops young people in the 12 Keyfund Skills (which include building confidence and working with others) whilst allowing them to turn their ideas into reality with small grants, enabling the young people to take part in their chosen activity. Keyfund projects supported this year have ranged from a trip to York for a group of disabled young people to equipment for a youth theatre group's annual performance.

The team also attended the 2010 Annual Keyfund awards, held at Lightwater Valley in October, where Ian won 'Keyfund Worker of the Year' in recognition of his work with so many Keyfund groups over the year.



Two of the NYY-facilitated Keyfund groups (Pineapple and Busy Bees from 1st Knayton and Borrowby Guides) also won the 'Fundraiser of the Year' award. Lenny has also attended Keyfund training this year and is now a fully-fledged Keyfund Facilitator.

CARLTON LODGE CHALLENGE DAY

The Carlton Lodge Challenge was an event open to all members clubs, and on a sunny Saturday in February, 6 teams of between 8 and 12 young people descended on Carlton Lodge for a day of challenges.

Team members had to work together to gain points for completing tasks, gaining bonus points for effort. The young people had a great time - collecting points by scavenging, fire-starting or jumping off the 'leap of faith'! Huby Boys' team was victorious in the end - many thanks to all the other teams for making the day so enjoyable: Sidewalk, Lower Nidd, Ripon Cathedral, Huby Girls and Eberston We cannot wait till the next one!

TRAINING

It's time for progress

Accredited training for the voluntary and community sector young people's workforce

The Youth Team at North Yorkshire Youth has successfully delivered accredited training to 40 learners after gaining Recognised Centre Status with OCN.

NYY received funding from 'Progress' - a national programme funded by CWDC's Young People's Workforce Reform Programme Board, and coordinated by NCVYS. The purpose of the Progress programme was to build workforce capacity by enhancing the skills and training of those working with young people in the voluntary and community sector.

NYY used this particular project to develop its status as a training provider. We were one of 30 organisations who were successfully awarded a bursary of £1000. We used this funding to attend training and go through the new member process with OCN. Having completed this, and following a successful quality review visit, we were awarded a certificate to evidence our status in January 2011.

Using the new national youth work qualifications framework, we were then able to deliver a bite-sized basic unit titled 'Understanding Youth Work Principles and Practice.' In early March 2011, in partnership with Thirsk Clock, the unit was delivered to 40 learners in 3 cohorts in Tadcaster, Thirsk and Catterick.

It is with great pleasure we can report that 38 learners completed and passed the unit with us - that's 38 staff and volunteers in the voluntary sector developing their skills and knowledge to become more effective youth workers!

We are very proud of this achievement and want to continue to deliver additional units to those who wish to progress to a full qualification, as well as providing bite-sized training for more aspiring youth workers from a wide range of partners.

We received 35 feedback forms in total. 88% of learners said they enjoyed the course a lot. When asked about their progression, 30 learners said that their knowledge of youth work had improved during the course, with 9 learners who said they knew very little about youth work telling us they thought they had gained a good knowledge. 82% of learners would recommend the course to a friend or colleague.

THE FUTURE

As the Youth Team looks to the future, we aim to balance the drive to be proactive with the need to be responsive to the requirements of our members. As such, the NYY Business Plan for 2011-12 contains the following objectives for the team:

Continue delivery and development of VCS Youth Support Service

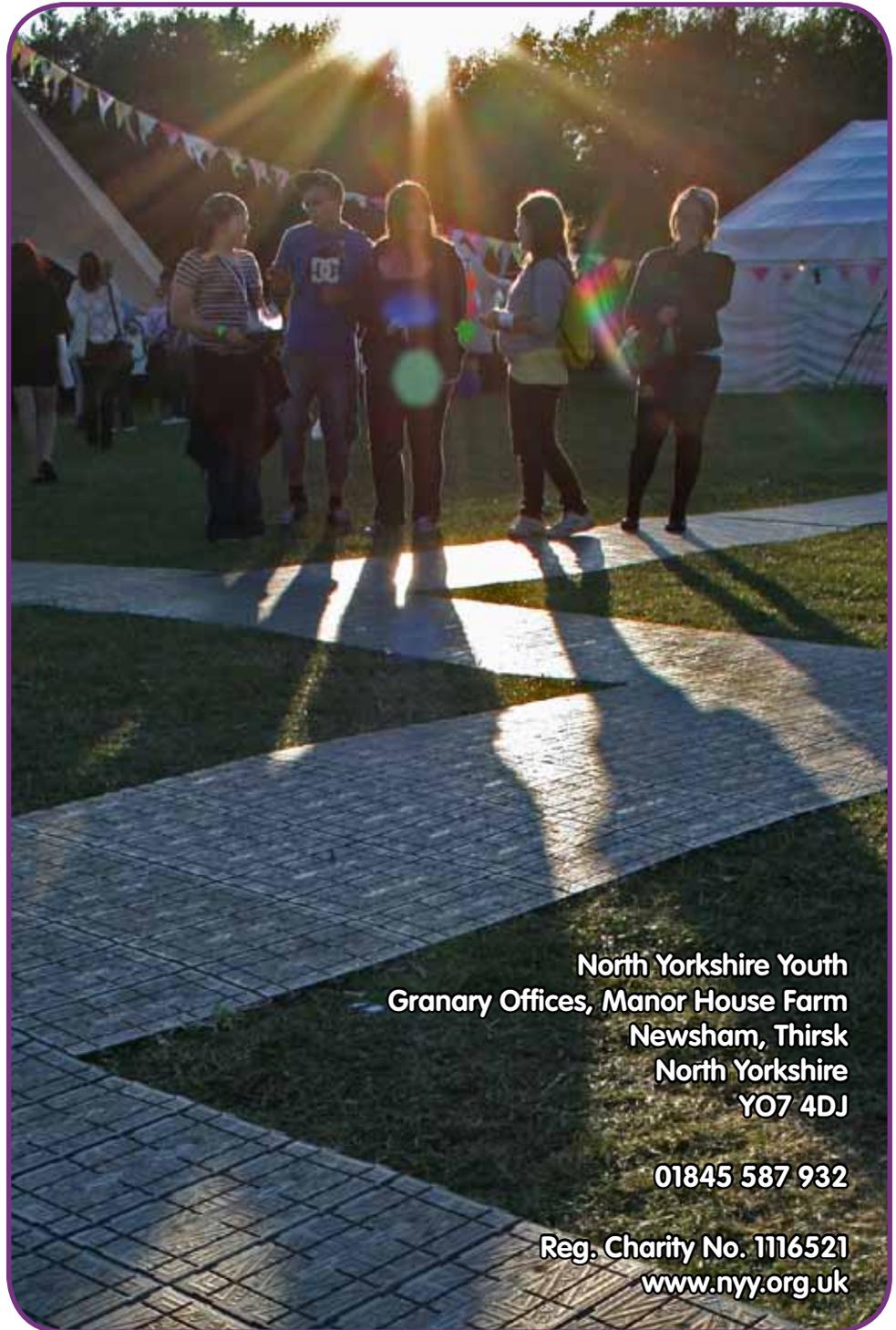
Develop a quality system for volunteer led youth provision

Develop NYY Training to provide Youth Work Training

Celebrate and promote activity of NYY and members

Engage young people in accredited opportunities





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