

## More Space to Hang Out



<b>Date</b>	Monday 13 January 2025	<b>Time</b>	11 - 12
<b>Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Emma Ellis (Windmill Centre)</li> <li>● Maria Goodwin (YMCA South Devon)</li> <li>● Katie Chivers (Trustee for Torbay Communities &amp; YMCA South Devon)</li> <li>● Lisa Money &amp; Jo Morrell (Imagine This Partnership Managers)</li> <li>● Rebekah Daws (Partnership Administrator)</li> </ul>		

<b>Agenda</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New year catch up</li> <li>● Strategic direction of the group</li> </ul>
<b>Summary</b>

The meeting began with the group catching up after the winter break. We then moved on to developments and updates.

**Maria** shared that the YMCA were successful with important funding bids before Christmas. The funding will enable them to continue Nightstop and develop a much needed Daystop service.

**Katie** shared that the One Space group submitted a bid to the Young Gamechangers fund before Christmas and will hear back sometime after the 26 Jan. **Jo** shared that the group hopes to make moves this year and get something up and running in some form, as well as finalise our values. **Marie** mentioned the possibilities of Daystop and One Space coming together.

**Jo** shared that the NYA Youth Work course is beginning online on the 30 Jan with 9 young people from Torbay registered. Fuel Youth will support the group in person throughout the 6 month course, starting on 24 Jan.

Relating to her meeting before this one, **Jo** also discussed a gap identified in career advice for young people not in school or college, noting that no one seems to be providing guidance for this group. The group acknowledged this as an important issue to address.

### **Strategic Direction**

The group discussed setting a clear strategic direction for the year, with the goal of having a unifying purpose that guides the group's work.

When asked 'To what extent does this group overlap with other impact groups?' a key theme that emerged was physical, safe places. Other themes were:

- Addressing mental health, stress, and anxiety
- Ensuring pathways and access for all young people
- Leveraging partnerships and collaboration across the different impact groups

The group explored the idea of blending or consolidating some of the impact groups, given the significant overlap in themes and goals. This could involve having fewer but broader meetings that bring together participants from multiple groups. The group agreed to further discuss this idea at the next meeting, once this conversation had been had with each impact group.

The group agreed it would be valuable to involve young people from existing projects (like One Space) in the strategic planning and decision-making for the impact group. This could help ensure the group's work is truly youth-led and responsive to young people's needs.

The group mentioned the importance of outside partners like local authorities and services attending meeting, increasing opportunities for conversations and collaboration.

Lisa summarised the key takeaways and next steps, including:

- A focus on 'safe places for young people' and blending future meetings
- Continuing conversations about strategic direction and group consolidation with the other impact groups
- Bringing young people into the process to inform the group's work

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