



LIVEWIRE

Youth Project
Making Music, Changing Lives

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DELIVERY & PROVISION

Approximately **360** individual young people have been engaged with through open access sessions, young women's music making sessions, well-being group sessions, counselling, daytime referral sessions, recording sessions, and outreach sessions. All young people engaged with have received or are currently receiving individual or group support.

Of these, **132** young people have measurable distance travelled. By this we mean that they have progressed positively over the period and shown real change.

Open Access Sessions

Total open sessions run: 30



Senior Sessions

20

During these sessions young people can receive music lessons in guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, vocals, live sound and music technology. They can also access lessons in stage lighting, rehearsal spaces, perform on stage, take part in single issue programmes, have youth worker support or counselling, volunteer, socialise and take part in our development group.

Junior Sessions

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Alongside the activities offered in senior sessions, members can also take part in karaoke on stage and art workshops. Young people from senior sessions can volunteer to help run this session.



Targeted Access Sessions

Total targeted sessions run: 22



During these sessions young women are encouraged to come along and make music with three female musicians; delivery is otherwise identical to our open-access senior sessions. These sessions are run by a JNC qualified youth worker and supported by one of our counsellors, meaning young women can access youth work and/or mental health support during session time.



These sessions are designed to cater to young people that might be too anxious for open access sessions. They are quieter due to a maximum of eight attendees, creating a calmer space for these individuals. Young people attending these sessions can access the art workshops, support with a counsellor or JNC qualified youth worker, make music with a musician, or engage with Akira the therapy dog, who is brought along by our wellbeing volunteer.



On Saturdays, young people can engage with our lead musician to record and mix their music. These sessions grant many young people access to music recording opportunities they may otherwise not have due to barriers in their life.

Detached & Outreach Sessions

Detached and outreach sessions delivered: 0

Historically Livewire's outreach work has been carried out along Saltash waterside during school holidays. This is when we typically see pier jumpers and young outdoor enthusiasts making the most of what the area has to offer. We take these opportunities to make connections with these young people, opening conversations around safety and community values. Due to weather and the exam season, we have had little to no opportunities to deliver outreach work in our local area.

Looking forward to this year's summer holiday period, we have collaborated with Devon & Cornwall Police to set up an outreach project which includes the wider Saltash town area. **For a period of eight weeks, two youth workers will roam designated areas of the town known to have high areas of youth activity and engage in outreach work with young people they encounter.** We look forward to reporting on this.

Single Issue Programmes

Single issue programmes delivered: 2

Violence against women and girls has been one topic; the other has been **positive relationships**.

ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORT

Education, Employment & Training

Young people supported in getting into employment in this period: 2

Young people supported in going back to school: 2

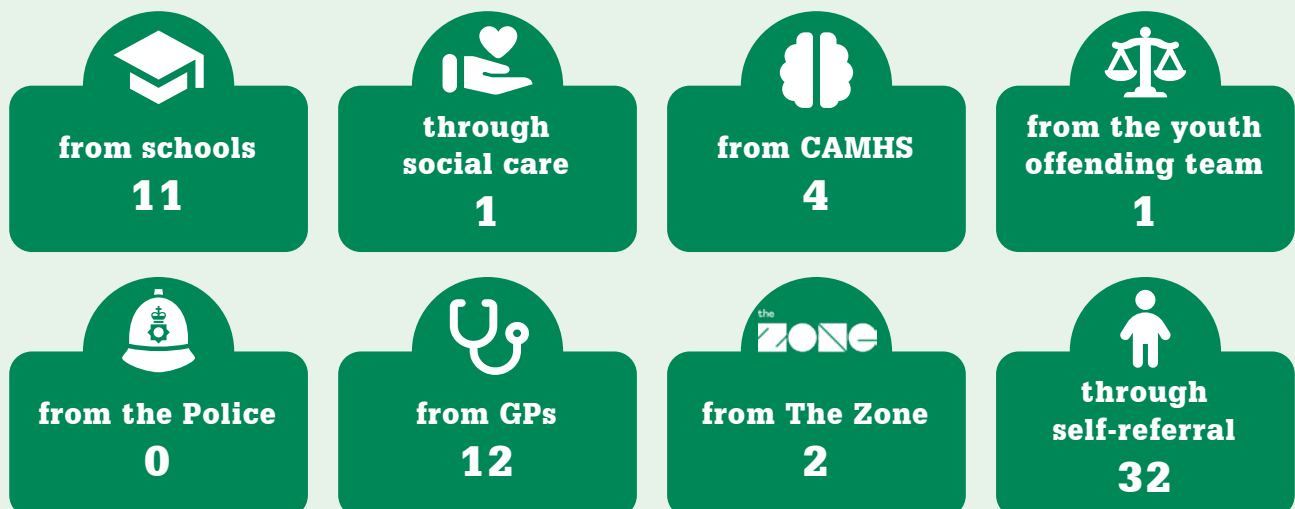
Young people supported in starting college during this period: 0

In response to the growing crisis of young people not in employment, education or training, we have started a **new job club** which aims to assist young people in accessing the above. Again, this is thanks to the money we received from Saltash Town Council. Reporting on this will commence in the next quarter.

We are also very excited to report that we will be putting on a **six-week re-engagement programme** for students at risk of exclusion or recently excluded from school. This programme will help these young people build trust, develop self-regulation techniques, understand choices and responsibility, improve their communication and relationship-building skills, establish aspirations and goals, and celebrate their potential. The group size will be between six and twelve young people; we are excited to report following completion of the programme!



➔ This period we have had **63** referrals to Livewire's services from the following sources:



These young people have been referred for counselling, daytime youth work support, daytime music provision and access to our open access sessions.

VOLUNTEERING & DEVELOPMENT

Volunteers

436 volunteer support worker hours have taken place in this period. Our volunteer team continues to grow with some additions from our membership's parents!

Development Group

In this period Livewire's youth development group has contributed to the employment of a new member of the mental health team. Three young volunteers from the group assisted in interviewing the candidates and providing their own personal feedback on how each would fit into the Livewire team. It's important that young people's voices are captured in these processes, as they are the ones who will be most impacted by decisions.

Match Funding

This year we have been very fortunate to receive **£50,000** from Saltash Town Council for youth work. The match funding secured includes the Big Lottery funding of **£219,000** (£15,00 pa over 5 years); we are currently in the final year of this funding. **£11,000** per year from AC/DC is also being received for youth work.

News & Developments

A new focus on our music provision has emerged in the form of our new Livewire Stage Crew. This opportunity allows young people access to music industry education which opens doors for further education and employment. Four people engaging in the provision have taken part in live events in our venue and are soon to be volunteering at Morvala Festival, where they will shadow industry experts and broaden their horizons in the industry.

We have supported Saltash Mayfair with a number of young people performing on the stage at Longstone park. We also had a youth worker and volunteer roaming the town making positive connections with local adults and young people. We are, as always, set to support Saltash Regatta and Boardmasters festival this year; look forward to reports on that at a later date!



Case Study

A young man who attends Livewire has been severely struggling with his mental health due to extreme stress at home caused by issues of criminality affecting his family members. This young man's well-being was brought to our attention when school exams were added to the mix; he expressed worrying levels of anxiety and negative self-regard, causing us to invest a large amount of time as a team in helping him navigate this difficult time.

We worked to help him cope with the changes going on at home whilst also helping him navigate the stress of exams.

Conversations around positive self-regard, resilience and 'this, too, shall pass' mentality helped keep him afloat.

Recently this young person completed their exams!

He is feeling extremely positive about his ability to overcome challenges and is relieved to have finally completed his education.

He has managed to develop a high-level of resilience where his mental health is concerned.

We are extremely proud of how far he has come and feel his experience is testament to the good youth work relationships can do for young people struggling in life.

Livewire Youth Project would like to thank Saltash Town Council for its support in the delivery of essential youth services and look forward to sharing more positive news in future reports.



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