

# More Spaces to Hang Out



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| <b>Date</b>      | Wednesday 16 July 2025  | <b>Time</b> | 4.30-5.30 |
| <b>Attendees</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Holli (Windmill Centre)</li> <li>● Katie Chivers (Trustee for Torbay Communities &amp; YMCA South Devon, IT Youth Council)</li> <li>● Lisa Money &amp; Jo Morrell (Imagine This Partnership Coordinators)</li> <li>● Rebekah Daws (Partnership Administrator &amp; Youth Council)</li> </ul> |             |           |

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| <b>Agenda</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● catch up and celebrations</li> <li>● Food For Thought project</li> <li>● One Space update</li> </ul> |
| <b>Summary</b>  |

## Catch up and celebrations

### Youth-Led Recruitment at Windmill Centre

- Young people created job description, reviewing applications, planning interview process
- Seen as excellent example of youth participation
- Potential to use as case study/learning opportunity for other partners
- Some challenges navigating youth requests (e.g. wanting male worker) within legal parameters

### Skate Park Engagement

- Holli and young people met with council/Swissco about skate bowl
- Officials initially directed questions to staff rather than youth
- Holli redirecting to ensure youth voices heard directly
- Connects to wider skate park conversations happening across Torbay

## Food for Thought Project

- Holli expressed concerns about explaining project expectations to young people and new staff
- Jo clarified Windmill is first centre to start, others like Crafty Fox just beginning
- New "Feasts for Change" concept proposed:
  - Quarterly shared meals bringing youth from different centers together

- Opportunity to invite relevant decision-makers/officials
- Young people could present issues via film, art, etc.
- Katie developing game to help identify "iceberg model" issues in fun way
- Emphasised need for youth practitioners' expertise in shaping project

### One Space Update

- Pilot sessions with ageing-out Phoenix Group young people going well at Parkfield
- Activities include music, arts/crafts, games
- Young people requesting regular sessions
- £20,000 youth-led funding secured for resources (e.g. bean bags) and film project from Young Gamechanger fund
- Balancing current pilot with longer-term vision for daily spaces in each town

### Funding Opportunities

- New "Better Youth Spaces" fund available - up to £100k, 80% capital costs
- Potential for collaborative bid across Torbay youth spaces
- Jo to research exact criteria/restrictions

| Actions   | Owner      |
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| Ask Windmill young people for permission to use their job description as example in Imagine This blog | Holli / Jo |
| Get permission from young people to use skate bowl meeting as case study for youth engagement         | Holli / Jo |
| Investigate Better Youth Spaces funding criteria & capital spending rules; share findings with group  | Jo         |