



CYT News

Community Youth Teams Q3 Winter Newsletter 2014

Community Youth Teams (CYTs) are a partnership between Sheffield Futures, Sheffield City Council, South Yorkshire Police and specialist health staff. We work with 8 - 19 year olds, helping them to improve their lives and make better choices.



News from the Editor



In last quarter's newsletter... we told you about the important partnership work that takes place during October and November, in the run up to Halloween and Bonfire Night. We are very pleased to report there was a **significant decrease** in youth-related anti-social behaviour **across the city** during this time. **CYTs played an integral part in this successful partnership**, with a key role in providing preventative and diversionary activities and interventions to reduce young people's involvement in anti-social behaviour. This included targeted workshops in schools and youth centres and additional activity and outreach work in priority communities.

Please read on to see what else we've been up to during the last quarter...

Spotlight on performance....

Young People Not Engaged in Education, Employment or Training

At the end of November 2013, the percentage of young people not engaged in education, employment or training in Sheffield was **6.4%**. This is a significant improvement from the same time in 2012, when the figure was **7.8%**.

First Time Entrants (FTEs) to the Youth Justice System

The First Time Entrant figures showed a slight increase in Q3, to **61** and work is being undertaken to look at the reasons for this.

Prevention Referrals

Prevention referrals to CYT increased to **226** during Q3. This is an **increase of nearly 100** from figures in Q2.

Youth Work Delivery

Between October and December 2013, CYTs delivered the following youth work sessions across the city, engaging a total of **1560 young people**:

- 564 open access sessions
- 169 detached youth work (including street-based teams and flexible detached youth work response to 101 incidents or requests from safer Neighbourhoods)
- 193 centre-based youth work sessions

New to CYT... welcome to **Huda Ahmed!**



New to CYT is Huda Ahmed. She will continue her role as **Sheffield City Council Community Cohesion Lead** as part of the Community Youth Team. She will be based at Sheffield Futures' Star House.

Huda says **"If anyone has any issued related to community cohesion please get in touch!** Please call 0114 201 2910 or email huda.ahmed@sheffield.gov.uk"

East CYT celebrate International Women's Day 2014



International Women's Day 2014 on 23rd February is being celebrated by CYT East team next month. CYT East will be hosting a special event, Girls Day, aimed at girls and young women. The event takes place on **25th February** at the **U-Mix centre, 3pm – 8pm.** CYT Youth Worker, Kirsty Roy says **“The Girls Day event is a partnership between CYT, Zest and Kickz”.**

Pop this date in your diary if you are interested in attending and spread the word for others too. We look forward to seeing you there...

Out and about with CYT **citywide** team in Sheffield...

CYT Citywide Targeted Youth Support (TYS) Advisers supported Sheffield City Council's Careers Event at the Sheffield Wednesday Football Club in Q3. Many young people attended the event and were helped into available opportunities by the CYT Advisers.

CYT North TYS Adviser, Caroline Burgin-Razine, pictured right.



TYS Assistants Kirsty Longden and Steven Ward, pictured left.

Steven said “the event was well attended. Many young people left with a firm offer of something positive to do, which was a great result”

A CYT case study for the **East** of the city... From the Prevention Team

Alan* was referred to the **Community Youth Team** because of his **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) within the community and his anger management issues** both at home and in school. Alan was allocated a prevention worker and, after assessment, a plan of work was agreed with Alan and his parents. This included several interventions regarding anger management, victim awareness, ASB and joint enterprise. Some interventions were completed on a one –to-one basis and some in a group setting.

Alan continued to engage with the Community Youth Team and was also referred to the Achieving Respect and Confidence Project (ARC) based at Darnall Fire Station. This is a multi-agency week long programme run by CYTs, South Yorkshire Police and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue. Alan successfully completed the ARC programme and passed out with a certificate to put in his record of achievement.



Alan's work came to an end with the prevention service and he is no longer committing ASB in the community and is managing his anger both at home and in school. As a result of enjoying the ARC so much **he joined the Fire Cadets at the local fire station** and has received positive feedback from staff.

*Not his real name

A CYT case study for the **East** of the city... Woodthorpe Youth Club

Young people currently attending the **Woodthorpe Youth Club** have been learning about culture and associated religious festivals .The East CYT has been helping the young members to prepare and cook foods from around the world including Asian, African and Mexican dishes.

As part of this informal learning initiative, the young people have been matching foods to traditional dress, cultural references and religious festivals.

CYT East Manager, Louise Ellison said ***“the aim has been to get young people to look at different cultures in a positive light. Cultural information has then been displayed around the club for all to see.”***

Louise goes on to say ***“there have also been interactive games and word searches along with language information for the young people to do. Staff also used this time to highlight similarities between some cultural festivals. The young people also learned how to cook a 3 course Christmas dinner for themselves!”***

A CYT case study for the **East** of the city... Woodthorpe Youth Club

Some of the Woodthorpe Youth Club members pictured here with CYT staff.



Attendance at the Woodthorpe Youth Club has steadily increased over the last few months where it is now averaging around 30 young people a night from the local area. It is open on a Monday and Thursday evening.

The CYT staff create a warm, safe, friendly environment for young people to come and meet new friends, learn informally and have fun.

Louise also **says** *“in February the young people will also be learning about the Chinese new year. The plan for next quarter is to provide drug and alcohol awareness raising.”*

A CYT Case study... Police and Crime Commissioner Shaun Wright meets **West** CYT...

On Tuesday, 7 January, Shaun Wright, The South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, spent the afternoon with West CYT Manager, Helen Iwan, Inspector Ian Stubbs from the Sheffield South Safer Neighbourhood Area and Councillor Nikki Bond. The afternoon centred around a walkabout on Abbeydale Road and was an excellent opportunity for the group to advise Shaun of the good work that partners are doing in the local area to successfully improve antisocial behaviour.

Representatives from a range of agencies explained the good work taking place in the U-mix Centre, engaging with young people and diverting them away from crime and antisocial behaviour.

A CYT Case study for the **West** of the city...

Shaun was keen to hear about the joint partnership work at U-mix, with the **'Positive Relationships' Programme led and co-facilitated by CYT Prevention Officer Sue Wright, CYT Advanced Practitioner Alyas Khan and Community Youth Team Police Officer, Vicky Everall.** He was also pleased to hear about the multi-agency detached street based teams that operate flexibly, dependant on need, in the Abbeydale area, as well as recent community cohesion events that have taken place at U-mix between Sharrow and Broomhall.

Helen Iwan discussed the Prevention strategies and Interventions that the Community Youth Team complete with young people and their families to reduce anti-social behaviour and first time entrants into the criminal justice system. He was delighted to hear that anti-social behaviour is down significantly from last year, assisted by the partnership approach. **A walk along Abbeydale road and visit to the Jamia Masjid and Usmania Education Centre then followed, with an eventful presentation from the One Nation Community Centre.** This centre is the first in the country to house a boxing gym in a mosque and has been providing a range of fitness activities, including boxing, six days a week from 2011.



Police Commissioner, Shaun Wright, centre. West CYT Prevention Manager, Helen Iwan, far right.

It was originally developed to help reduce crime, including antisocial behaviour, and to give local young people something positive on which to focus their energies.

“It was a really informative day” said Shaun Wright. “In one afternoon I have heard and seen some of the great work that is being done in the local community.

Today, I have listened to police officers talking about policing in austerity, then seen how **the police, communities and partners are coming together** to divert young people away from a life of crime.

“The U-Mix centre is an excellent facility that provides young people with somewhere to go and something different to do. My police and crime plan details how I am prioritising the reduction of crime and antisocial behaviour. Today I am seeing the how both my grant funding and local community cohesion is resulting in positive results.

“The welcome from the One Nation Community Centre was outstanding and they had obviously gone to a lot of trouble to showcase the excellent work that they do. It was particularly interesting to see how the introduction of boxing into the community is already having a positive result on crime in the area”.

A CYT Case study for the **North** of the city...

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Community Youth Teams across the city have teamed up with the **Amateur Boxing Association of England (ABA)** and **Sportivate South Yorkshire** to run further boxing sessions. These were run at:

- **Sheffield City Boxing Club Sharrow - West**
- **Aspire Boxing Club Darnall - East**
- **All Saints youth Centre – North**



The classes were free and were run by qualified ABA coaches who were funded through the **Sport England Sportivate** fund. The aim was to give young people a taster; some young people were then signposted to local clubs in their area. **It was a great success with over 40 young people taking part and again showed the importance of partnership working.** As a result we have sent 4 members of staff to complete the **Boxing Tutor Course**; they are now qualified to deliver (non-contact) boxing training.

North CYT Prevention Manager, Ronny Tucker said “**North CYT has secured funding to run the Sportivate sessions once more in February, which is excellent news! The fact that we have received the funding again shows just how beneficial these sessions were**”.

Details of where they will be taking place will be decided soon.

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