

Annual Report



Pilton Youth & Children's Project

2015 - 2016

CHAIR'S REPORT

I'd like to start this Chair's report with a huge thank you to our dedicated staff team at PYCP. The past few years have been very challenging with funding difficulties, but the team's dedication to the children and young people of PYCP has never waned. They are PYCP's biggest asset, making sure every young person that comes through the door is treated as an individual and encouraged to achieve their full potential.

The Board have had to make some really tough decisions in recent times, but at the heart of this has been our commitment to protect PYCP's services as much as possible. We are thankful we have been able to achieve this. While this has been going on, PYCP has continued to do a fantastic job, with high levels of participation and some brilliant success stories you will read more about in this report.

Looking forward, we continue to protect our important services in the future – we know PYCP is a special place to everyone who comes here and we want this to continue for many years to come. We are working hard to grow the Board, and ensuring our staff are well-supported.

Thank you to the parents, carers and the community who have continued to give PYCP their support. Your help allows us to continue offering our children and young people a safe place to grow, achieve, and most importantly enjoy themselves. Thank you to all.

Karma Lennon, Chairperson



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2015/16 stats and highlights



over 450 children & young people were registered service users between 2015 - 16



We supported 21 young people in their transition to secondary school, offering 35 sessions of group work



We provided 855 sport and fitness activities in our open access clubs



We supported children and young people to cook 13500 healthy meals



We provided 19 different open access groups a week as well as holiday programmes and residential experiences, 45 weeks of the year



We offered tailored support to 29 young people on a 1:1 basis

some highlights...

Winners of the Quest - July 2015 ** Hosted Radio Forth's cash for Kids sleepover ** Winners "12-21 Youth Work Organisation of the Year" at the NE Youth Work Awards ** Youth Work Games finalists ** International Coffee Morning organised by Get Involved Group ** Residential trips to Ardvullin with Hopscotch Holidays **



OUR SERVICES 15-16

Since 1997 PYCP has been based in West Pilton, in Forth Ward, Edinburgh. We provide a range of services and activities for ages 5 to 18, ranging from open access youth clubs to tailored 1:1 and group based support for young people in need.

our work involves 3 broad specialisms with teams of youth work staff who are highly experienced in providing innovative activities and supports for young people.

A summary of our services in 2015/16:

Health and Wellbeing

Sexual Health and Relationship Work: PYCP has a long tradition of promoting good sexual health and positive relationships to young people in the local area. In partnership with the local high schools we delivered the Sexual Health and Relationship Education programme (SHARE) and worked with clinical staff in NHS Healthy Respect drop ins, giving support, advice and education to young people and promoted healthy choices in their relationships. PYCP is a registered C-Card+ Drop-In destination.

Wellbeing group work: In response to a need identified by PYCP staff , young people, a school or partner agency, PYCP workers utilised the relationships they had with young people in the community to offer targeted group work on issues from self harm to social isolation.

Sport and Nutrition: Using our full sized sports hall and well stocked games cupboard, PYCP delivered a number of dedicated sports clubs each week for all age groups to enjoy. Outside of the Project we were always looking for opportunities to get active on an outdoor activity residential trip, for example The Youth Work Games. We also adopted a healthy eating approach across our open access youth and children's work programme, offering fresh fruit and vegetables as snack and cooking healthy meals as activities.

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Life Transitions

PYCP's core programme involves ages 5 to 18. This means that we work with young people at various points of transition in their lives. We recognise that these transitions can be easier and more successful if young people have the opportunity to discuss any concerns with youth workers and very importantly with each other. We therefore offered tailored group based programmes, such as our Forthview Primary transition programme. Participants reported positive changes such as feeling more confident about going to secondary school, or being more able to seek support from teachers when they needed it.

PYCP can also help young people identify opportunities and make other transitions, such as progression routes into volunteering. Our "Get Involved Group" supported young people to find ways to get involved in and improve their local community. Our "Life Transitions" team also supported others in transition: adults looking to volunteer at PYCP.

Intensive Support

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. We worked closely with other agencies in our 1:1 support work, using the principles of the national "Getting it Right for Every Child" (GIRFEC) framework to guide our work. We worked with 29 young people on an individual basis in 2015/16, supporting them with a range of issues such as low self esteem, social isolation, school based difficulties and family issues.

FACENorth (Focussing on Alternatives to Crime Edinburgh North)

This project delivered a skills based programme for an identified group of young people aged 11-24 years who had either been involved in crime/ anti-social behaviour, or were at risk of this. We used a range of 1:1 and group based activities to develop positive relationships, work through problems and build skills. This programme led to a range of outcomes for young people, particularly a reduction in criminal activity and anti-social behaviour. Having secured additional funding, this project continues today, going from strength to strength.



Impact of our services...

"If we hadn't been here with James and Katie, we'd probably have stolen bikes n'that."

If it wasn't for "Midnight and Beyond" there would be a lot more crime in the area.

"It's great to get out of the area and we can just become normal (young people) again"

The staff work really hard to challenge young people on their behaviours and how their families and the community are affected by this

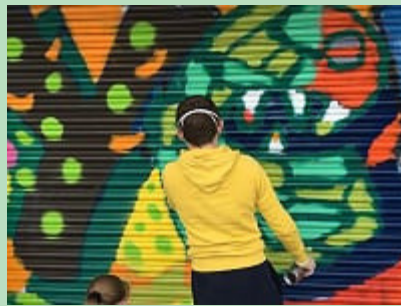
"James and Katie don't look on us as bad lads instead they treat you with respect and make you believe in yourself"

"If there was no Midnight and Beyond there would've been a lot more crime committed in the area"

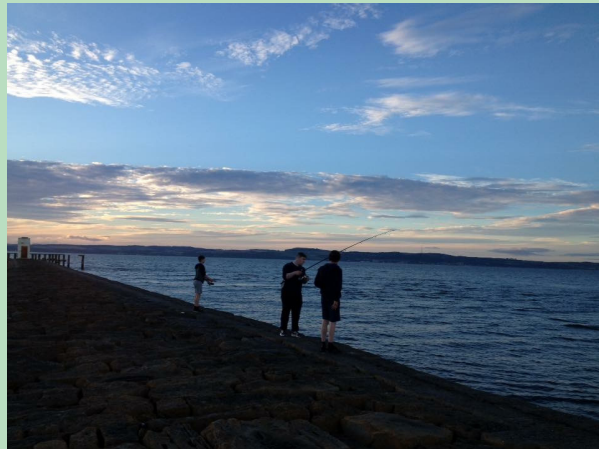
"I now feel ready to go for training and jobs"



Easter Graffiti Project



some memories..



S4 + Boys Fishing Trip



**Boys residential to
Yorkshire Dales**



summer programme archery



summer Fun Club



Girls Group at Winter Wonderland



Hopscotch Residential

our staff:

Lesley Ross & Laura McLaren Project Manager
(Job Share)

Debbie McMillan Administration Manager

Mark Hunter Health & Wellbeing Worker

Elisha Japp Clerical Worker

Brian Greateorex 1:1 Support Worker

Adele Irvine Youth Worker

Katie Grover Intensive Support Worker

Alison Dunn Life Transitions Worker

Jo Drew 1:1 Support Worker

Iva McCarthy & Heather Japp Cleaner

Plus 10 sessional staff, 8 volunteers and 1 student

our Partners:

Castle Rock Edinvar ** Link Up ** North Edinburgh Archers ** Streetbreak ** University of Edinburgh** City of Edinburgh Council ** Forthview Primary School ** Pirniehall Primary School ** St David's Primary School **Fet Lor ** Broughton High School ** Craigroyston Community High School ** Granton Youth Centre ** HOTS ** LAYC ** Pilton Community Garden ** Living in Harmony **Spartans CFC ** The Junction ** The Haven Project ** Total Craigroyston **Healthy Respect ** Craigroyston Health Clinic ** CLD ** Pilton Neighbourhood Centre ** Police Scotland ** Pilton Community Health Project, MYDG.

Financials:

Resources expended:

Governance costs £27110

Charitable costs £295078

(before pension scheme past service gains)

TOTAL £322188

Incoming resources:

Project Grants £270123

Other Income £2977

Investment Income £483

TOTAL £273583

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