



# SNAPSHOTS OF PRACTICE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



## NATIONAL YOUTH WORK WEEK 2023

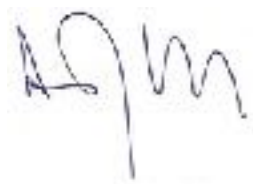
The annual Youth Work Week event, hosted by the National Youth Agency, aims to raise awareness of the life-changing difference youth workers have on young people aged between 8 - 25 years of age. This year Youth Work Week is focussing on the breadth of youth work taking place across the country: in youth centres, hospitals, outdoor activity centres, cultural spaces and so much more.

This year's theme is "Youth Work in every Place and Space".

Y Services was established as a charity 12 years ago. Our aims are to deliver Youth work to young people and to support the development of youth work.

The enclosed 'Snapshots' provide examples of our work with young people over the last 12 months in places and spaces across the South of Hampshire.

On behalf of the trustees, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers, staff and funders in enabling Y Services to deliver quality youth work.



Chairman of Trustees





Coronation Champions Award Winner Maria Calway Kennedy

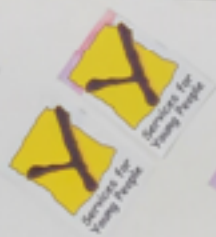


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**Y Services have achieved 15701 contacts with young people in the past 12 months**

# Y Snapshots of Practice Short Reports about What We Do Whiteley Youth Project



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## Y Services

We're pleased to work in partnership with Whiteley Community Centre to deliver a Youth Club for Whiteley.

We celebrated the Coronation of King Charles at all our Youth Projects. Whiteley's celebration was supported by young people and parents who brought food for our coronation feast. Young people created Union Jack crafts and took part in themed group games.

It was interesting talking to young people about the Coronation. For many the Friday Youth Club event was their celebration and many had plans for the weekend that didn't include a Saturday or Sunday celebrating.

Our programme at Whiteley has reflected a mixture of current issues and games and

activities. We have had an influx of young people new to the youth club, who have settled in.

Each of our youth projects has a distinct feel or difference. Whiteley is typified by energy and a willingness to give things a go.

Y Services worked with young people to mark the passing of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Coronation of King Charles III.

In all our projects discussions, crafts and activities provided opportunities to focus on what was happening in our Country and communities at a time of change.

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# Y Snapshots of Practice

## Short Reports about What We Do

### Fratton Youth Project



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## Y Services

We are pleased to work in partnership with Fratton Community Centre to deliver a Youth Club for Fratton.

The group meet on a Monday evening every week. The young people there suggested they would like to go on a residential and participate in outdoor activities.

The group decided to fundraise for the cost of the Residential Centre, transport to get there and planned activities as part of a tabletop sale being held by the Community Centre.

The group painted canvases and made signs for their tables and created a list of things they needed for the day. Young people showed great initiative in reaching out to companies for donations, resources and even priced up

activities at residential centres in Hampshire. They carefully wrote emails and letters to distribute and reached out to community centre staff and youth workers for support. One young person was fortunate enough to receive a £10 farm foods gift voucher to use towards resources and an email back from a centre with a quote for activities and overnight stay.

Young people spent time together working out a plan for the room on the day of the fundraiser and delegated roles out to each other to support the event in running smoothly.

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## Short Reports about What We Do

### FOCUS and Y MUSIC



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## Y Services

We're pleased to receive funding from Youth Music for our work with young people and Music.

We are always proud of our youth projects and when they work together they can produce some special outcomes for young people. "DJ Pickles" or "D" is one of the young people who attend FOCUS our group for SEN young people. "D" has issues with his sight and hearing but enjoyed mixing on the decks at Genesis with the support of Chad one of our Youth Music staff. Over the past couple of months Y Music have been working with young people from the Focus group. Another success was with "Ben" who achieved his Bronze Arts Award. "Ben" was one of the young people who braved the stage and

performed publicly for the first time at the Ukraine event. Phil and Chad have supported our young people from Focus to play, perform and enjoy music.

*Well done to Focus young people and Y Music and Focus staff. It is wonderful to present Arts awards to young people from Focus. I hope that you continue to work with staff to further develop your skills.*

Nicky Staveley, Trustee:

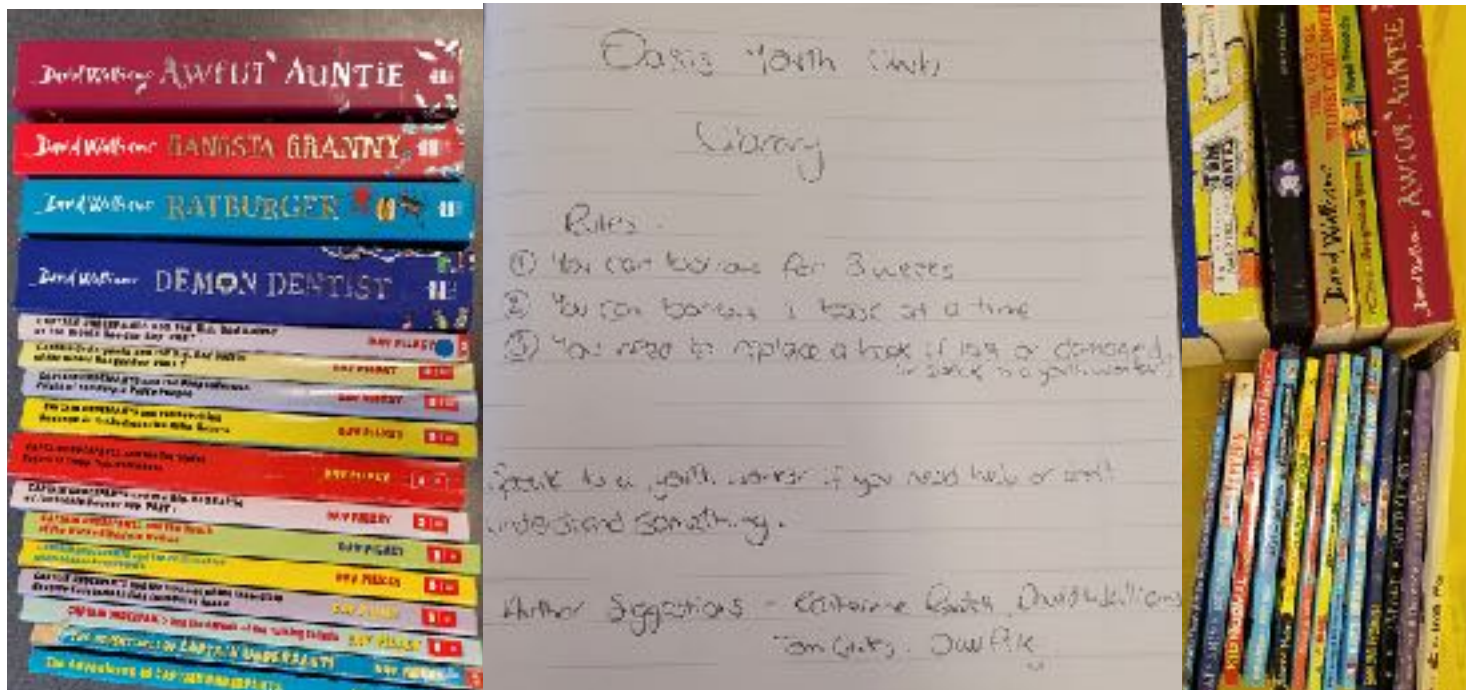
*Youth Music supports Y Services to enable young people to engage with music.*

<https://youthmusic.org.uk/>

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# Y Snapshots of Practice Short Reports about What We Do Oasis Junior Youth Project



## Y Services

We are pleased to work in partnership with Titchfield Community Centre to deliver Youth Clubs for Titchfield.

The junior group meet on a Tuesday evening. The young people took part in a project forum and whilst discussing what they wanted to do, it came to light that they were interested in reading.

Young people suggested possible authors including a young person with dyslexia who spoke about which authors they found easier to read. After an email home to parents the library has soon grown, and young people are regularly taking books out each week. Young people value the library, returning books on time and not taking books when they are on

holiday in case they lose them. Members have created a library sign and talked about taking on responsibility of being librarians.

One member said: *"I like the library because it boosts my confidence in reading. I have never read Tom Gates before and in 3 weeks I have read 315 pages and got three more Tom Gates books because I enjoyed it so much."*

*It's inspiring to see this simple idea about the use of literacy in a youth project. Since Sarah has initiated this project other projects have started to use a book box. Youth work is not just about pool tables and table tennis*

*Andy Kennedy, Chair of Trustees*

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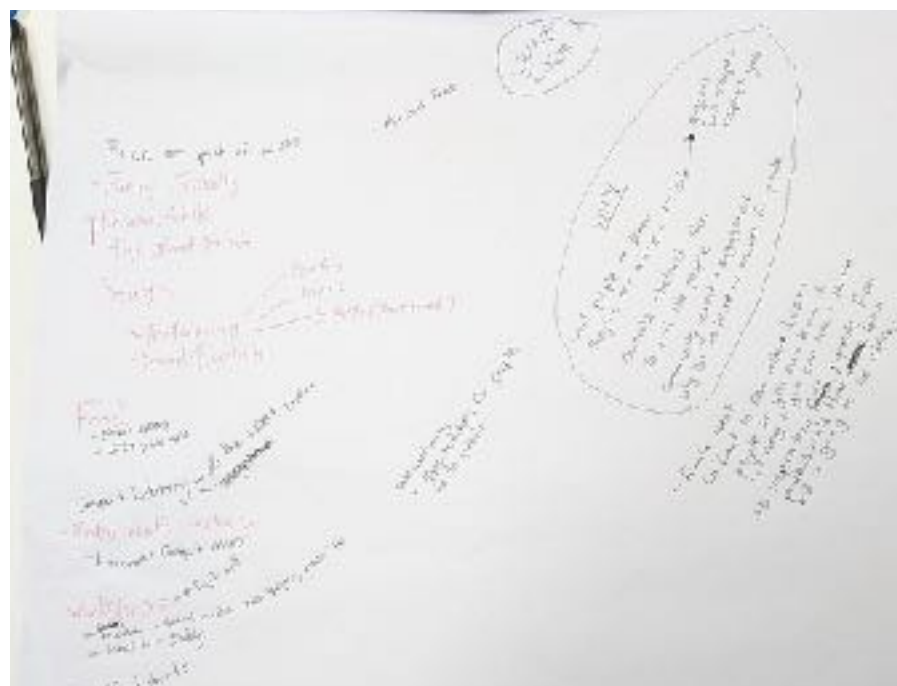
### Gosport LGBTQ+ Youth Project



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## Y Services

Y Services LGBTQ+ projects provide a safe, comfortable space where young people who identify as lesbian, gay, bi, trans and who are questioning their sexuality or gender identity can get to know other young people like themselves.

The Gosport group recently met with the Mayor and asked if Gosport could hold its own Pride event.

The group have taken the idea forward with passion and have met with Jacky Charman from Gosport Voluntary Action to make plans.

Young people have advocated that:

- Not everyone can afford to get to or go to other prides

- They need a safe space for queer people, not just young queer people. They need to grow up and know they can be and survive as grown-ups
- They haven't had one yet in Gosport

Members have plans for a public march, music and market stalls and are working on a safe ticketing system.

The event aims to create a more inclusive local community.

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# Y Snapshots of Practice Short Reports about 'What We Do' HAF Summer 23' Project



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## Y Services

### HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) 2023

We are pleased to confirm the successful delivery of 3 HAF projects, delivering 48 days of fun, engaging, healthy activities.

962 young people attend sessions.

Elson 325. Genesis 312, Wecock 325

91 were primary aged & 52 secondary, within this 62 had additional needs, 4 were Ukrainian, 5 in care, and 2 were young carers.

The projects delivered a wide variety of sessions, arts and crafts, sports and games, issue based work, and food health and life skills.

This year all the projects also went on at least 2 trips, Bowling, Staunton Farm, crazy golf and

outdoor education, Kayaking, low ropes etc. This was very well received by young people.

We worked with partners, The Acorn Centre, Police, Victim support, CAB, Food banks, Co-op & ASDA and PCC play workers to expand our delivery and the information shared.

Parents were supported in a variety of areas of need and provided with information on support and activities in their area.

*It is positive to see Y Services staff using their youth work skills to contribute to a project that supports families and young people during this time when a lack of money can impact on local families.* Andy Kennedy, Chair of Trustees

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*“the more I wrote the more I remembered. Its been a long 12 years!”*

Charlie Wilson

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## My Journey with Y...



### Charlie

I started attending Odyssey Health and Wellbeing run by Y Services in September 2011 after a youth worker carrying out detached work outside the school gate at the end of a school day signposted me there. I attended this group consistently which bought opportunities such as being a part of The Legacy Project and fundraising for a residential. I built strong friendships attending this group and a positive relationship with a youth worker who I would often approach for advice.

In 2012, I was successful in approaching Y Services for a work experience week. This week gave me the opportunity to shadow youth workers in multiple settings and observe different areas of youth work such as, detached youth work, health and wellbeing groups and junior and senior youth projects.

From this experience I took on the role as young worker, consistently supporting a Monday junior group. I had the opportunity to attend a young worker residential and gain an AQA qualification in introduction to youth work. I completed school and went on to college to study Health and Social Care. My youth worker was successful in nominating me for a Young citizen of honour award for my voluntary contributions to the charity. I was awarded for this in 2015 by Councillor Mike Ford in Fareham.

I was successful in applying for a traineeship paid position with Y Services once I turned 16. I finished college and applied for a Youth Support worker position, this was successful, and I continued to support Portchester Monday evenings and additionally started working on the detached team.

After I finished my college course, I was successful in enrolling on to a BSc degree in Social Work at a local university, I stayed on as bank staff with Y services until I went on to qualify and practice as a registered children and families Social Worker.

After a year working in a children's child protection team, my time came to an end where I felt burnt out and lacking in professional confidence. I wanted to spend time developing on my professional skills when working with young people. I re-approached Y services, who were understanding of my experience and I was fortunate to be offered a full-time post with Y Services. I am now undertaking a Level 3 course with the NYA. I am the lead worker on 2 projects, I attend schools and carry out one to one support for young people, I am part of the detached team and i manage the play ranger programme and team. My responsibilities within the charity allow me to continue my professional development through training and new opportunities and upkeep social work registration.'

Charlie Wilson

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## Short Reports about What We Do

### Detached Youth Project



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## A Detached Summer...

Well done to the Detached Team who demonstrated the team's strength and commitment over the summer months during a period of change. Charlie Wilson developed links with Havant Council's Neighbourhood Team and Havant Neighbourhood Police and the team worked closely with these partnership agencies to identify Hotspots and exchange information.

There were increased patrols of the coastal areas of Gosport by the Detached Team, where young people gather in large numbers and partnership agencies saw a raise in complaints from nearby residents. The Detached Team encouraged young people to reflect on their behaviours and look at the impact of their actions and respect the area –

noise levels, litter, blocking pavement access, safety near water and respecting other property. The visibility of Y Services Detached Team was observed by local residents who expressed gratitude for their support.

The team were also active across Fareham's parks and streets working with Fareham Council and the local neighbourhood team.

*Our detached team's work takes place in the street, but also in parks and other spaces young people have chosen to be. This makes it accessible to young people who are unlikely to attend building-based provision.*

*Andy Kennedy, Chairman of Trustees*

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