

More Space to Hang Out



Date	Tuesday 24 September 2024	Time	11am-12pm
Attendees	Emma Ellis (Windmill Centre), Lisa Money, Jo Morrell, Rebekah Daws		

Agenda

- Youth work training
- Partner feedback from the summer and plans for the Autumn
- Collaborative fundraising
- What's our vision for this impact group?
- Creating a film to capture work being done by impact group members (Relational Practice Conference)
- Young people's advisory group for the impact group

Summary

Partner updates/celebrations:

Windmill Centre (Emma Ellis): Over seven weeks, they hosted both drop-in and bookable sessions for 42 young people during the summer. An older young person, Danny, from Torquay Academy was hired to lead sports activities and was very well received by YP and the team. He excelled in delivering various games/sports with the YP and engaging with them to gather their input. Emma notes his professionalism as an employee. They also hired a second 18-year-old employee, who aspired to be a teacher, however she left after a few sessions.

Jo proposed the idea of Danny becoming involved in One Space (LocalMotion Youth Project), if he were interested. As he has developed good relationships with the YP at Windmill and could be a voice with them. Emma said she will talk to him about this as he said he was enthusiastic about returning!

We returned to celebrating 42 YP engaged over the summer. Emma asked young people if they felt comfortable approaching the team at the Windmill Centre outside of their regular youth sessions. They responded positively, appreciating that they could talk to the team whenever needed. This feedback highlighted the strong relationships that had been built, making both Emma and Jemima feel encouraged that the young people felt supported and knew they were available to help.

Later on in the meeting Emma also spoke about their new youth darts club, led by Sean Blackman, starting soon in Mondays. Sean runs "Game On Darts Academy" as a sole trader but may establish a CIC with Local Spark's support. He's focused on working with young people, aiming to cover costs rather than make a

profit. The club is set to start in November, teaching young people how to play darts, which is a unique and fun sport not widely known.

Creating a film to capture work being done by impact group members (Relational Practice Conference)

Emma said they had a YP that would potentially be interested in being involved in the video.

Youth Work Training

Jo said that Tracy researched training costs and discovered the National Youth Agency offers fully online Level 2 and 3 youth work courses and that when Jo shared this with the partnership, the youth council and the One Space group, it struck a chord with young people seeking youth work training, as local options are limited. Emma mentioned her youth group's young members are mostly under 16, but two 15-year-olds may be interested in such opportunities.

There is interest across the partnership in creating a training package, including CPD for staff and youth leadership courses. Partners, like Sound Communities, offer AQA certifications, and the idea of mapping available certifications for youth aged 8+ emerged. Liz believes Imagine This could fund up to 10 training spaces for young people and staff, pending steering group approval. The group discussed using John Oliverio's introductory youth work sessions as a stepping stone for young people interested in further training.

This meeting was intended to be a starting point for a partnership wide conversation. As no other partners were able to attend, we agreed that we'll keep scoping out interest and potential funds for a collaborative bid as there was enough interest via email for it to feel like something useful for the wider partnership. Lisa mentioned the potential to reconnect with Devon Space.

Youth Investment Fund - Acorn Centre Update

The Acorn Centre is receiving capital funding, in the form of YIF, for building upgrades to improve its work with young people. Alongside this, there's revenue funding to upskill staff and support activities based on young people's needs. There's a possibility for Imagine This Partners to collaborate with the Acorn Centre on participation and youth work during renovations until March. Alternative venues are being considered due to winter weather concerns for detached youth work. Emma mentioned challenges with resources for youth activities and discussed options like using the Boom Bus for outreach. Concerns were raised about the short-term funding, and the need to ensure ongoing activities after the funding ends. There's interest in collaboration to make the project sustainable, with Emma considering a broader outreach to the Hele, Barton, and Watcombe areas, which could be a good opportunity to secure more long-term funding.

Action	Owner
Talk to Danny re: inclusion in the Imagine This October newsletter and the One Space LocalMotion group.	Emma
Contact Devon Space	Lisa
Check in with Paige re: Relational Practice video	Emma
Pull together a list of people for a conversation around a potential Reaching Communities bid	Emma