

Greater Access for ALL



Date	Thursday 12 March 2026	Time	2.30-3.30
Attendees	Joey Damiral (Active Devon/Torbay Community Builder), Jan Moate (Youth Justice Service), Tanny Stobart, Katie Chivers, Sarah Evans (Participation Team), 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 - Imagination Stations, Transport Forum

Summary

Joey - Active Devon

- Torbay team (Joey, Laura, Stuart) is focusing on youth co-design for community spaces (Acorn, Great Parks) to build leadership skills and create work experience.
- Delivering a leadership training course with LocalMotion, for activity providers and strategic leaders.
- SUP World Cup (Stand Up Paddleboarding) Initiatives:
 - At the main village, potentially with Sound Communities, for live radio interviews to gather feedback - fun alternative to consultation
 - Focus on transport as a key barrier; shuttle service being explored to transport young people from community centres to the beach.
- Velo Park Collaboration:
 - Active Devon is funding a year-long plan for the Velo Park with John Oliviero (Cycle Tour Bay).
 - Sarah's SEND Velo Park event already uses adapted equipment, showing a clear path for collaboration.

Jo shared YMCA South Devon has plans for a Youth Bus to deliver detached youth work across Torbay. Funding secured for the vehicle; staffing discussions underway with Fuel Youth.

Sarah - Participation Team, Torbay Council

- National context: recent SEND White Paper and wider policy developments.
- Continued work on Preparing for Adulthood (event planned ~30 March).
- SEND Youth Forum evolving from consultation to co-design approach. Sarah is doing a presentation next week on Consultation vs Co-Design.
- Increasing focus on social model of disability.
- Ongoing initiatives:
 - Velo Park event for SEND young people and children in care (with British Triathlon).
 - Multiple youth voice structures (SEND forum, care-experienced groups, wider youth panels).

Jan - Youth Justice Service

- Focus questions raised within her workforce:
 - What barriers do young people experience in accessing activities?
 - What barriers do staff face in supporting access?
- New youth hub "Unit 1" (Castle Circus) opening soon.

Tanny

- Proposed a coordinated Arts Council bid to fund creative projects
- Potential Projects:
 - Artistic decoration of the Great Parks shelter.
 - A creative mentoring program for home-educated young people and Parkfield sixth-formers.
- The time is right for a bid, as the group's networks are strong and "Powered by Youth" data provides direct evidence of young people's demand for affordable arts and trips.

Katie - One Space

- New drop-in sessions launching 31 March at Paignton Harbour (Rugga clubhouse).
- Promoting by word-of-mouth to start with.

Transport Forum

- Off the back of Powered By Youth Lisa is engaging with the Bus Forum to have conversations around young people and transport. Mentioned they are exploring driver awareness training around SEND to improve accessibility.

Jo proposed a focus for this year - detached youth work/bus reaching new specialist hubs (e.g Unit 1 (YJS), OneSpace, Care Experienced Hub). Outreach to new hubs & community spaces identified by Active Devon. Including Foxhole Community Hub & Great Parks.

Actions	Owner
Share SUP World Cup plans and identify support needs	Joey
Share feedback gathered from staff on barriers to participation	Jan
Arrange meeting to progress Arts Council bid	Jo & Tanny
Report back on SEND transport/driver awareness discussions	Lisa
Continue to share updates with this group	All