

Meeting	Community Development Committee
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Report Title	Youth Sessions/ Program
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Officer's Recommendations

1. To note the Youth Events program for July & August.
2. To agree a zero hours contract to recruit a Youth Worker to help facilitate project delivery over the summer months
3. To consider creating a Haydon Wick Youth Council (HWYC) this year
4. To use allocated Youth Engagement budget up to a maximum of £500 to fund Youth Council activities this year.
5. To include a budget aspiration of £1,000 during budget setting in 2022/2023 for the Youth Council to manage and spend on a youth development project for the benefit of the Parish.
6. To note ongoing community development projects that have been identified for further funding applications.

BEST Workshop Project Update

Providing 30 young people (7 – 16 years old) the opportunity to learn new skills such as: kickboxing, circuit training and boxing within the Haydon Wick Community. The programme will run every Friday from 30th July through to 27th August 2021. The last session will be followed by a graduation ceremony and BBQ for all of the participants – as a 'thank you' for taking part.

The first and last sessions will be used to create a professional video showcasing the work carried out by BEST and the youth development of Haydon Wick Parish Council. The media content will be shared on HWPC website and social media and provided by local business Inspire Creative.

The workshops are now fully booked, and a waiting list has been created. Once an attendee register is created using the medical forms submitted to admin@haydonwick.gov.uk data will be confirmed regarding postcodes of participants. Risk assessment, safeguarding risk assessments and controls etc are being collated for the project, and will be on file.

The Swindon Advertiser has been invited to the opening session of the programme. If any Councillors would like to attend the first session on Friday 30 July, please confirm attendance to events@haydonwick.gov.uk

Barnardo's 'Trailblazers' will be using the sessions as a fortnightly outreach programme for their youth workers. The group will help signpost youths needing mental health support to the right providers and help break-down and prevention barriers for help.



Survey

The sessions will be used to survey the participants for future project developments, and to engage regarding the development of a Youth Forum. The survey is being created by BEST and data will be collected for the benefit of HWPC and partnership organisations.

Youth Events Program Update

JULY	EVENT	AGE	NUMBERS	LOCATION	COST	NOTES
Saturday 24 July	Orbital outreach event & youth activity	- All	Unknown	TBC	Youth Worker time, staff time & Cllrs	As part of outreach will have activity on stall
Friday 30 July	BEST	-	30	Office	Funded by Grant	
Saturday 31 July	Majorettes Taster Session & Picnic	-	40+	Trent Road Playing Field	N/A (DC time)	
Monday 2 August	T-shirt painting	All	36+	Office	Youth Worker staff time & materials £45.16	Materials used across multiple events
Friday 6 August	BEST	-	30	Office	Funded by Grant	
Monday 9 August	T-shirt painting	All	36+	Office	Youth Worker staff time & materials £45.16	Materials used across multiple events
Friday 13 August	BEST	-	30	Office	Funded by Grant	
Saturday 14 August	Community Youth Litter Pick	-	12	Skate park area	N/A	
Friday 20 August	BEST	-	30	Office	Funded by Grant	
Friday 27 August	BEST	-	30	Office	Funded by Grant	

Youth Worker Recruitment

Our current fixed term Youth Worker has resigned to take a full time teaching role in Swindon. Several outstanding funding bids could significantly impact the employment contract of a youth worker in the near future. Therefore, it is suggested that the Council recruits a temporary zero hours Youth Worker to assist with project



delivery over the summer months (using external funding secured for the role) before a more permanent recruitment solution is considered in September/October of this year.

Development of Haydon Wick Youth Council & Swindon Wide Youth Forum

To help shape the youth development agenda, it is essential that the views of young people in Swindon have a platform of engagement, and an opportunity to help shape their community. Having an involved, informed and participatory Youth Council in Haydon Wick would help drive project development and support and assist with funding applications.

The Haydon Wick Youth Council (HWYC) would be a non-profit and apolitical organisation. The representatives would be made up of Young People aged 11-16. HWYC would represent the views of the young people of Haydon Wick, and empower their opinions.

HWYC will aim to make Haydon Wick a better place for Young People to live by:

- Stimulating and improving joint working between young people and decision-makers
- Developing and leading projects that will benefit and improve facilities and services within the local area for young people
- By promoting positive images of young people
- Encouraging and supporting young people to become involved in community action
- Acting as a voice for young people's views
- Developing close links with the media

The HWYC will:

- Be coordinated by the Council's Youth Worker
- Meet every other month, for an hour
- Meet in person, with some sort of food/ possible Dominoes sponsorship for the meeting
- Recruit for the Youth Council member using social media, outreach work skatepark and school contacts
- Recruit ages from 12 – 16 years
- Have manageable numbers: 6/8
- Budget allocated £1,000 per annum that members of the Youth Council have ownership of, with an authorisation process coming to committee
- Be a platform for discussion/communication: to be agreed by the Youth Council and developed moving forwards
- Have a charter created by the Youth Council
- Have ideas and common identified themes will feed into the Super Swindon Forum

Super Swindon Forum:

- Meets twice a year, June & December
- Each Parish (HWPC, South Swindon and Central North – being the only Swindon Parish Council with Youth Development work taking place) takes a



turn to host the meeting

- Funding: work together to secure external funding for projects agreed/to be delivered by wider Swindon network
- Each Parish selects 2 representatives to join this meeting from their Youth Council
- The concept behind the larger youth forum is to understand what young people want across Swindon, not just within the Parish boundaries, and to work together on a larger scale to make significant changes/ deliveries for Swindon e.g.: recent funding partnership bid

Allstarz Community Football Sessions:

The free youth football sessions held at Trent Road in partnership with local providers Allstarz has now finished. Following on from positive verbal and social media comments, an online survey has been sent to all previous bookers for the session to record feedback for future funding use.

Ongoing Funding Applications & Projects

Current funding bids/projects identified for continued community development projects are:

- Allstarz football for community (youth and return to/walking)
- BEST delivery as a yearly program of delivery
- Graffiti workshops at the skatepark aimed for older teenagers within the community