

PY&CP Hilton Youth Project



— *positive* —
JOURNEYS
— *for life* —

ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

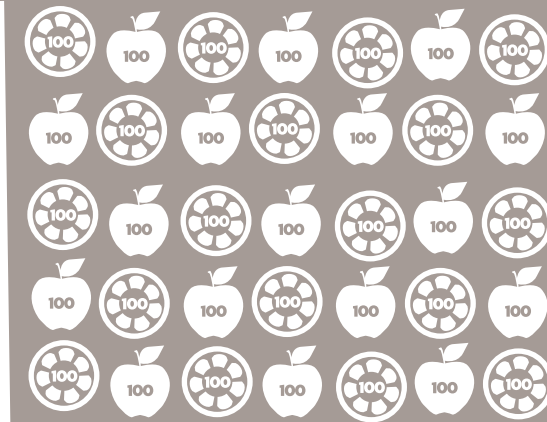
CHAIR'S REPORT



This will be the last annual report introduction I write for PYCP. I am stepping down from the role of Chair of the board with a mixture of awe, respect and confidence. I have been inspired and surprised more times than I care to remember over the years at PYCP, the children and young people take the opportunities we provide and run, skip and jump in with both feet and enjoy, develop and improve themselves time after time. I have great respect for the work carried out on a day to day basis by our staff, volunteers and young people... they make a positive difference in someone's life every day. I also really appreciate the role of funding in these times of reducing budgets, but I am very happy to confirm that PYCP has not cut any frontline services.

As for confidence, I know I leave PYCP in great shape, ready for change, and led by a great board of dedicated directors. I don't pretend it has always been easy and positive; funding and other issues have been challenging to say the least. However, I know PYCP has done a great job in the last year – which you can read all about in this report. I wish you all the very best of luck for the future and I look forward to hearing about successes I know are on the way.

THANK YOU, CLARE HALLIDAY



OVER
3500
APPLES & ORANGES
WERE EATEN

THIS YEAR...

WE PLAYED
OVER
1000
GAMES
OF FOOTBALL



WE USED OVER **2100**
VOLUNTEER HOURS

WE USED
OVER
1280
SESSIONAL
YOUTH
WORKER
HOURS



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OPEN ACCESS PROVISION



A wide range of groups are provided for young people within the ages of 5 to 18, offering a safe space to meet with peers and supportive adults and engage in fun and educational activities.

Our youth workers are skilled in developing programmes that promote choice and inclusion, develop personal and social skills and raise confidence and achievement. It is important that young people have a voice in the activities that we offer so we consult with them on a regular basis and also evaluate our activities to ensure that we are providing what young people want.

As well as having fun, we use our open access programme to provide information and advice to young people on a wide range of topics that are relevant to them and hopefully enable them to make safe and positive choices in their lives. Our open access provision also includes additional trips and residential experiences.

In 2014/15:

- 16 different groups and clubs for young people aged 5 to 18, including a P1-2 Story Club, a P5-7 Club, an S1+ Drop In, Football Clubs, a Parents and Community Group, a Young Parents Group
- 452 different service users accessed our open provision

THEMED WORK



We also provide some groups and activities to meet specific needs and issues that are relevant to young people. In 2014/15 we worked closely with "Healthy Respect" which is part of NHS Lothian and provided advice to young people on sexual health and relationships at Craigroyston Health Clinic. We also supported guidance staff at Craigroyston Community High in delivering Sexual Health and Relationship Education (SHARE).

Our "Get Involved Group" aims to promote active citizenship for any interested young people between primary 6 and age 18. The group are supported in identifying and exploring issues and opportunities in their local community and beyond. The group were involved in a number of exciting projects in 2014/15 which are detailed in our "highlights" section.

We also worked with other local youth organisations, Muirhouse Youth Development Group, Granton Youth Centre and The Junction to provide education, support and activities with the aim of diverting young people from alcohol misuse and other risk taking behaviours. This is known as "North Edinburgh Alcohol Initiative Collaborative" and PYCP hosted a weekend hub for young people. This work continues in financial year 2015/16.

TARGETED/SUPPORT WORK



Although our open access programme has a range of benefits for young people, some young people need more support than this can offer. We have a long history of providing individual support to young people, who can refer themselves, or are identified by their schools or other professionals. The aim of this is to help them work through difficulties in their lives and support them in reaching achievable goals. Support is for a minimum of 8 weeks. In 2014/15, we supported 52 young people on an individual basis, within the age range of 11 to 17. Referrals were made by Broughton High School, Craigroyston Community High School, Education Welfare, PYCP, Social Work, parents and there was one self-referral.

In addition to this, the "Preventative Opportunities Programme" funded by the Scottish Government from 2013 to 2015 extended support to whole families, so that outcomes for young people were enhanced. POP was a holistic programme of support and activities, specially tailored for each family. We offered a wide range of activities, including a parents and carers support group, girls groups for 8 to 16 years, boys groups, residentials, scheme of work projects to the Towford Centre working in partnership with Total Craigroyston, FACE North and MY Adventure, health and wellbeing sessions, counselling

for young people and their families, a Friday evening theatre project. We also offered a wide programme of workshops for parents and young people, based on their needs and interests. The ages 12 to 16 and 14 to 18 boys work in particular has seen significant successes, with a reduction in antisocial and criminal activity, increased confidence, more positive family relationships and progression in terms of employment/ training. Due to the success of POP, we are using the model to develop new funding applications in the hope that we can continue with this valuable work.

Group work is another important feature of our support work, where learning and personal development can grow through supported interaction between young people. The main focus of our group based support in 2014/2015 was transition support where we worked with a group of pupils from Forthview Primary School. Having recognised that some young people require more support in this transition, we designed a programme that encouraged them to discuss their expectations and fears and helped them develop solutions and coping strategies so that they would have the best possible start at secondary school.

Work experience and learning opportunities in 2014/15:

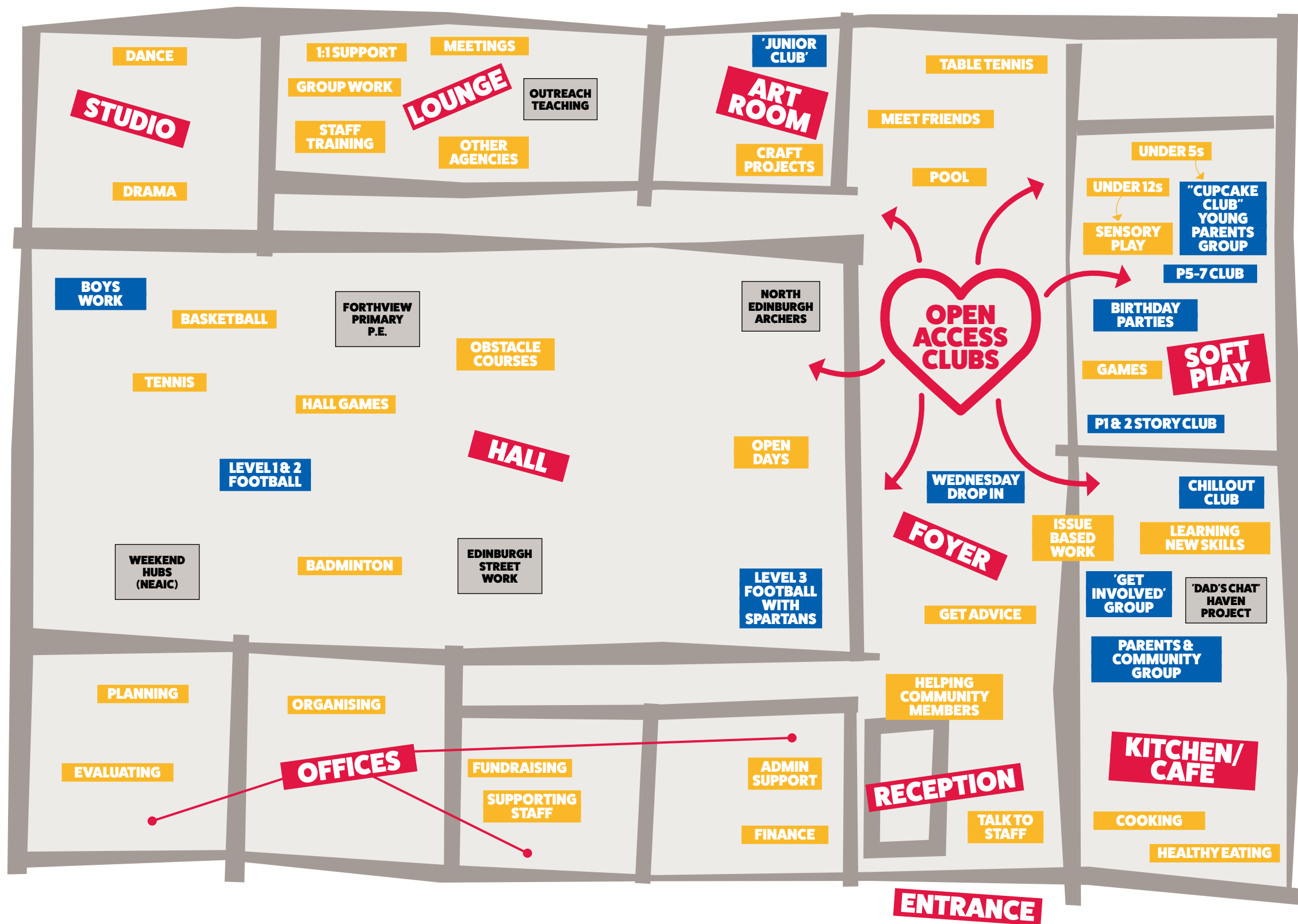
- PYCP in partnership with "Link Up", Community Learning and Development and Granton Youth Centre were involved in the first voluntary sector Initi-8 youth work training programme
- We provided a placement to a third year student from Community Learning and Development, Moray House
- We hosted a "Learn Direct" work experience placement
- We supported a young person into employment with PYCP through a DWP scheme

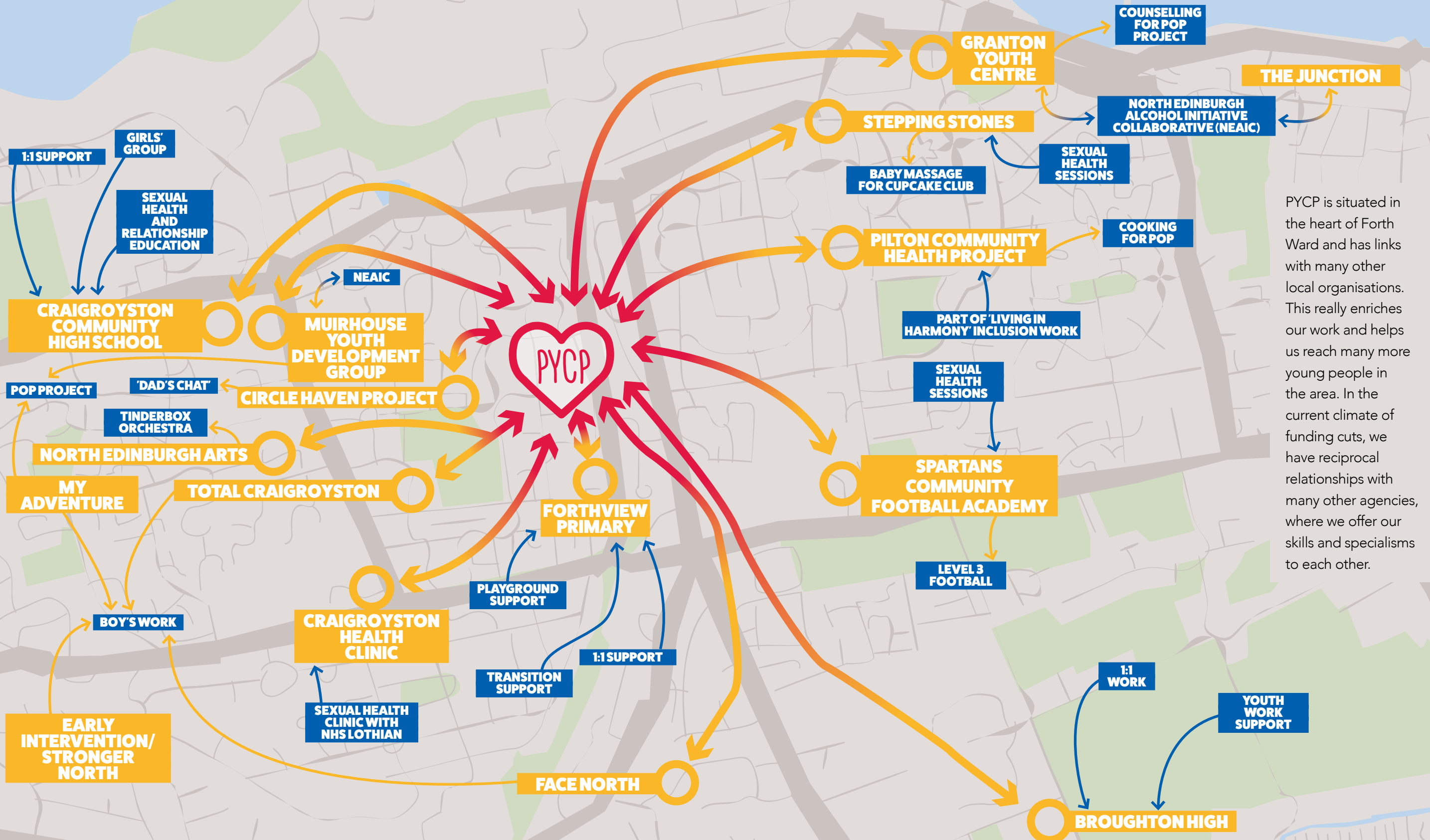


Our building is open 7 days a week and is always a hive of activity. We are fortunate to have this purpose-built space, with dedicated rooms such as a café, sports hall and art room. As well as a base for many of our activities, we work in partnership with lots of other agencies in our building and also host a range of groups and activities run by other community organisations.

KEY

ROOM
ACTIVITY
CLUBS & GROUPS
OUTSIDE AGENCIES





PYCP is situated in the heart of Forth Ward and has links with many other local organisations. This really enriches our work and helps us reach many more young people in the area. In the current climate of funding cuts, we have reciprocal relationships with many other agencies, where we offer our skills and specialisms to each other.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year ending 31st March 2015

Resources expended

Governance Costs	£9,263
Charitable Costs	£375,211
<small>(Before pension scheme past service gains)</small>	
TOTAL	£384,474

Incoming resources

Project Grants	£250,659
Other Income	£181,470
Investment Income	£410
TOTAL	£432,539

OUR PEOPLE

Our dedicated staff team is made up of our board of directors, core staff, sessional workers and volunteers. Without them, PYCP would not be the organisation it is today.

Lesley Ross	Project Manager	Dale Hughson	1:1 Worker
Sharon Stoddart	Project Manager (Maternity Leave)	Melissa Bradd	1:1 Worker
Laura McLaren	Senior Development Worker	Sam Craig	Youth & Children's Worker
Gena Wylie	Administration Manager	Mark Hunter	Youth & Children's Worker
Debbie McMillan	Snr Administrator	Brian Greatorex	Youth & Children's Worker
Katie Grover	Snr Preventative Worker (POP)	Adele Irvine	Youth & Children's Worker
Alison Dunn	Family Support Worker (POP)	Elisha Japp	Clerical Worker
Neil McFarlane	1:1 Worker	Heather Japp	Cleaner

plus 8 sessional staff, 15 volunteers, 1 Edinburgh University Moray House student.

FUNDERS



Danny Bhoys ★ Tom Farmer Foundation ★ State Street ★
Yorkshire Building Society ★ Cargilfield School Cramond ★
Holy Cross Church ★ Edinburgh Napier University ★ Mazars

PARTNERSHIP WORK

Castle Rock Edinvar ★ Ian Dyson Link
UP Leith ★ Link Up ★ Places for People
★ SACRO ★ Tomorrow's People ★
Streetbreak ★ University of Edinburgh,
Moray House ★ NEAIC ★ MYDG ★
City of Edinburgh Council ★ Edinburgh
University Music Dept ★ Family Solutions
★ Forthview Primary School ★ Broughton
High School ★ Craigroyston Community
High School ★ Granton Youth Centre ★
HOTS ★ LAYC ★ Living in Harmony Forum
★ Police Scotland ★ MY Adventure ★
North Edinburgh Arts ★ Pilton Community
Garden ★ Pilton Community Health
Project ★ Spartans CFC ★ The Junction ★
Haven ★ Total Craigroyston

LOOKING AHEAD

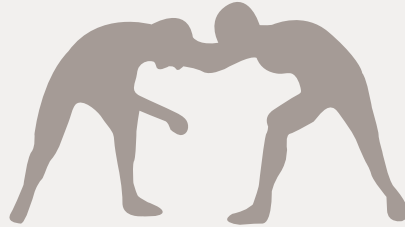


PYCP recently restructured our service changing from generic youth work posts to specialist posts covering Intensive Support, Health and Wellbeing and Life Transitions. Although we have a long history of providing work in these areas across our programme, we felt that organising this in a more focused way could only strengthen the outcomes for children and young people and enable us to more effectively resource these activities. We are really excited about the year ahead and feel that we are in a very strong position to face challenges in terms of an ever changing funding climate.



SOME HIGHLIGHTS...

TWO OF OUR YOUNG VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATED IN **THE BIG OBSTACLE**, A FUN RUN ORGANISED BY GRANTON YOUTH CENTRE



WE HAD A TRIP TO WATCH **WRESTLING** AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN GLASGOW

A GROUP OF P5-7 CHILDREN VISITED **ARDVULLIN HOUSE**, BY LOCH LINNHE IN THE WEST **HIGHLANDS**, PROVIDED BY **HOPSCOTCH** THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY



A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDED A PERFORMANCE OF **THRILLER** AT THE FESTIVAL THEATRE ON **HALLOWEEN**



THANK YOU

to everyone who has played their part in making PYCP such a great place to be over the past year!

OUR **GET INVOLVED GROUP** PRODUCED AND PERFORMED A PLAY BASED ON DEMOCRACY AND THE SCOTTISH **REFERENDUM**

YES ☐

NO ☐



OUR **GET INVOLVED GROUP** (P6 – AGE 18) PARTICIPATED IN A **FRONTIERS ORCHESTRA** PERFORMANCE AT THE FESTIVAL THEATRE



WE WERE ONE OF 12 CHARITIES CHOSEN BY COMEDIAN **DANNY BHOY** TO BENEFIT FROM PROCEEDS OF HIS 12 NIGHT RUN AT THE **FRINGE** FESTIVAL



STAFF ORGANISED A **CHRISTMAS FAIR** TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PYCP

