

# Greater Access for ALL



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| <b>Date</b>      | Monday 21 July 2025  | <b>Time</b> | 1-2 |
| <b>Attendees</b> | Tanny Stobart, Katie Chivers (One Space, Youth Council), Lisa Money & Jo Morrell (Imagine This Partnership Managers) |             |     |

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| <b>Agenda</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● catch up &amp; celebrations</li> <li>● UCL report findings on cost barriers to activities and transport</li> <li>● beach access update</li> <li>● Ofsted SEND report: the role of VCSE partners moving forward</li> </ul> |
| <b>Summary</b>   |

Tanny shared the Green Market Place report which included a lovely piece from the young people at Ellacombe who were able to attend as Imagine This funded a taxi for them. This served as a reminder that transport is an ongoing issue for young people and one that needs to be kept in mind with the Child Friendly agenda.

Tanny updated on the progress of ASRUS, noting with pride how well the junior placements are doing, especially how they have befriended other young people making it a really welcoming space that children want to come back to.

## One Space update

The group are trialling sessions with a group of 16 – 25 year olds (mainly 18 – 25) who have 'aged out' of the Children's Society's Phoenix Group. These relaxed sessions happen monthly at Parkfield and are centred around games, Moor to Sea music and the option to garden with the CAG group. So far there has been positive feedback.

The broader ambition of One Space remains, but this is an opportunity to test out elements of delivery they could take forward.

## Mayfield- Parkfield: an opportunity?

Given that Mayfield sixth form will be in the Parkfield centre as of September, and the One Space group will be holding their sessions, there seems to be an opportunity to build on what we've got. Tanny reminded us of the fact that SEND young people are less likely to leave Torbay, and

therefore what we offer should bear that in mind. She referred to Leeds as an area that has done some great work in this field.

Tanny raised the Solidarity Fund which opened a discussion about how supporting SEND along with developing apprenticeships and ways into work, all through the lens of partnership working could be an exciting bid. See actions.

The conversation turned to All Parliamentary Group's aim of bringing a Pay sufficiency strategy into England (Scotland & Wales already have one) and how this aligns to the Youth Work sufficiency conversations. Tanny told us that she had been involved with a pilot to do with playing in parks and that after the 6th August there will be a reflective piece of work between Play Torbay, the Council and Swiss Co to capture lessons learned and next steps. It was suggested that we have a dedicated conversation, opened up to other partners after this.

### **SEND Ofsted Report & Imagine This**

We discussed what Imagine This can do to support the SEND agenda. Jo reflected that the Overview & Scrutiny paper can capture what the VCSE re doing, but that a strategic, well thought out, whole partnership offer could be built behind the scenes and presented to Children's Services. SEND Family Voice are key players here and should be brought in to the discussion as soon as possible. It was agreed that an Imagine This Access For All Strategy and Action Plan was needed.

| <b>Actions</b>   | <b>Owner</b> |
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| Link Lisa & Jo with team in Leeds  | TANNY        |
| Make contact with South Devon College Bridges To Work Team   | JO           |
| Talk to Mark Turner about his experience of running apprenticeships  | LISA         |
| Reach out to SEND Family Voice as a pre-cursor to how Imagine This ptrns might support the broader SEND agenda | LISA         |
| Consider what an agreed strategy and action plan might look like for discussion at meeting after the summer    | ALL          |