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youth initiative

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Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative Report

April 2019

Introduction

SSYI, established in 1997, is a community-based Christian charity serving the villages of Great and Little Shelford and Stapleford, providing youth activities for local 10-18 year olds. Our activities provide opportunities to engage with young people and build relationships, encouraging more positive behaviour, involvement in the community and activities to promote informal education.

Overview

We are continuing to run three main youth clubs on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and have now expanded our Friday evening clubs to include an earlier group for those in years 7+8 plus year 6's from the Summer Term. This is alongside many trips, residentials, events and 1:1 work that we do. We work closely with our partners Romsey Mill, who provide management oversight, co-worker resources, and policy / procedural guidance.

We believe in the importance of working with young people in several contexts, recognising that this is more likely to help them to bring real change in their lives. Therefore, we have been really pleased to develop our work within Sawston Village College, meaning that we can support several young people in their school as well as in the community.

We wish to say a massive thank you to all of you who continue to support SSYI financially. Your investment in SSYI and the young people just shows how much you truly care about the local young people and wish to see them flourish as individuals. This includes the local parish councils, churches, businesses, organisations and generous individuals who have given us financial support either directly or indirectly.

As our youth work is expanding, so are our costs of delivery. We are looking to increase fundraising but the biggest need is for more regular monthly and annual donors. This helps us have a consistent flow of income allowing us to plan our yearly delivery of youth work easily and enables us to generate more local support. The remainder of this report covers the last year of work from April 2018 to March 2019, including photos and feedback from young people. We hope you find it informative and encouraging.

Activities and Youth Clubs



Friday Youth Club

Our core activity is this open access youth club for young people aged 10-18 with activities including Pool, Xbox, darts, toasties, food, football, table tennis, games and more!

- 49 young people; 130 hours of face-to-face delivery

Outcomes:

- 89% expressed improvement in their confidence
- 100% expressed improvement in their ability to overcome challenges
- 78% expressed improvement in their ability to get along with others
- 67% expressed improvement in their hope for the future



- Feedback:
 - “It gives me time to get away from everything going on at school and home”
 - “It’s fun and I meet more people”
- Average rating: 7.9
- 5 volunteers; 2 young leaders recently attendees at SSYI

Detached Work

We engage with young people in many ways outside of the weekly clubs. This includes work within Sawston Village College. As part of this we interact with the pupils during lunchtimes, meeting new people and building on the relationships we already have. During Friday evenings we now have enough resources to engage with additional young people outside on the Rec. This enables us to reach many who do not currently attend the club sessions themselves as well as those who do.

Alongside this we have been running a new Detached project funded by Great Shelford Parish Council to meet and develop rapport with youth on the streets of Shelford. Following on from this we are creating a project with some of those young people to help them in a positive way and meet some of their needs.

RED

A youth group for young people aged 16 upwards discussing life issues in a relaxed and safe environment:

- 13 young people + 2 volunteers; 76 hours of face-to-face delivery
- Distance travelled:
 - 83% expressed improvement in their confidence
 - 100% expressed improvement in their ability to get along with others
 - 66% expressed improvement in their hope for the future
- Average rating: 8.5

Shred It Up

A weekly skate and scootering project established at the request of young people in which young people visit different skate parks across the county, including a trip to Adrenaline Alley in Corby

- 18 young people + 1 volunteer
- 75 hours face-to-face delivery
- Distance travelled:
 - 100% expressed improvement in their confidence
 - 100% expressed improvement in their ability to overcome challenges
 - 100% expressed improvement in their ability to get along with others
 - 100% expressed improvement in their hope for the future
 - 100% expressed improvement in gaining new skills, abilities and knowledge
 - 100% expressed improvement in understanding the difference between positive and risk-taking behaviour
- Average rating: 10





The Copse Project

We have been continuing to engage with the Playscape team to develop the Copse area of Great Shelford Recreation ground. We have had several sessions on the Rec with the Playscape team, repairing the willow dome, building more willow structures and maintaining the work we have already done.

Trips



Throughout the year we have been on many trips, including our annual trip to The North Pole in Cambridge and two trips to Adrenaline Alley a large indoor skatepark in Corby. In the summer we took 17 young people to the Horstead centre in Norfolk for 3 nights away. We did climbing, canoeing and raft building among many other team building activities to help encourage community and give the young people opportunities to partake in activities they may not usually be able to do.

Mentoring/1:1's

Mentoring and 1:1's are a great way to really invest in young people, particularly those who are struggling in particular areas including anger and anxiety. We have supported 6 young people in 1:1/mentoring sessions this year and have really seen the fruits of these.

Funding



Our annual budget of around £45,000 is funded via grants from local councils and churches, individual donations, and applications to broader grant schemes. We also play a full part in local events like the Shelford Feast, Little Shelford "weekend" and Stapleford village weekend, and run specific SSYI fundraising events – the annual summer Garden Party (June), Big Breakfast (March), and in this financial year, the memorable evening in October with comedian Milton Jones, supported by Ruth Applin and her band, and the Duxford Workshop Jazz Band.

Staff

Our core youth worker team consists of Zac Britton (shared 50/50 with St Andrew's Stapleford), Tina Mogg, and Craig Geange, alongside our group of volunteers. Jon Sanders from Romsey Mill supports the team from a management

perspective, as well as ensuring coordination with Romsey Mill's activities in South Cambridgeshire.



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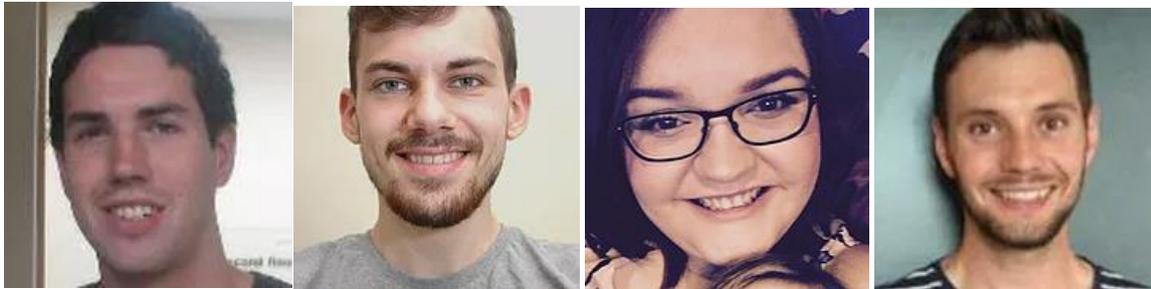
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We also have a team of volunteers – more are always welcome ! Full DBS safeguarding accreditation is mandatory for all staff and volunteers, and all the young people are registered on attendance at SSYI activities, with parental consents obtained and recorded as needed.

Future Plans

Following discussions with Great Shelford Council, we are taking over the full time lease of the Social Club, on the first floor of the Memorial Hall building, in the new financial year, giving us the opportunity for a much broader spread of activities using this venue, and the potential to renovate the space involved. The young people are very excited to have an input, including helping to refurbish it, paint it and add new resources to make it a better space for the youth of the area.

We also look forward to linking up with the new CaraCoffee venture, run by Romsey Mill, in Great Shelford High Street, including possible work-placements and training opportunities for our young people, in 2019.



See above our Youth Workers: Jon Sanders, Zac Britton, Tina Mogg, Craig Geeange

More information

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