



LIVEWIRE

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

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Open Access Sessions

Open access sessions run during this period: **36**

Targeted access sessions run during this period: **24**

Approximately **420** individual young people have been engaged with through open access sessions, young women's music making sessions, wellbeing group sessions, counselling, daytime referral sessions and Saturday recording sessions. All young people engaged with have received or are currently receiving individual or group support.

During these sessions young people have been able to access **music lessons** (guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, vocals, live sound, music technology and stage lighting), **rehearsal space**, **stage performances**, **single issue programmes**, **youth work support or counselling**, **volunteering**, **development groups**, and, on Wednesday evenings, art workshops for our junior members. Older young people can volunteer at these junior sessions.



In addition to our open access sessions, we have also had a **targeted provision for young women** on Tuesday evenings.

These will have amounted to **13** sessions by the end of March; during these sessions young women are encouraged to come along and make music with three musicians. These sessions are also run by a **JNC qualified youth worker** so young women can also access **youth work support**. We also have a **counsellor** working on a Tuesday evening; this means young women have equal access to counselling that other members would on other nights of the week.



Our **wellbeing sessions** on Friday evenings have also continued this quarter; **13** in total. These sessions are designed to cater for young people that might be too anxious for open access sessions. Young people attending these sessions can access **art workshops**, get **support with a counsellor or JNC qualified youth worker** who runs the session, or make music with a musician. We also have a **wellbeing volunteer** at these sessions as well as a **therapy dog**. The young people that attend these sessions have plenty of opportunity to gain support.

On Saturday we also run recording sessions; there have been **13** in total this period. These sessions are for bands and individual young people with music to record.

Detached & Outreach Youth Work

Detached/outreach youth work sessions held this period: **12**

Single issue programmes during this period: **3**

This quarter, **outreach sessions** have been held at **Saltash Community School** where youth workers deliver drop-in mental health and wellbeing sessions for young people struggling in school. The three single issue programmes held this period covered **positive relationships, mental health** and **gender**; these programmes have been delivered in a 1-1 setting with young people struggling in these areas.

Support

Young people supported in going back to school: **3**

Young people with measurable distance travelled: **23**

There have been no young people seeking assistance with finding employment in this period. There have also been no young people seeking support in starting college during this period. Despite this, we are on constant lookout for opportunities to work in these areas.

This period we have also seen **32** young people referred to Livewire from other agencies: **9** from schools, **1** from social care, **4** from CAHMS, **1** from youth offending team, **0** from the Police, **16** from GP's, and **1** from The Zone. These young people have been referred for **counselling, daytime sessions, youth support sessions** and **open access sessions**. Others have come through self-referral or their parents/carers referral.

Volunteering

Volunteer hours during this period: **375**

Currently Livewire works with **32** volunteers, **9** of which are young people who provide peer-to-peer support to younger members during junior sessions.

Youth Participation

Previously we have had a **youth development group** of **7** young people. Moving into this new year we have expanded this level of participation. There are now **four** distinct groups of young people – **Men, Women, LGBTQIA+** and **Neurodivergent** – each brought together monthly to share with the youth work team how they feel Livewire's provisions are benefitting them. The participants of the groups will rotate monthly to allow all young people from these categories to have an opportunity to share **concerns, ideas** and comments from peers.

As these groups develop, the youth work team will strive to identify young people who are particularly interested in this level of participation and invite them to **join the youth development group**.



Over time we will **bolster** the youth development group with fresh ideas and perspectives, allowing Livewire to continually develop in the interest of its members.

Our final step forward will be to ask the development group to vote for a **representative** who will attend trustee meetings; they will share ideas and be given the opportunity to ask questions to the trustees.

Case Study

J & L are young couple who have been attending Livewire for several years. In the past quarter we have seen a huge degree of growth in both self-confidence and their ability to take on responsibilities.

Both volunteer on a Wednesday, our junior night, as part of our peer support team. Their contribution is vital to the delivery of this provision, as it allows us to connect with our junior members from a wider variety of perspectives. Young volunteers provide boots-on-the-ground support to our youth work team by monitoring all areas of the building, delivering momentary support to junior members in need, communicating important messages to the safeguarding team as necessary and, most importantly, making sure the toilets don't become an independent social club!



J & L both take these roles seriously, diligently turning up every Wednesday week-on-week. Both are neurodivergent, making it difficult at times to deal with the potential stressors of high-energy sessions, but persist in trying to be the most positive role models possible to all the juniors. In doing so, they have developed confidence in their abilities to overcome adversity. They also work with a huge degree of integrity, remaining consistent in maintaining safety and keeping the juniors in check when needed. Recent conversations with them both have indicated that their volunteering experience is helping them to pursue jobs. L, particularly, is working hard to secure an apprenticeship as a mechanic, a career which he shows great interest in. In conversation he has confirmed that volunteering has been integral to his confidence in taking these steps. We are immensely proud of them.

Matched Funding

This year we have been very fortunate to receive **£30,400** from Saltash Town Council for youth work. The match funding secured to date includes the Big Lottery funding of **£219,000** over 5 years of which **£15,000** per year is towards youth work (we are currently in year 4). Plus **£12,000** this year as a gift from AC/DC for youth work. Plus **£28,000** in gifts and donations from members of the public one, member of the public gave **£25,000** as a donation.

Future Focus & Priorities

Mental health remains a key priority at Livewire; to bolster our overall work, we plan to develop our **music provision** with **better training in lighting, sound and crewing**. Currently we are assessing our **stage crew provision** to provide the best possible opportunities to young people seeking **experience** and **employment** in the music industry. Furthermore, we are exploring funding opportunities to develop our venue with the aim of creating the best possible educational facility for live sound in the local area. Historically we have crewed stages at Boardmasters, Looe Festival and Tunes in the Park; we would like to make even more use

of these local opportunities with our crew provision to give young people ample experience, boosting their self-confidence and expanding their prospects.