

More Space to Hang Out



Date	Wednesday 19 March 2025	Time	4.30 - 5.30
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emma Ellis (Windmill Centre) ● Paul Scott (Fuel Youth) ● Katie Chivers (Trustee for Torbay Communities & YMCA South Devon & Youth Council) ● Lisa Money & Jo Morrell (Imagine This Partnership Coordinators) ● Rebekah Daws (Partnership Administrator & Youth Council) 		

Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● check in ● update on Child Friendly Torbay ● what is our primary goal for the year? ● Paul Hamlyn Youth Fund - potential for sizeable 3 year bid to increase youth provision in community centres ● Youth Celebration Event 15th August - setting the scene, generating ideas for activities ● National Youth Strategy - exploring a Torbay response
Summary

Overview

- Significant concerns raised about lack of youth spaces and impact on young people's safety/wellbeing
- Need to articulate importance of preventative youth work and safe spaces to decision-makers
- Group aims to bring youth practitioners' voices into strategic conversations
- Plan to develop vision for expanded youth work provision in Torbay for potential funding bid

Partner Updates

- Closure of Little Square drop-in raised as major concern by partners
- Impacts noted: loss of safe space, hot meals for vulnerable youth
- Yes Brixham also closing, compounding lack of spaces
- Partners seeing increased concerns about street safety from young people

Child Friendly Torbay Consultation

- Ongoing youth consultation to inform council priorities
- Group discussed how to gather broader youth voices beyond usual channels
- Agreed to use existing relationships with youth to collect meaningful input
- Will frame questions around best/worst of Bay and desired changes

Safer Streets Funding

- £300k announced for community safety initiatives in Torbay
- Primarily going to CCTV, town centre management, ASB initiatives
- Group felt youth work would be more impactful use of funds
- South Devon College students recommended more youth clubs to address ASB

National Youth Strategy Response

- NYA seeking youth input on local provision via online survey
- Group felt survey may be too complex for many youth to engage with
- Discussed alternative ways to elevate local youth voices and needs

Potential Development of joint youth work offer for Torbay

- Initial ideas shared: youth workers/detached teams for each community centre
- Interest in developing training/qualifications to grow local youth workforce
- Plan to dedicate next meeting to developing vision and funding proposal

Actions	Owner
Extend next meeting (May 19) to 1.5 hours to focus on youth work vision	Rebekah
Invite additional youth practitioners to contribute to vision discussion	Lisa/Jo
Jo to start drafting outline of potential Paul Hamlyn Youth Fund proposal	Jo
Invite Holly (youth worker) to 19 May extended meeting on youth work vision	Paul/Rebekah