

Report to Saltash Town Council from Livewire youth project for June, July and August 2022

1. Number of open access sessions run: 31 during these sessions young people have been able to have music lessons [guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, vocals, live sound and music technology], lessons in stage lighting, rehearsal space, perform on stage, take part in single issue programmes, have youth work support or counselling, volunteer, socialise and take part in our development group and on Wednesday evenings our junior members can take part in Art workshops. In addition to our open access sessions we have also had a young women's music session on Tuesday evenings 11 in total and during these sessions young women are encouraged to come along and make music with 2 musicians these sessions are also run by a JNC qualified youth worker so young women can also access youth work support. We have also continued to run our wellbeing sessions on Friday evenings, 12 in total, these sessions are designed to cater to young people that might be too anxious for open access sessions as they are quieter and young people attending these sessions can access the art workshops or support with a counsellor or JNC qualified youth worker who runs the session or they can make music with a musician, we also have a wellbeing volunteer at these sessions as well as a therapy dog. On Saturday we also run a recording session 11 in all for bands and individual young people with music to record.
2. Number of detached/outreach youth work sessions run: 35 these have been carried out around the waterside area because in the summer months there are a lot of young people on the waterside and there were a number of issues in previous years but we haven't seen or heard any to date this year and it has been good to connect with these young people some local and some from further afield.
3. There have been 4 single issue programmes during this time one has been on bullying as a result of requests from a young person, we have continued to run the one on anxiety because that still seems to be quite prevalent and we are also currently looking at the environment due to our plans for recycled fashion shows requested again by young people. We are also currently running a programme to record songs that promote drug and alcohol awareness.
4. Approximately 388 individual young people have been engaged with through open access sessions, detached/outreach sessions, young women's music making sessions, well being group sessions, counselling, daytime referral sessions and Saturday recording sessions.
5. All young people engaged with have received or are currently receiving individual or group support.
6. No young people have been supported in getting back into employment, education or training during this period.
7. 187 young people have measurable distance travelled

8. 12 young people were referred from schools, 6 from CHAMS, 4 from targeted youth support workers, 1 from youth offending service, 8 from GP's, 1 from social workers and 0 from the police and 8 from Youth Enquiry service. In total we have had 40 referrals from other organisations during this period.
9. 380 volunteer support worker hours have taken place in this period.
10. We have currently got a group of 6 young people making up our development group who meet regularly to discuss issues and young people's desires for development at Livewire. This group most recently finished the redecorating and refurbishment of the blue room at Livewire.
11. 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. Plus 11,000 gift from the young family for youth work. Plus 6,500 from rocking by the river, which took place in March. We were also invited to take part in a local event which secured Livewire just over £10,000.

We have been busy again at Livewire with mental health still being a priority of ours and we have been getting referrals from young people and parents as well as organisations for our counselling and youth worker support sessions which are all going really well. Although it is extremely sad that there are so many young people needing the support we feel honoured and privileged to be able to go some way at least to meeting that need locally. In fact amongst our priorities moving forward would be to expand the work we are already doing in that area. We have also been busy in other aspects of our work and we must never forget the young musicians that come to Livewire and perform at various events throughout year. As well as the young people that just learn to play an instrument for themselves, their own personal well being is so important in this. Young musicians have also so far this year performed at Saltash May Fair, St Mellion golf club and we feel it was a real achievement this year to have had 130 young people from all over Cornwall playing at Boardmasters during Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.