

Saltash Team For Youth

Report for Policy & Finance Committee meeting on 11 July 2023

The Saltash Team For Youth working group last met on Friday 10 May at The Core. Attended by Matt, Rachel, Sarah, Julie from Livewire and Charlotte from The Core. Apologies received from Julia.

Below is a summary of the discussions.

1. Outcome of the STC tendering process for the delivery of professional youth work in 2023/24

1.1 The group discussed the recent process and the STC decision to award £29,938 to both Livewire and The Core. This is great news, recognising the increasing need for youth work in these challenging times and the vital work of both organisations. The tendering process went well and the recommendations made by Saltash Team For Youth to the STC Policy & Finance Committee on Wednesday 10 May were approved unanimously.

Livewire and The Core have subsequently been sent offer letters by STC although Julie mentioned Livewire haven't received theirs. She will follow up with STC.

Both organisations to sign and date the letter and return to STC to confirm their acceptance of the offer.

1.2 Communications. Both Livewire and The Core would be happy to help publicise this positive news in collaboration with STC. This would help raise the profile of youth work, STC's commitment to it and bring the press release to life. Sarah will explore this with STC.

3. Measuring and reporting impact

The group had an open discussion about this. Effective impact measurement informs future direction, helps STC make the case and is a useful tool for fundraising. Livewire and The Core have the opportunity to improve and develop this side of their work, and this is something that STC is looking for in 2023/24. Whilst the reports submitted are useful, STC would like to know more about the young people participating and the progress they are making as a result of attending Livewire and The Core. The reports set out what has been delivered but less about what the impact for young people has been.

Ideas discussed included:

- Documenting young people's outcomes and next steps as a result of the support of Livewire and The Core.
- Anonymous surveying of participants to better understand demographics and needs to inform future programmes
- Better use of quantitative and qualitative data e.g. number of participants, ages, backgrounds, case studies
- 'Youth Voice' i.e. involvement of young people directly in programme design
- Presentation events bringing to life the work of both organisations and the impact they make. Saltash Team For Youth could help with this

Julie mentioned that Livewire is about to commission the consultant 'Clarity' to work with them on developing their evaluation methods. This is being funded as part of their National Lottery grant.

3. Other fundraising

Sarah mentioned that Samworth Brothers (<https://www.samworthbrothers.co.uk/>) operate a grant scheme, which is currently underutilised. It's focus is on young people and wellbeing with a particular interest in sports programmes. Sarah will investigate further in terms of the criteria and submitting applications.

4. AOB

Matt circulated the Town Vitality Fund consultation leaflets for Livewire and The Core to distribute to young people. The involvement of young people in shaping the proposal to develop a green space in the centre of the town is important.

5. Date of next meeting

Friday 29 September 2023, 1pm at Livewire.

Cllr Matt Griffiths
20/6/23