

South West Bristol Youth Links 'Meet the Provider' event

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Name	Organisations/Residents
Chris Cross	Learning Partnership West (LPW)
Adam Carter	Learning Partnership West (LPW)
Rose Richards	Service Manager BCC Resource Planning and Performance - Bristol Youth Links
Heather Williams	
Charlotte Burnett	Blenheim Scouts
Claire Weeks	Blenheim Scouts
Amy Radridge	Blenheim Scouts
Anne Reading	WHYAG
Faye Denning	WHYAG
Jan Bohin	Dundry View NP resident member
Les Potter	BS3 Churches
Helen Holland	Whitchurch Park Councillor
Richard Eddy	Bishopsworth Councillor
Keith Houghton	Area Co-ordinator, Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership
Nick Christo	Area Co-ordinator, Greater Bedminster Community Partnership

Introduction

Rose Richards introduced the meeting.

The Bristol Youth Links (BYL) commissioning was looking to provide

- Open Access play activities
- Open Access positive activities for young people
- Information and personalised guidance and support
- Ways for young people to have their say

CYPS commissioning process published a detailed Needs Analysis, including the numbers of young people in areas, levels of need. What young people had told them was important to them.

Funding available is £4-£5 million across Bristol

The bids received were assessed by 8 Assessors, 2 of whom were young people.

Funding was allocated across the 7 areas of the city according to a formula which was based on the numbers of yp in each area and the level of need

1. Chris Cross:

Learning Partnership West is the lead organisation of consortium – used to be Connexions service

Other Consortium members are:

Barnardos

16-25 Independent People

TBG Learning – (deliver training/learning for young people)

2. LPW delivered their presentation about the new services (attached)

3. Question and answer session

Q: What groups will you work with?

A: - LPW will work with existing groups

- We're getting a programme of area forums
- The contract starts in January (now it starts beginning of February 2013):
- We've got a structure already
- already doing work now

Q: people don't know what will be delivered

A: existing contracts will continue to end of January 2013

Concern: Young People dropping off radar of existing services

Q: Where will they deliver services?

A: We will use existing community venues

Rose Richards (RR): CYPS have said LPW can use existing youth and play premises until the end of the academic year – July 2013

The Core

Q/Comment: The Big P: this is a vital venue to deliver the Big P from – it's vital that youth services are still around in the venue

RR: the priority is the transfer of staff/services – we'll then look at buildings. CYPS may keep some premises open longer

Richard E: Withywood Centre: we want a commitment to deliver services in west of Bishopsworth

RR: We need to see how the development at Merchants Academy fits:

RE: what about working with The Grove, Cheddar Grove?

RR: the Consortium may want to work out of venues and pay rental to that organisation, but this detail isn't worked through yet

RE: Bedminster Down Boys Club – will you look again at this arrangement?

RR: we will check out the arrangements

Comment: The Core: lots of work is going on there – it seems mad not to work from there.

LPW described the sort of support they were looking to provide:

- Already doing one-to-one work with NEETS (young people 'not in education, employment, or training'). 91 young people are characterised as 'NEETs' in the South West lot area (Dundry View and Greater Bedminster). **(The meeting was sceptical at how low this figure is and strongly questioned the accuracy of the figures.)**
- Weekly job clubs – developing work over summer. Starting delivery in Hareclive Youth Club. Track and monitor young people leaving school
- delivering targeted support is where LPW's skills and experience is

- Running community events – example of their recent partnership work with the NHS – eg in Filwood
- Detached evening work – workers on street to engage young people. LPW service will be less geared around ‘when venues are open’ and more ‘when is the need?’
- Sessions in schools and other venues outside school
- Engage with community groups to help run activities – grant funding community groups to run activities on our behalf and help with groups to apply for funding
- 90% of respondents wanted – Targeted 1:1 support – with a named person/point of contact
- LPW know what needs to happen – LPW are now exploring what is out there – need to engage with existing groups
- LPW are working closely with BCC Bristol Youth Links Senior Practitioners to ensure that all elements of current good practice are kept

Q: (HH): – what ‘new’ work are you bringing to the party? – are there any resources that LPW are putting new into scheme?

A: Local training courses, work in partnership with community groups to provide activities

- LPW – brings an additional £1million foundation funding for young people – outcome focussed
- The LPW Team that bid for this contract can work on bids for additional funding eg – Sport England
- 16-25 Independent People bring in funding as part of their contract
- capacity building – Peer Mentoring
- Accrediting new skills

Concern: Concern at the ‘targetted approach’

Chris C: LPW has changed ‘80%’ of workforce in Bristol to ensure that workforce is suited to need – our organisation as a whole has changed to adapt

Rose R:

BCC has also retained 6 Senior Practitioners to work with the new service providers and to support voluntary sectors youth providers with advise and specialist knowledge – eg: around child protection. Tina Bond is the Practitioner for South West

Q: Who will provide support to younger children?

A: Barnardos are running those services

Q: Where do Play Rangers fit in?

A: If TUPE - Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) – applies these staff will be transferred over

Rose R: BCC has written to organisations funded to ask if there are any staff eligible – it's now down to those organisations to negotiate with LPW – they've started this process

Concern: We already have a partnership working in this community – statutory and VCS – we're concerned it could fail

A: the outcomes-based service won't allow us to let yp fall through the gaps

Q: What is the communication of what's happening?

Q: How will yp and the community feed into whether this is working/delivering?

RR: the Council has put money into publicising what is happening

BYL: everyone in it has responsibility to communicate what is available – like in a department store, when you approach an assistant they may not be able to provide/sell what you want but they should be able to direct you to where you can get it. That's how different BYL providers should work – telling people where they can get the support/service they need.

Comment: children and yp – will test out services and see if they are any good or not

RR: We hope NPs stay engaged

- The BYL Consortium Board - YP will sit alongside this group

Suggestions: Perhaps hold an Annual Event? A Feed in opportunity for the community?

Q: How can groups get on publicity list?

RR: We've got 'Go Places, Do Things' – go to website. In next year we're developing free wi fi across city

Chris C: LPW – we have partnership managers in contract

Q: When are LPW coming in to existing youth groups?

RR: They'll be meeting in the next few weeks

Concern: It's a short time until Xmas – staff are uncertain who is going across to LPW

RR: the transfers won't happen on 1st January

Q: RE: When will be meet with the Partnership Manager?

A: They've not been identified yet

Q: What about the youth and play buildings and Community Asset Transfer process (whereby the Council leases out its buildings to community organisations to run them)

RR: Phase 1: nothing will happen with the buildings until the start of summer holidays – the Council will continue to run them until July 2013.

- There is some flex in negotiations with local communities

Agreed at the end of the meeting: Each NP Co-ordinator would send a list of newsletter publications/meetings to LPW

South West Bristol



Who are we?

- Learning Partnership West – consortium lead
- Barnardo's
- 16-25 Independent People
- TBG Learning



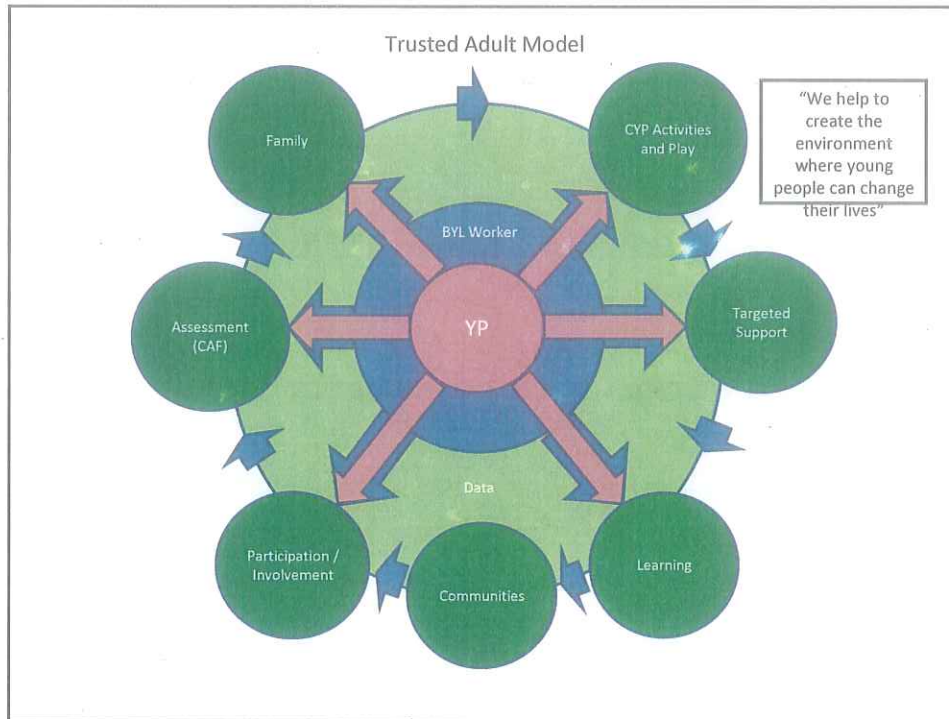
What we do?

- Targeted Support / Reducing NEET and barriers to learning
- Play / Family Work / Vulnerable Children
- Housing specialism / Peer Mentoring / Engaging Volunteers
- Contract Management / Quality Assurance / Foundation Learning



Vision

- This consortium has been brought together by a determination to combine and improve services for CYP in Bristol. We will work closely with the council, schools, CVS and communities in South West Bristol. We aim to create an inspirational environment in which CYP are truly valued and have the opportunity to positively transform their lives and reach their true potential.
- Through the model of providing a trusted adult, we will support CYP and their parents or carers to overcome barriers and help them to move forward positively.
- As a consortium our vision is to continue to develop quality and accessible services which provide excellent value for money and combine the very best of public sector and community approaches to ensure that this happens.



Menu of Services

- Targeted 1:1 support for NEET teenagers
- Weekly job clubs
- Aspiration raising community events
- Detached and evening work to Engage young people
- IAG & SRE sessions in schools



Menu of services (ii)

- Positive Activities – residential, trips and visits during school holidays. Opportunity for Grant funding
- Play work managed by Barnardo's – after schools, weekends and holidays
- Peer Mentoring and volunteering opportunities for young people
- Targeted engagement of specified groups through dedicated forums



Challenges

- TUPE transfer
- Integrating processes within a changing environment
- Engaging schools and community



Your views

- What do you want from Bristol Youth Links in South West Bristol?