

More Spaces to Hang Out & Safer Streets



Date	Thursday 19 March 2026	Time	2.30-3.30
Attendees	Jon Oliverio (Cycle Torbay), Maria Goodwin (YMCASD), Emma Ellis (Windmill), Annie Ashford-Barnden (CAP), Katie Chivers, Jo, Lisa, Rebekah		

Agenda

- partner catch-up & updates
- a roundup of what we heard in PBY that is relevant to this group
- a catch up of what work partners are already doing that addresses those needs, and an open discussion about how we expand/broaden/deepen existing provision
- emerging thinking - Youth Work Alliance

Summary

partner catch-up & updates

YMCA South Devon (Maria)

- Successfully relocated from Dartmouth Road to Belle Vue Road with no service disruption.
- Mobile youth hub (funded through Better Youth Spaces) launching in April to support detached youth work across Torbay.
- Supported accommodation (in partnership with YMCA Exeter): 36 units for 18–25s across Paignton, using a progressive independence model (SHAP-funded).
- Nightstop service restarting with new lead in April.

Cycle Torbay / Crafty Fox (Jon)

- Ongoing youth sessions (Mon/Thurs) with ~20 young people attending.
- Food for Thought continues to build engagement through cooking and conversation.
- Strong shift toward youth-led delivery, with young people increasingly shaping and running sessions.
- Jon chairs the Youth & Families Partnership. Held their last meeting during half term to enable young people to participate, 5 young people and took charge! He has hopes to support young people to chair meetings going forward - moving from consultation to accountability and influence.
- Emphasis on embedding youth voice as a consistent, everyday practice - not just for funding or consultation.

Windmill Centre (Emma)

- Tuesday youth session ending due to funding; exploring Awards for All bid.
- Thursday sessions continue (25–30 young people attending).
- Strong youth-led model: young people shaping content and discussions.
- Adult Social Care project starting in April - potential 18-25 SEND-focus
- Potential link with SEND Family Voice identified.

OneSpace

- Launching drop-in at the end of March at Paignton Harbour (Rugga clubhouse).
- Soft, relational approach to engagement.
- Thinking carefully about how best to spend Young Gamechanger funding - contributing to a pool of resources.
- Utilising gamechanger fund opportunities - and linking with other incredible young gamechangers across the UK

Maker Arts

- Our youth groups will be moving downstairs once we open and there will be space for outside groups, which we have already had a lot of enquiries about.

Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP)

- CAP activities were focused on just Paignton for 2024/25- largely delivered with Sound Communities and Paignton Academy. Following the discovery of Imagine This, the CAP will now sit within this partnership and will cover the whole of Torbay. CAP mainly provides educational resources and positive activities for young people. I met with Doorstep a week or so ago and they are keen to do a project in Sept.

Other Updates

- YouthCo emerging as a key collective opportunity across Torbay.
- Multiple partners successful with Better Youth Spaces funding.
- Test-and-learn pilots underway with Active Devon - to take place Acorn Centre, Great Parks, Fuel Youth's Brixham Club + YMCA detached bus.
- Eddystone Trust partner event on sexual health: 6 May at the Windmill.

Powered by Youth (PBY) Insights

Key themes relevant to this group:

- Need for affordable and accessible spaces
- Demand for quiet / safe spaces
- Importance of belonging, identity, and inclusive environments
- Ongoing discussions around community safety (e.g. lighting in public spaces)

There is a significant amount of provision already happening, but a shared challenge remains around sustainability and long-term funding.

Emerging Thinking - Youth Work Alliance (YouthCo)

- YouthCo highlighted as a key strategic development emerging from Impact Groups.
- Opportunity to:
 - Strengthen collaboration across partners
 - Align funding and delivery
 - Amplify youth voice at a system level
- Engagement with national partners (e.g. John Lewis) being explored.

Next Steps & Actions	
Share Crafty Fox youth voice stories	Jon
Circulate Sanctuary / Food for Thought storytelling piece.	Katie
Share PBY insights document with Emma	Lisa
Share details of SEND project and Eddystone Trust event	Emma
Share stories and impact, and use #PoweredByYouth	All partners