

Summary of first year of SAYS (SteYning Area Youth Work)

Workers

Emma Edwards- community youth worker 37 ½ Hours

Paul Conroy – Sessional worker 5 ½ Hours per week

Current number of Volunteers - 7

Current projects

Youth Voice - youth council, a link between young people and parish councils providing young people to talk about local issues important to them and an opportunity to join West Sussex youth cabinet.

Upper Beeding youth café – Café run by and for young people in the Hub café at Upper Beeding running Monday nights 7pm -9pm run by a dedicated staff team of fully trained young people providing a safe space for young people to socialise with others. Up to 17 young people attending.

Tuesday junior club – Youth Club at the Cuthman Centre for young people in school years 7 and 8, Tuesday night 5.00pm – 6.45pm includes pool, table tennis, tuck shop, computers, skate ramp, advice, games, craft, informal education sessions etc. Average 15/20 young people attending

Tuesday senior club - Youth Club at the Cuthman Centre for young people in school years 9 and 13, Tuesday night 7pm – 9pm facilities as above. Smaller group attending enabling focused projects.

Wednesday after school drop in – Run by wardens and supported by Community youth work Wednesdays 3.30 – 5.30 a chance for young people to use the Centre for free, use the facilities and socialise with friends

Thursday Youth club – Youth club open to all young people school years 7 – 13 from 7pm-9pm full use of all youth club facilities and a different activity offered each week so far we have done things such as cooking, tie dye, clay modeling, dodge ball, smoothies, candle making, sports and many more.

Mentoring - working with the behavioral support team at SGS and in partnership with SPLASH community mentor program Emma has been supporting students on a one to one basis giving emotional support, anger management, assertiveness training etc. Emma is currently seeing 3 students and has seen a total of 6 throughout the year.

Mocktail Apprentice Project – Alcohol awareness and employability skills project, lessons for year 11 took place at SGS in December around alcohol safety, harm minimisation, health awareness and education.

Trips

Lambing - Group of 6 young people attended a trip to lambing at Brinsbury college March 2014

Wake boarding - Hove lagoon taster in sailing, paddle boarding and wakeboarding took place 20th May

Go Karting – 8 young people attending Go karting trip 11th June

Activity club – 5 young people aged 11 and 12 to attend over night activity camp 5th-6th July activities to include rock climbing, kayak, abseiling, swimming, archery etc.

Thorpe Park – Trip planned for staff team at youth café to visit Thorpe park on 24th July with group of young leaders from Horsham area.

Events

Summer Event - Two summer youth events took place Last August in Upper Beeding and Steyning and included mobile skate park, sumo suits, bouncy castle, music and BBQ .

SDS Acoustic gig – Music event took place in partnership with Steyning Downlands Scheme and supported by SGS, 20 acts auditioned, 11 performing made up of around 30 young people. 100 people attended, young people showed extremely high levels of talent and enjoyed the evening – future music events planned in the future as a result.

Training – Youth workers and volunteers constantly expanding their portfolio of skills as well as sharing skills with other some training courses completed are as follows: Arts award, Self harm, first aid, anger management delivery, supporting young people with parental substance misuse, safe guarding,

VACANCIES

Sessional youth leader required 7.5 Hours £11.50 p/h - needed to lead sessions on Monday and Thursday evenings, must have experience working with young people or youth work qualification.

Volunteer posts required especially for Tuesday and Thursday evenings at youth club – we are particularly short of female volunteers at the present time. **If you are interested in the above please contact Emma on 07702492828 or emmaedwards@horsham-matters.org.uk for full details, information and job descriptions**