

Team for Youth

November 10, 2025 @The Core

Attendees:

Charlotte Carpenter, The Core
Andy Rance, Livewire
Julia Peggs, STC
Brian Stoyel, STC
Sarah Martin, STC - Chair
Rachel Bullock, STC (arrived late)

1. Chair - Sarah voted in as Chair
2. Update on each organisation

Livewire - Andy Rance

Livewire has become really busy again after the summer with an average of 120 attendees per session.

Youth work sessions and music going well, as well as counselling.

Livewire's financial difficulties have not been promoted on social media while The Core was advertising its financial difficulties too.

In general grants are harder to achieve with more organisations wanting charitable support and some criteria becoming ever more stricter.

All energy prices and energy bills have gone up.

Has been a reluctance to put up the session fee - currently £1. They don't want the financial side of it to be an issue for a young person. They are undertaking a lot more one-to-ones.

A new apprentice is working alongside Andy for the next three years - Joe Day - to secure the future of the project.

School drop-ins are up and running again and going well, but not always sure the children that really need help.

Application in for CIO status which is due to come through on November 28th.

Charlotte, The Core:

No secret they have had significant financial challenges and have had to go back to basics and make cuts to roles (loss of admin PT role) where possible without having to drop any of the sessions/groups they offer.

Putting the prices of sessions up by £1 has made a massive difference; they have also increased the room hire.

Some of the volunteers have taken on responsibilities to help out; they have come together as a team.

Some grants are pending with a few coming through this month. Youth work is continuing as normal through the insecurity with most of the youth work delivered post 3pm.

Education programme for home schooled children is being offered privately now via private tutors. At present 15 children and two tutors use The Core to deliver education.

They have achieved their match-funding for this year.

3. Funding challenges

Money coming to Cornwall via National Youth Agency. It is being used to up-skill youth workers and digital youth work with potentially small pots available for projects dictated by NYA.

Organisations are being asked to constantly reinvent the wheel and create something new, while it's becoming harder to find money to keep things going.

Supporting school children from Plymouth in school sessions, but seems to be a Plymouth/Saltash divide in terms of attracting funding from Devon for that work. The outreach work offered at school is unpaid.

Can offer more if they have more money which will help to reach more people and with more money, less time would need to be spent applying for grants, and more doing the youth work needed.

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