

More Spaces to Hang Out



Date	Monday 29 September 2025	Time	11am-12pm
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sue Parsons (Maker Arts) ● Holli & Emma (Windmill Centre) ● Paul Scott (Fuel Youth) ● Katie Chivers ● Lisa, Jo & Rebekah 		

Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome & catch up ● Should we place our primary focus on youth and play delivery from our community centres? Jo to give background. ● 'Floating' youth work – Fuel Youth and community centres. ● Food for Thought (linked to above). ● Funding – upcoming opportunities.
Summary

● **Welcome & catch up**

Sue shared about a successful skate/art event she attended in Plymouth and gave the group an overview of what MakerArts does - a therapeutic arts and employability programme, alternative provision for young disengaged people in the Bay, and focusing mainly on employability skills, but through creative methods.

Paul & Holly (Fuel Youth Initiative) ran sessions, pop-ups and detached youth work over the summer across Torbay. They are still building relationships with young people and the community in Brixham where their youth club has started up again, but have also reconnected with young people in Paignton from their Nova days. Collaborations with the Windmill Centre, the Acorn Centre, the One Space group and the Food for Thought initiative are in the works.

Holli and the Windmill team ran successful, well-attended weekly session through the summer with creative and messy themes and activities. Youth session have had to go from twice to once a week, with hopes of returning to two after the half term. Young people noted that attending these groups had helped in with transitioning from not only the younger group to the older group but in school as well. Holli also spoke about how they've weaved Food for Thought work into their session, setting up independent cooking tasks/tables too.

Katie also mentioned several events she's been involved in over the summer inc. Imagine This Youth Celebration event, C&YP Awards, LocalMotion Learning Visit. Plus One Space pilot sessions continued through the summer.

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- **'Floating' youth work – Fuel Youth and community centres.**
- **Food for Thought (linked to above).**

The group had an in-depth discussion about focusing the impact group's efforts on supporting and developing youth and play delivery through community centres and other community spaces. There was agreement that these existing spaces and trusted relationships are crucial assets, but many lack the capacity, and sometimes skills, to fully meet the needs. The group explored ideas around a "floating" team of experienced, qualified youth workers who could supplement the work of community centres, as well as leveraging under-utilised spaces like empty shops.

The group acknowledged the need to more clearly define what qualifies as a "community space" for the purposes of this work, recognising that it may extend beyond traditional community centres to include other venues and organisations serving young people. They agreed to further discuss and solidify this definition at the next meeting.

Johanna provided an overview of the "Food for Thought" initiative, a Local Motion project that brings young people together through shared meals to have open conversations and provide input. The group discussed the successes and challenges of this approach, with Holli sharing insights from implementing it at the Windmill.

- **Funding – upcoming opportunities.**

The group agreed to hold an additional meeting in October to continue the discussion and start defining the scope of their work. Rebekah will coordinate potential meeting dates, and Lisa and Johanna will reach out to other impact group members not present to gather their input. The goal is to solidify the group's focus and approach by the end of November in order to pursue partnership funding opportunities.

Actions	Owner
Brainstorm definition of 'spaces' for youth/play delivery. Prep thoughts for next meeting	All
Contact absent impact group members. Discuss focusing on youth/play delivery in community spaces. Get feedback	Lisa/Jo
Find potential dates for mid-late Oct meeting on Mon, similar time. Send options to group	Rebekah