

Report to Saltash Town Council from Livewire youth project for April, May and June 2023

1. Number of open access sessions run: 30 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 and older young people can volunteer. 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, 11 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 9 in all for bands and individual young people with music to record.
2. Number of detached/outreach youth work sessions run: 20, 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 the issues of previous years has led to the requirement to have a youth worker presents in the waterside area. However again this year we have experienced nothing but lovely young people with excellent manners. The addition of the piano on the waterside has brought interest but again nothing untoward and it has been a sheer joy to see young people of varying abilities playing whilst their friends sing along. It has been lovely to connect with these young people some local and some from further afield.
3. There have been 3 single issue programmes during this period. Body image seems to cover such a wide area and therefore unsurprisingly it has come up again and been one of our single issue programmes. Environmental issues has again been high on everyone's list and thirdly we have looked at mental health and wellbeing as a single issue programme because young people have requested it in part but in part due to losing one of our members last month to Epilepsy which again put wellbeing in the spotlight particularly for close friends but as a community Livewire has acutely felt the loss.
4. Approximately 396 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. 1 young person has been supported in getting into employment in this period and 2 young people have been supported in going back to school and no young people have been supported in getting into or back into training during this period.
7. 158 young people have measurable distance travelled
8. This period we have had 44 young people referred to livewire from other agencies, 11 from schools, 3 from targeted youth support, 1 through social care, 4 from CAMHS, 4 from youth offending team, 0 from the Police, 11 from GP's, and 10 from the zone. These young people have been referred for Counselling, daytime sessions, youth support sessions and for the open access sessions.
9. 422 volunteer support worker hours have taken place in this period.
10. We have currently got a group of 10 young people making up our development group who meet regularly to discuss issues and young people's desires for development at Livewire.
11. This year we have been very fortunate to receive £29,938 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 2). Plus £11,000 per year gift from the young family for youth work.

We are still busy at Livewire and the mental health and wellbeing of young people continue to be a priority of ours. Referrals keep on coming in for both counselling and youth work support sessions from young people themselves, organisations and parents all wanting to ensure that the young person gets seen. During this period there haven't been any community events that we have been involved in, we were due to be involved in the may fair both in Victoria gardens and Live on the stage but rain stopped play and we were cancelled from the stage and we took the decision to cancel our involvement in the Victoria Gardens event. We have got young people performing at other community events later on though so we hope they will go without a hitch.