

Youth Work Witney November and December 2020

Funding:

We received £18197.00 funding for 6 months youth provision for November 2020– April 2021

INCOME NOVEMBER 2020

£18,197.00

Witney Town Council

£7,605.00

Youth Opportunities Fund

£10,592.00

Where the work took place

We created mentoring and group work spaces in both Henry Box and Wood Green secondary school.

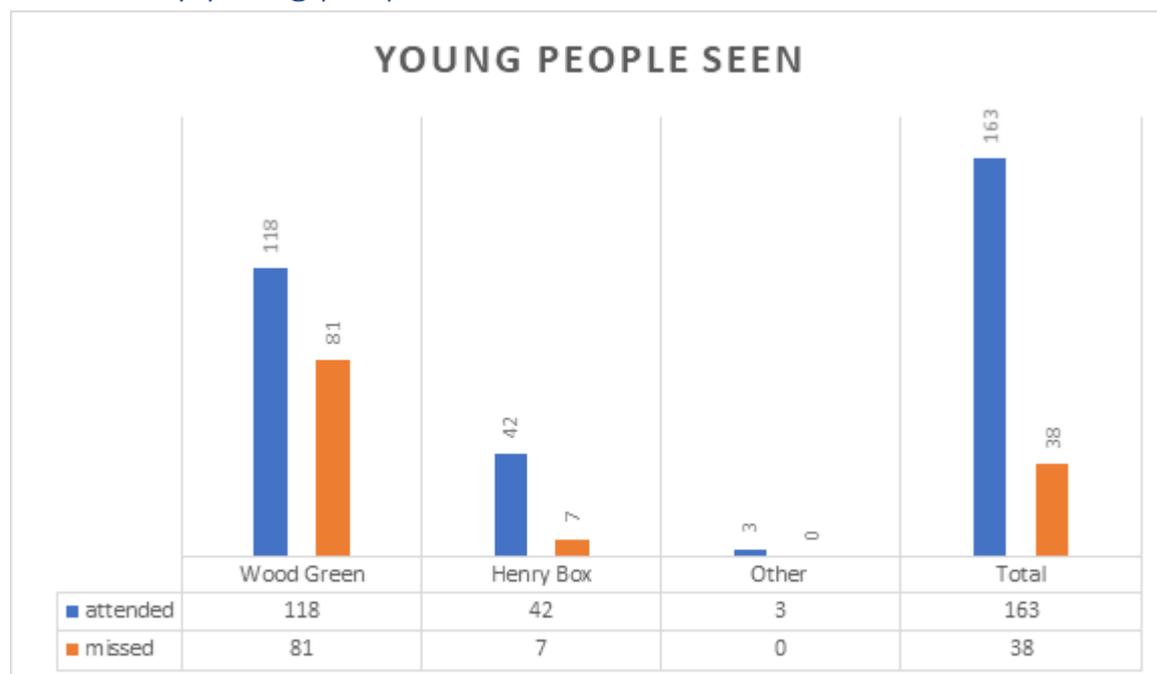
COVID-19 plans and adjustments

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic for November and December, our youth work took place in the two secondary schools in Witney, it was impossible to find a premises that would allow us to open a youth club, and because of the gap in our relationships with young people and the winter weather, we felt that detached youth work wouldn't be the best use of our time. Another factor that shaped our decision to change the provision to suit the need for young people was the publicity that there was an increase of young people experiencing mental health problems due to lock down.

We spoke to local school's town councillors and our advisory board and they helped us shape the provision. We decided that providing one to one mentoring and small group work sessions format was the best way to engage with the young people whilst keeping the risk of infection as low as possible. Schools at the time were considered safe and the environments were carefully managed.

All of the youth work was shaped by the government guidelines and the national youth agency advice for youth work. We created and introduced a COVID-19 risk assessment that was signed by all Got2b staff and volunteers working with the young people, as well as providing hand gel and maintaining social distancing.

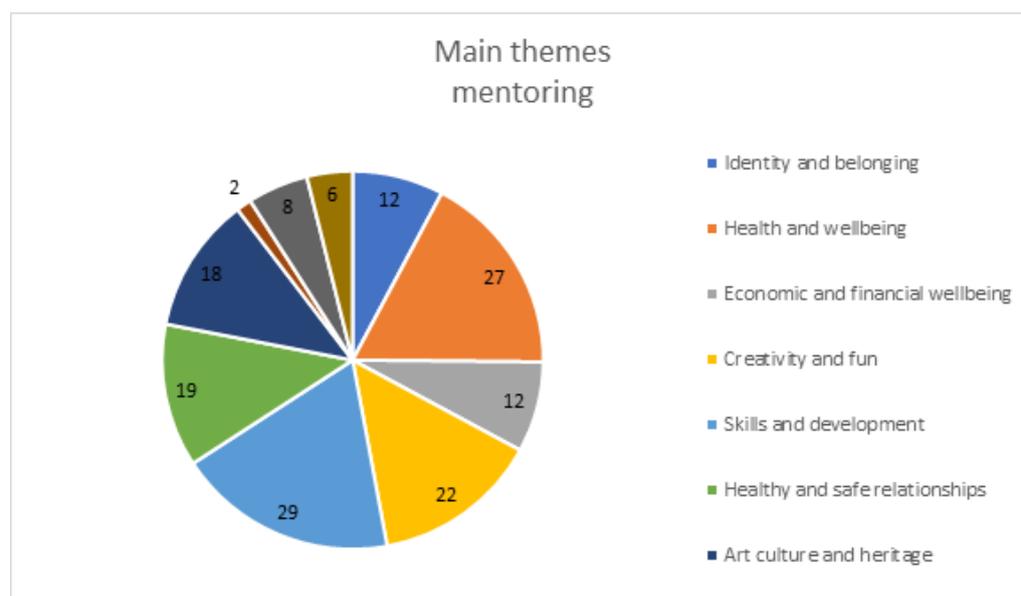
How many young people did we see?



Main themes of the intervention

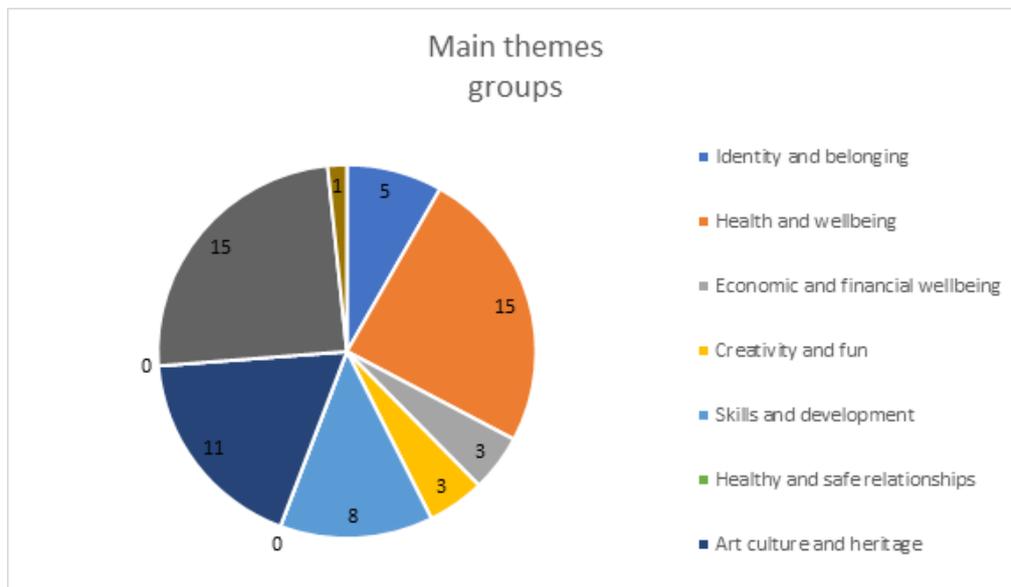
Mentoring-how many young people, the total number of sessions? List of things covered.

- 72 one to one mentoring session took place in November and December.



groups-how many young people, the total number of sessions? List of things covered.

- 23 young people were seen for group work sessions.
- 22 group work session took place in November and December.



How many safeguarding incidents or concerns

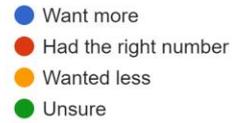
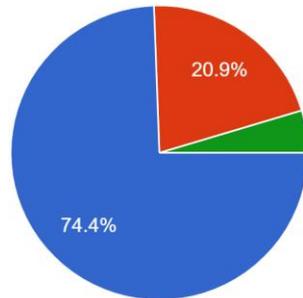
We had 4 safeguarding incidents in November and December. We have reported them to the school and kept a record of the disclosures and concerns.

1. YP phone kept buzzing all the mentoring session- he said it was some guy, and he appeared stressed by this.
2. YP said he was hit today by his brother who is in year 9, the brother also hit his mum
3. Talked with YP about anger and we discussed his behaviour when he gets angry- he said he smashed up lots of things and has in the past, broken his knuckles and his foot because he has hit or kicked things- on leaving YP was in the corridor with HOY because he was upset about something that happened in class and he had punched the wall- his knuckle was swollen so we went and got ice and reported it to first aid
4. YP said that there is a group who are bullying the YP and friendship group and others around school

Feedback from young people

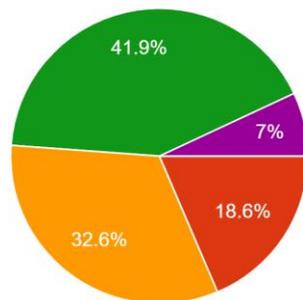
How was the number of sessions?

43 responses



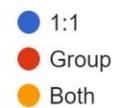
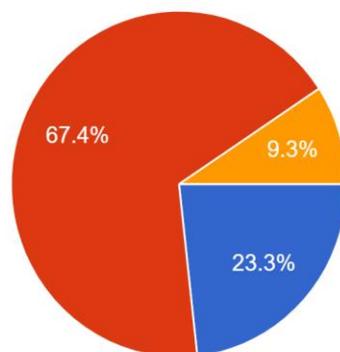
Which year are you in?

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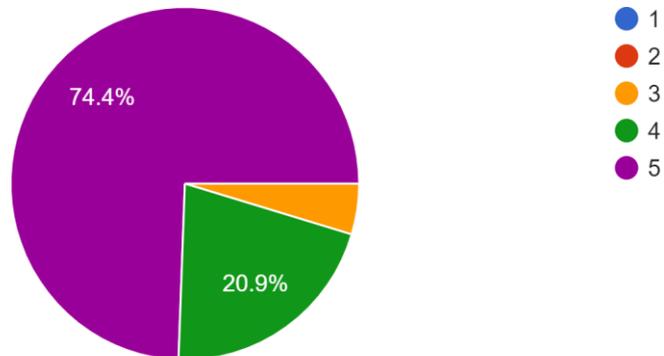
Where you part of a group or a 1:1 mentoring?

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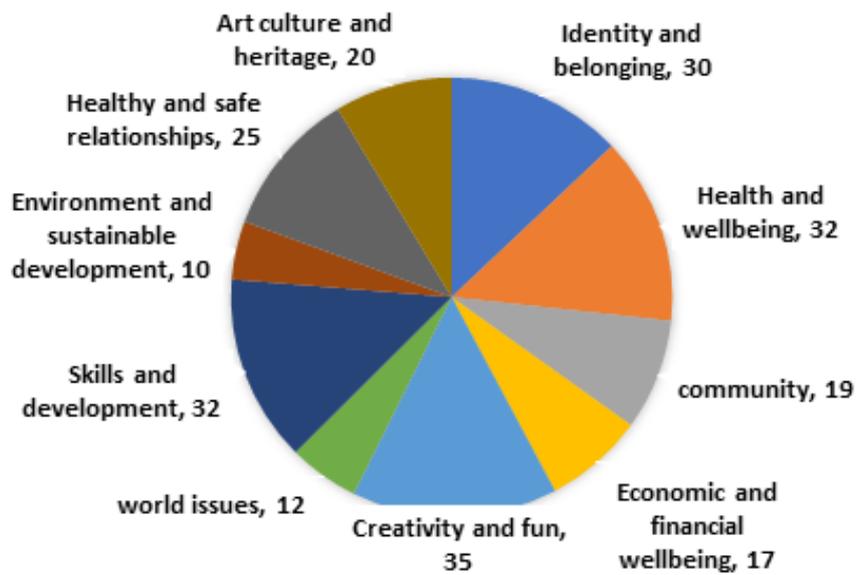


Rating

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3 films made by young people with us just before Christmas- make sure you have your sound on!

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Next 2 months plan- in lock down again

Just after the announcement of another lockdown we contacted the secondary schools again to see how we might be of some assistance, and to ask if we could continue working with the Young people we were already engaging with. It was agreed that schools were no longer the safe place they were back in November, so schools were shut to us, we then were faced with either furloughing ourselves again or seeing what else we could do to help. That was when we were contacted again by the schools who said they had a few young people they were worried about, not engaging in learning and no contact with family, and have asked us to work with them, some of these young people we had engaged with previously. We have been contacting families and young people through social media, email and mobile phones and arranging walking and talking. This has proven to be popular; we have had 9 sessions in the last 2 weeks, and we have 9 booked for this week alone. We have taken on 2 part time temporary staff for the next 8 weeks, walking and talking is great but it is quite heavy on staff resources, 2 members of staff out with 1 young person and then traveling between homes, takes up quite a lot of hours and funding. We have also tried to have an online youth club, but this hasn't been successful, we think this is because young people are saturated with online learning at the moment.

We are however attracting more young people to our Instagram page and this week we plan to devise a way of utilising this- we have drafted in some young tech savvy people (my 15 year old daughter) to help us understand this platform more.

Rough plan is to set competitions, quiz's and fun online things, alongside safe Saturday where we will promote and provide information on sexual health, relationships and drugs. Mental Mondays- where we will promote mental health and wellbeing with posts. Look out for 'where is Dave Wednesdays!'

Today we have received news that we have received funding for the next 2 months – February and March it must be spent by March, for sexual health work- Because our young people reach at the moment is quite limited, due to lock down, and government haven't made a decision about when the lock down will be lifted, we have decided to not run both projects concurrently and save the YOF and WTC money for bigger projects from April.

We feel this is a better use of the funding available and means we can continue to employ staff, and see more young people.