



WHITEWAY'S VERY OWN BANKSY

Working Towards Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour in Radstock

The North East Somerset (NES) Youth Work team have been running a targeted support group in Radstock. The targeted group is based on reducing anti-social behaviour by looking at ways to manage challenging behaviour and instil respect. The goal is for young people to take ownership in their behaviour, and start making positive decisions in their communities. A youth worker said 'we want to listen to young people's views on why anti social behaviour takes place. We want to them to start taking responsibility of their actions. We want to ensure YCSW provide support and positive activities to reduce anti-social behaviour across NES'. The targeted group will be running for 4 weeks.

Raising awareness on the risks of child sexual exploitation

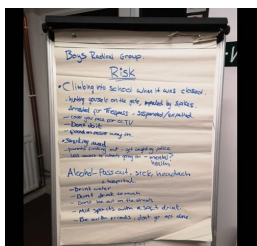
Radstock Parish Council have funded the NES team to deliver a Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) targeted girls group in Radstock. The aim of the project is to keep young people safe through raising awareness on the dangers of CSE, and educate young people on how to recognise the warning signs of CSE. The project will be running for 8 weeks.



Archie from Whiteway engaged in the Bath Graffiti Project last February and since then, he has become very popular in the Whiteway community due to his talented art skills. A family relation of his in the Twerton area reached out to him about graffitiing an art piece on a bedroom wall. Archie has sketched plans in place for producing his own piece of work for them. George, who is the Youth Work Manager said "This is a prime example of how an amazing project can lead to positive work taking place in a community. Archie is a natural when it comes to art work. It is nice for something positive to be recognised doing graffiti work rather than vandalism."



A young person playing pool in Radstock during the ASB session



NES staff getting stuck into an ASB session



Archie designing his art piece for his own art work project

Detached Youth Work Update

Working with BANES Council, Public Health England, the police and the National Youth Agency, we have continued to support young people through detached street based work. We have seen an increase in young people on the streets across Bath City centre, Paulton, Radstock, Whiteway and Keynsham. Foxhill, Midsomer Norton, Westfield and Timsbury remained reasonably low in regard to young people being out in their communities. Youth workers provided support and advice on COVID guidelines, and handed out sexual health packs.

We have continued the partnership working with a drugs and alcohol substance misuse organisation called DHI Project 28. P28 workers have signposted young people to their service in order to receive 1:1 support on drugs and alcohol substance misuse.

YCSW have also played a key role in giving young people a voice to BANES council on the importance of opening up skate parks. This is to reduce gatherings in car parks, and allow young people to have somewhere to be physically active in an appropriate location. Through ongoing talks with BANES council, the young people's voices were heard and skate parks have now been re-opened!



YCSW Senior Youth Worker Carrie taking a selfie with P28 Team Leader Jess, when doing detached work in Keynsham



The NES Youth Work Team handing out sexual health packs to young people

The YCSW Youth Participation Group have kicked off

The youth participation group started last week with 5 young people attending across BANES. Each young person represents different services within YCSW, such as Street To Studio, Youth Work and Targeted Work. Members of the group have been looking at what are the types of issues young people face. The next few sessions will be focused on all the services within YCSW, with the group making some key decisions on YCSW work practice. The next few months will showcase a group of inspiring young leaders to take ownership in making a positive impact to youth work delivery across BANES.



Members of the participation group enjoying a pizza break

From Street to Studio, Studio to Stage

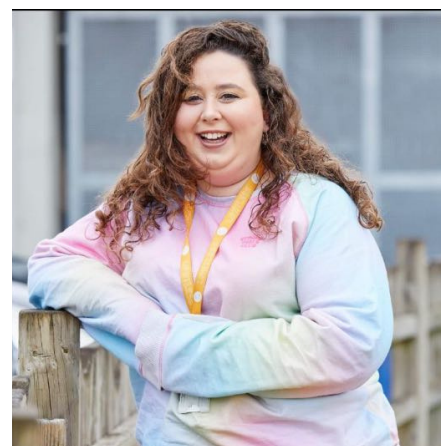
Street To Studio have had another successful month, with the music project reaching near full capacity on 1:2:1 referrals. Street To Studio and Somer Valley radio are working in partnership to develop a new project called Studio to Stage. This will mean music users like Evi and Arthur, will take their musical talent one step further. They will be taking their studio practice onto the big stage to perform in front of local funders, members of the community, NES Parish councilors, Bath Commissioners, local families and the police. Watch this space for more news.



Music worker Flash producing an audio track

A Youth Worker's Experience of Working through the Pandemic

Judy, who is a Youth Support Worker in the NES team, said "Detached work in the winter was tough, but I like to say my pint is half full not half empty. It has been a new learning experience as a Youth Worker throughout some very cold times when out on detached. I am really looking forward to getting back to working with lots of young people in the summer, being able to hug my friends and go on holiday. It won't be long now, hang in there everyone".



Youth Support Worker Judy

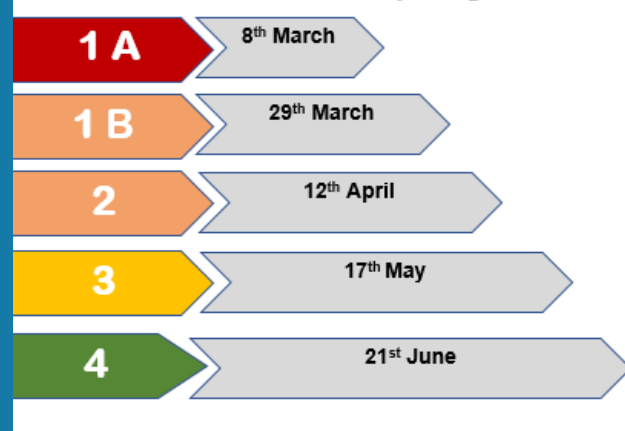
YCSW YOUTH WORK ROAD MAP

YCSW have released an activity road map from March to June 2021. The aim is to follow each stage in order to gradually work towards more normality and flexibility within Youth Work practice. From the 29th March, the Youth Work Team are in the 1B stage and this is how youth work delivery will look until 12th April.

Stage 1B – 29th March

- Open access youth groups with no bubble limit (outdoors only)
- 1-2-1 support for young people (outdoors and indoors)
- Targeted support groups for all young people (indoor up to 15 and outdoor no bubble limit)
- Online and virtual youth sector delivery
- Mobile bus youth work with no bubble limit

YCSW Youth Work road map stages



The mobile bus is back to in action from 29th March

Youth Work Teaming up with Bath Rugby Foundation in April

YCSW are working in partnership with Bath Rugby Foundation to deliver a Youth Work Project during the Easter school holidays. The project will run youth work activities across 3 locations; Midsomer Norton, Whiteway and Keynsham. This piece of work will provide free school meals for young people that attend. YCSW will deliver the youth work curriculum, while Bath Rugby Foundation will provide sports and exercise sessions. A parent from Whiteway community said "This will ensure positive activities for young people across BANES and offer free school meals for those who need it outside of an educational setting".

