

Proposal to deliver Services for Young People in Dartmouth



Background

Youth Genesis aims to provide quality informal learning opportunities for young people aged 11-25 through a programme of activities, clubs, drop-ins, street based and project work. Youth Genesis does this by training local volunteers and unlocking community assets to better serve the needs of young people.

Youth Genesis offers a variety of projects in Dartmouth which includes:

- 'Decks Youth Venue' based at the Ivy Lane Centre in Dartmouth on Thursday evenings, which attracts around 45 young people each week. Approximately 20% of attendees come from Stoke Fleming, Blackawton and Kingsbridge. *'Decks' has been running since April 2015 – Youth Genesis took over the running of this provision in June 2016.*
- 'The Point' Youth Drop-In based at St Clements Church Hall in Townstal on Friday evenings, which attracts around 35 young people each week. 90% of the young people attending are residents of Townstal. *'The Point' has been running since January 2016.*
- Streetbase sessions which run in tandem with 'The Point on Friday nights in Townstal – the team target areas of anti-social behaviour and have been an effective deterrent of crime. The Streetbase team[s] (additional teams are sometimes created) regularly support events such as the Music Festival and Royal Regatta.

Activities

Over the past year, Youth Genesis has been working with various community groups and organisations in Dartmouth, this has included the TQ6 Partnership and Dartmouth Academy. With 148 registered individual contacts aged 11-17, both sessions successfully provide young people in Dartmouth somewhere safe to go and access informal learning opportunities around:

- Employment, education, skills and training
- Health and well being
- Community safety and citizenship
- Environment
- Financial inclusion
- Anti-bullying and online safety
- Loneliness and Social Isolation

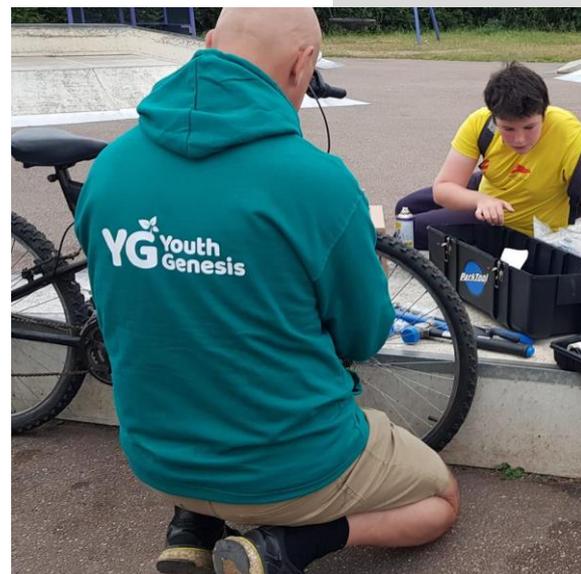
In order to build on this work, it is proposed that Youth Genesis is supported by Dartmouth Town Council to deliver the following projects from **1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021**:

- ❖ *Decks Youth Venue* – continuation of the Youth Drop-In that is currently being delivered weekly at the Ivy Lane Centre on Thursday evenings. Utilising a trained team of volunteers, Youth Genesis will deliver the sessions from 6.30-8.30pm during term time providing young people with opportunities to learn about safety, citizenship and training as well as workshops around mental health, 'County Lines' and self-esteem.



- ❖ *The Point Youth Drop-In* – continuation of the Youth Drop-In that is currently being delivered weekly at St Clements Church Hall in Townstal on Friday nights. Again, utilising a trained team of volunteers, Youth Genesis will deliver the sessions from 7-9pm during term time providing young people with opportunities to learn about employability, enterprise and training as well as activities around health, safety, confidence building and self-esteem.

- ❖ *Streetbase* – continuation of the Streetbase sessions in Townstal from 7.00-9.00pm on Friday nights during term time. These sessions will focus on the Skate Park and Collingwood Road Park with an aim to target anti-social behaviour and engage young people to take part in positive activities and citizenship opportunities. This provision will work closely with the police and support events such as the Music Festival and Royal Regatta.



Funding Requirements

The total cost of the project in Dartmouth over one year is **£17,336.20**. The project costs are set out below:

Breakdown of Costs for delivering Services for Young People in Dartmouth	Over 1 yr
Session Leader: Decks (7.5 hrs per week)	3057.6
Session Leader: The Point (7.5 hrs per week)	3057.6
Insurance	180
Stationery	60
ICT	500
Activity resources	500
Travel	350
Volunteer Expenses	100
Marketing	100
Volunteer Recruitment and Training	1450
Total	9355.2
*Funds Matched by Youth Genesis	
Venue Hire	975
Project Development	2028
Office costs	2248
Equipment	2650
Payroll	80
TOTAL Matched	7981
PROJECT TOTAL (actual)	17336.2
**Volunteer time in kind	8810.1
PROJECT TOTAL (if volunteers were paid)	26146.3

**Youth Genesis will aim to source the matched element from local charities i.e. Dartmouth United Charities, the Hadley Trust and Devon Community Foundation etc.*

***Volunteer time valued at £12.55 per hour (NCVO) based on 6 volunteers each giving 3 hours per week over one year.*

The total requested from Dartmouth Town Council is **£9,355.20** with matched funding of £7,981.00 being provided by Youth Genesis via funding from other sources as mentioned above – as part of our commitment to continuing these much-needed Youth Services in Dartmouth, Youth Genesis will put in time and additional resources to secure these funds.

The project will be delivered by volunteers adding value by a further £8,810.10 in volunteer hours, but will be supported by Youth Genesis staff - the volunteers will have access to all the resources and networks available to the Trust along with any additional items purchased in relation to the project above.

Examples in Other Areas

This proposal is based on partnership work done with Town Council's in other areas where Youth Genesis has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) in place. The purpose of the SLA is to outline the scope of youth work activities, expectations, agreed costs and objectives. The examples below give a general outline of the working relationship between Youth Genesis and each Town Council:

Brixham:

Through the 2019-20 precept, Brixham Town Council (BTC) provides funding of £8,680.00 to Youth Genesis for the provision of 'The Place' Youth Drop-In on Monday and Friday evenings and a Streetbase outreach project which also takes place on Friday nights. The youth sessions in Brixham, which have been running since February 2009, are led completely by volunteers, which means there are no costs associated with paid Session Leaders. As part of the SLA, Youth Genesis provides quarterly reports to the BTC Community Services Committee with regular visits to the sessions by a nominated member of the Council. The nominated Councillor meets regularly with Youth Genesis staff to ensure that the deliverables outlined in the SLA are on target.

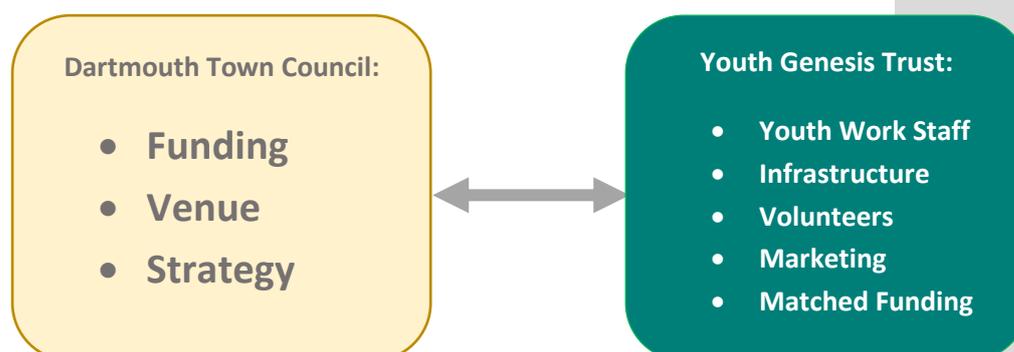
Cranbrook:

As with Brixham, Cranbrook Town Council provide annual funding of £11,353 from the precept, which goes towards providing the Youth Space on Tuesday evenings and a Streetbase project on Wednesday nights. Both sessions are led by a paid Session Leader and supported by a team of five volunteers. The SLA outlines particulars which include a schedule of quarterly reports on progress and numbers attending sessions. A member is nominated as 'Liaison Councillor for Youth Genesis'; a key part of this role is to provide a link between Youth Genesis and the Town Council. As well as meeting with Youth Genesis staff on a regular basis, the Liaison Councillor attends the Youth Space to get the ideas and the voice of young people on local decisions.

In both cases, Youth Genesis matches the Town Council precept funding from either in-kind assets, such as volunteer time and venue hire, and funding from grants and funding sources.

Asset Based

The Youth Genesis Trust takes an 'asset-based' approach to working with the community, this gives our focus on building partnerships where funding, venues and volunteers are sourced by the local community for the benefit of young people. It is proposed that the Youth Genesis Trust works in partnership with Dartmouth Town Council to deliver the proposed activities. The partnership would be managed via a Service Level Agreement and delivered in the following way:



It is proposed that the partnership is monitored by a representative from the Town Council by way of regular visits to sessions. Youth Genesis will also provide a quarterly report to the Town Council – an example of this attached.

The outcomes after one year will be:

- The numbers of young people engaging in sessions:
 - 180 Reached
 - 70 Regular Contact
- 105 young people supported to engage in volunteering activities within the local community.

The aims after one year will be:

- A reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 20 young people engaged in active citizenship e.g. Youth Council, other volunteering etc.
- 10 new youth volunteers involved in running the youth sessions.

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