

Essex Youth Service

Scrutiny Report November 2016

Youth work in Essex is an informal education & personal development service with an emphasis on early intervention and prevention. Working within a curriculum to raise attainment and aspirations of our most vulnerable young people, the Youth Service tackles the inequalities and barriers they face to achieving in line with their peers, within the formal education system.

We will not always provide, but support and enable partners to deliver universal open centre and generic youth work.

We move to a “community development” model with more of the youth workers role being in line with the Big Society model.

People & Families Scrutiny 2014 Concerns

Concerns about volunteer delivery capacity in each area against the proposed timescale for staff redundancies and budget reductions.

Approx. 400 volunteers working in centres

Concerns about on-going monitoring/scrutiny of the service. Service continues to be monitored and about 98% is assessed as good or better.

Concerns about funding and decision making powers of Youth Strategy Groups. Youth Strategy Groups jointly commissioned 77 activities this year up 12%

There is little evidence of community capacity building producing a service which is able to deliver the 'curriculum'. 140,000 measureable outcomes, up 76%

Scrutiny is needed to understand who is providing services from our Youth Service buildings and whether they meet the needs of young people. 234 new youth clubs operating in our buildings or in partnership.

2014-15

2015-16

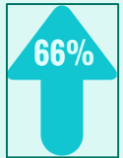
Participants in youth work



25,485



42,236



Youth work sessions delivered



5,359



7,000



Outcomes for
young people achieved



79,740



140,013



Community Youth Clubs



46



234

Community youth club volunteers



52



381

Hours of volunteering undertaken










28,000



42,960



	2014-15	2015-16	
Duke of Edinburgh's Award enrolments	 2,686	 3,088	 15%
Duke of Edinburgh's Award completions	 1,135	 1,436	 27%
NCS Graduates	 517	 767	 48%
Young people's provision is good or outstanding	 87%	 96%	 9%
98% of All Essex Schools will meet Young Carers specification when re-assessed for Healthy Schools	New Target		
Young Carers Assessments	No Target	 244	

2014-15

2015-16

Young people in
conversation/consultation



2,337



10,000



YSG Fund - Jointly Commissioned
activity



69



77



Notes:

Young Commissioners

South YSG's have 10% of commissioning budget to enable YP to commission projects for themselves.

Accredited programme - City & Guilds Certificate in Employability.

Project will be replicated in other areas of the county

Young Essex Assembly (YEA) has come back under Youth Service from January 2016.

Under the guidance of a newly appointed professional youth worker and the County team, the young people have designed the current election process, and organised a debate day with senior politicians and officers of the County Council.

Case Study: In 2014 Loughton Youth Centre was so under used a request was received by a local group to use it to store gardening equipment.

Loughton Youth Centre:

- **Sparks** Alternative Education provision daily from 8am to 5pm; mainly attended by students from Roding Valley, Debden and Davenant
- **NELFT** providing counselling sessions including 1:1 and family work
- **Monday and Friday evening** Generic drop in sessions to commence on Halloween from 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

Targeting young people in the area who hang around after school with nothing to do. Modelled on an old style youth club with activities to include pool, Xbox, and hot drinks. Feedback from the Young People indicates that they would like this to run later on a Friday. Thursday's may be introduced at a later stage but the Young people will be encouraged to provide their feedback to steer the direction of this project.

- **Monday** - Duke of Edinburgh and Drama group
- **Tuesday** - Accuro
- **Wednesday** - Young carers (about 12 at the moment) to take part in cooking and club activities
- **Thursday** - Papworth Trust – for young people with learning difficulties. This contract is ending in September so

Louisa shared that Accuro have offered to pick up the people that were using Papworth if the funding was available. Details of Accuro have been passed on to parents for information purposes

- **Monday 10th October** – one off pizza night looking to recruit volunteers to become workers alongside work experience students from college.