Consett Churches Detached Youth Project NOW!

Derwentside Detached Youth



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Photo unavailable Mel Nixon - Support Youth Worker

CHAIRS REPORT

I would like to welcome everyone to Derwentside Detached Youth Project`s Annual General Meeting.

This my first AGM as Chair and I must thank the previous Chair Prof. Rowena Plant for all her hard work and dedication that she put into the Project. I would also like to welcome Michael Peacock, our new trustee who brings a lot of knowledge and experience I know will be an asset to the Project.

We have successfully been awarded a grant from The National Lottery for a period of 3 years, now in our second year, this was thanks to a lot of hard work from Rowena and Jackie, our Project Manager.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID19 pandemic a lot of our work has had to be postponed, however our youth work teams; Lynn & Mel; Joanne and Kathryn; Diane and Megan, have worked hard during lockdown supporting young people and their families in many ways. Offering help and assistance both emotionally and practical. Hopefully things will return to some sort of normal soon and the good work of Derwentside Detached Youth Project will continue to support and help young people from all walks of life.

Jeff Davison - Chairperson.

ABOUT OUR PROJECT

Consett Churches Detached Youth Project is managed by Trustees made up of representatives of the local community. The initial idea of the Project came about as a result of the Steel Works closure in 1981. Local churches and residents foresaw the social and economic problems of massive unemployment in the area, particularly amongst our young people, and the Project was born out of that concern. We were Urban Aid funded until 1986 by which time it was assumed that Consett would again be a thriving industrial town. Unfortunately, this was not the case. Although several small industries had moved into the area they were mainly part-time staffed and my no means compensated for the loss of thousands of full time jobs. Indeed, some factories even brought their own workforce with them, which further reduced any prospect of local employment. The majority of young people were leaving school to find themselves either on Y.T. schemes or facing life on the dole. As a result many of them were at risk, wandering the streets, particularly at night, looking for some kind of excitement. Many issues were coming to light which needed to be challenged and addressed, e.g. drugs/alcohol misuse, young single parents and anti-social behaviour in general. It was in the light of the situation at the Trustees saw the desperate need to continue the work of CCDYP. Since 1986 or Project has received grants from many organisations and trust funds, for which we are truly grateful for, without support we would not be here today. Not much has changed today, employers come and go with no long term employment in the community. If anything youth provision in the area has diminished with very little or no youth support in the villages surrounding the town.

The aim of CCDYP has not, however, changed and can be summed up as follows - To help young people, without distinction of race, political or religious opinion or sex, to grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and to enable them to reach their full potential and improve quality of life. It would be unwise to suggest the a Detached Youth Project can give a clear idea of the number of young people with whom it has contacted in any year as we do not have membership or a youth club in which we can register numbers of attendees, we do however have contact with around 200+ young people each year either in groups or individuals. The Detached Youth workers make contact with young people on their own ground, i.e. street corners, bus stations, cafes etc., and in today's climate reaching young people who are isolated or excluded via social media, spending too much time in their rooms with no real social interaction. Support is given to young people either singly or in groups in attempt to enable them to improve their own qualities of life. The workers also encourage response to needs expressed implicitly and explicitly by young people, parents and other community member by attempting to offer support in the community. As well as our detached youth work we run weekly drop ins particularly in the villages surrounding the town centres where there is now very little or no youth support. We offer informal educational workshops addressing issued effecting the young people, working in partnership with many other agencies, i.e. CAHMS; One Point Young Peoples Services; Investing in Children.

Intergenerational activities are also high on our agenda, we held Christmas parties in Burnhope and Consett, with a total of 60 senior citizens attending. The young people planned, prepared and served the food as well as entertaining them by Carol singing and a very diverse game of Bingo.

Outdoor activities and residentials are high on our agenda, encouraging young people to challenge themselves, think outside the box, and develop new skills, physical and emotional wellbeing, team building as well as having fun whilst transcending to confident adults.

We also run a weekly LGBT+ drop in for young people initially funded. The need for this was initially identified through detached work and discussions with young people who were facing discrimination, bullying, exclusion, leaving them feeling isolated and confused. They now have a safe place where they can come and be themselves, make new friends and if necessary receive special support. We were fortunate to receive funding for the sustainability of this project from Karbon Homes.

Fundraising is a major issue with local authorities cutting grants and in our case taking it away completely, many small projects are closing due to lack of funding. We have a dedicated team and the support of some amazing Trust Funds who have supported us over the years. Our longevity speaks for itself and hopefully our project will be here for many more years to come. We started 2019 with a three year grant from The National Lottery Community Fund, we are looking forward to working with them, however we will not be sitting back we will continue to work as hard as ever to maintain our level of support to young people and the community in which they live. The wellbeing of young people is and always has been our priority.

Jackie Forbes – Project Manager

Youth Worker Reports

Over the past year we have continued to work with young people throughout Derwentside and have begun working with a new group in Crookhall which is a small village with no amenities. We currently run a Drop in and over the winter month's numbers of attendees increased substantially from five up to 30. We offer the young people arts and craft sessions and games and we are looking forward to getting back in to the newly refurbished village hall so we can then deliver cookery sessions so young people can learn to prepare and cook healthy meals.



The LGBT Drop In runs twice a week and numbers continue to rise with more than 30 young people currently registered with us. This Drop In is vital as for some attendees it is the only place they feel comfortable and safe to socialise with friends. Young people take part in workshops and group discussions on issues and subjects relevant to them. As many suffer from low self-esteem, anxiety and depression we also offer one to ones so that young people have the opportunity to discuss any needs or concerns they have confidentially. These one to one sessions have proved to be a necessity over the last few months. Young people attending LGBT sessions recently made up ten backpacks of essential items and along with staff delivered them to the YMCA in Chester-le- Street to be given out to the homeless. In October we took the group on their yearly Halloween event to Brockbushes farm where they took part in Satanic Panic. Young people were fantastic and very brave, workers not so much!

We have been running Burnhope Drop In for 18 months now and it continues to be well attended. We have recently set up a tuckshop at request of the young people and this has proven to be very popular. Young people take part in arts and crafts, group discussions and have the opportunity to take part in various sports when weather permits. One group has begun

a Key Stage one in the hopes of raising the funds to enable them to attend an activity of their choice.



Young people making up Backpacks with essentials for the homeless

In October a group of Burnhope Young people also had a trip to Brockbush Farm Halloween event and once again these young people were far braver than staff! Early December saw the return of the Senior Citizens Christmas Afternoon Tea event where young people prepared and served a selection of sandwiches and sweet treats to approximately 40 local Senior Citizens. Once again this event was a huge success and both guests and young people had an amazing time. The young people taking part in this event were then rewarded with an Ice Skating trip to the Centre for Life in Newcastle. Some of them never having been ice skating before.



Young people from Burnhope enjoying Ice Skating and Halloween Trip

As always the Consett Annual Christmas Dinner was a huge success with young people from different areas and groups helping organise, prepare and serve a traditional Christmas lunch to senior citizens. The young people were fantastic, making sure all guests needs were met, ensuring the day was well enjoyed by all attending.



Annual Intergenerational Christmas Event

Detached work at present is being revised and we are currently looking at areas where the need is greatest. We are currently trying to plan for the future but is these strange times this is proving a challenge. We will however be here to support all our young people in the area when things return to some semblance of normality.

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future"

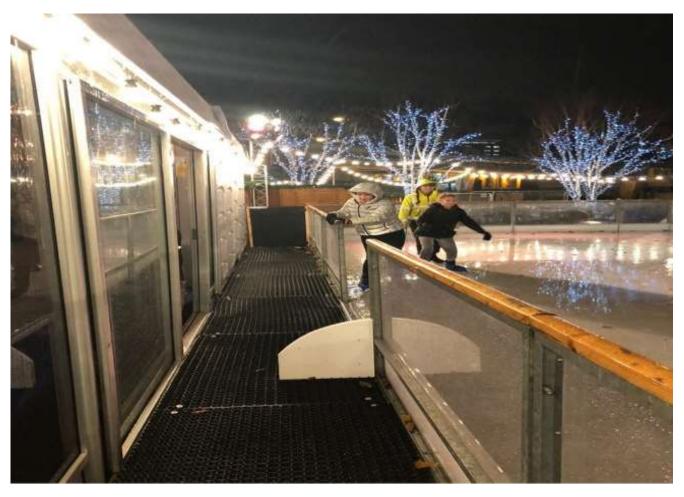
(Franklin D. Roosevelt)

Diane Wordsworth - Youth Worker

The past year has been a great success for CCDYP. In Our LGBT group we have seen our numbers increase every week with new members, myself and Diane have started up a new drop in alongside Chris at Crookhall community centre which had a large group attend on the first night. The community centre has just been upgraded with lots of new resources for us to use. We have also planned out more project work at Burnhope. The young people were currently doing a Key fund where they hoped to go to ultimate bounce on their first stage. We are planning on continuing this once lockdown is over!



In August 2019 we took our young people to South Shields, although it rained, it didn't stop us from having fun.



A group for Moorside visiting the Center for Life Ice-skating.



In October we did lots of Halloween arts and crafts with our Burnhope and LGBT group such as pumpkin carving. We also took two separate groups to Brock bushes farm for a Halloween maze walk called 'satanic panic'.



In December our youth project did two sets of Christmas foods for senior citizens in the local area. This took place in consent town centre were we invited the residents from care homes and also through age UK. As well as this we held an afternoon Tea for senior citizens in the Burnhope community we had young people from both these events attend and volunteer.

We also took a group of 12, Ice Skating in December. They YP really enjoyed it and have asked if they can go again this year. As well as this, we had also planned to take our LGBT group to the newly opened escape rooms in Consett.

During lockdown myself and Diane have come up with ideas on how to still engage with our young people. So far we have offered Our groups a chance to message/ring our work mobile if they need to reach out, we have delivered books called 'wreck this journal' and are currently in the middle of giving outs bags full of activities to help ease their boredom!



Megan – Support Worker

April 2019 we had two trips in one week to Bromley Grange where groups of young people from Moorside and Blackhill enjoyed a selection of outdoor activities. They were challenged on the low rope tree walk, enjoyed crate stacking and best of all they had fun on the wet slippery slide.

Another favorite was the aerial slide with myself and Lucy catching them at the end of the decent.

We were sorry when Lucy left to join the police force but wished her luck and thanked her for her contribution to the project.

In summer the Moorside group completed a Key Fund for an activity of their own choice to South Shields. Despite the rain a good time was had by all and thanks to our great new worker and mini bus driver Joanne.

The therapeutic art group went on a visit to the Gala Theatre in Durham to see a photographic exhibition presented by young people. The large photographs depicted the diverse environments young people experience today. Some examples were a group of young lads hanging out in a park, another was of a schoolgirl looking out of a bus window on her journey. Our group expressed an interest in having an exhibition of their own to display their art work. Martin informed the group that they were welcome to use the Lodge. We hope to do this before the end of the year.

In December two groups went to the open air ice rink at the Centre for Life in Newcastle. Moorside group and members from art group and emotional wellbeing group. One lad from the art group was not going to go but changed his mind and went. Feedback from him was he had enjoyed the challenge of learning to skate and had a fantastic time. This was the general opinion of all the young people who attended.

Moorside Drop in Group

During the last year we have maintained a steady number of attendees, young people from the Grove, Moorside and Castleside have benefited from our input. The group have enjoyed a variety of crafts and indoor sport. We have worked in partnership with Chris from sports and Leisure who has provided an hour of sport for young people after our youth session. The sport sessions are very structured and the young people seem to like this. Our numbers have increased since the sport sessions started.

In addition we have engaged with young people who have mental health issues. We saw a need for input so Joanne started focused sessions with some young people who have Quite serious issues relating to their mental health. Some young people were involved with CAMHS or were waiting for appointments. CAMHS waiting time can be a long duration so in the interim our project has identified a need and done something about it. The young people involved appreciate this very much feel they have someone to talk to.

Plans for this year are to be involved in a community project to tidy up a woodland area near the new Heritage Trail. This will be in partnership with the local Councillor, P.C.S.O,s and the Woodland Trust who are keen for us to go ahead. The area is in Moorside and the young people are keen to be involved. As well as that we hope to address Holiday Hunger in partnership with the committee of St John's Hall.

Therapeutic Art Group

There are 12 young people male and female attending sessions which are held in The Lodge at Blackhill Park. Due to popular demand there is a waiting list for this group.

Quotes from young people attending the Art Therapy Group:

"The group has helped me gain confidence in talking with new people, it also helped me with my art skills and my social anxiety" Female aged 13.

"The group has helped me to make friends and it has given me courage to try new things" Male aged 14

"The group has helped me amazingly. It has made me more sociably with other young people. I can talk to Lynn and Joanne about anything and they will help me" Female aged 14.

These are just a few of the comments we have had from young people who participated in the art therapy group.

Tesco Community Room

Emotional wellbeing and confidence building. Throughout the year we have delivered a rolling programme of sessions which have incorporated all aspects of wellbeing. Young people have been referred to the group through schools, One Point Service and CAMHS. The programme will be ongoing as the need has been identified to support young people with mental health issues, anxiety and emotional wellbeing.

LYNN WALTON - YOUTH WORKER



Making Easter Gifts at the Art Therapy Group.

My original involvement within Consett Churches Detached Youth Project, started when I was required to complete a work placement within a health and social care environment for the degree course in which I was studying at the University of Sunderland. In November 2018 I contacted Jackie enquiring if the project would be able to facilitate what I was required to complete, thankfully Jackie said she would be more than willing to help me complete my placement hours, so in January 2019 I started working alongside Lynn. Little did I know this placement would turn out to be the life changing event it has been. I am so grateful for Jackie giving me the opportunity to complete my hours within C.C.D.Y.P, if I had known this placement would have led to far greater things I may not have stressed so much.

Throughout January, February, March and April I shadowed Lynn and Lucy, attending all of the groups in which she worked. Tuesdays Lynn ran a Drop in at Moorside, Wednesday, I attended the Therapeutic Art/Gardening group and Thursday I supported at Roots and Wings Youth cafe (although at this point of time the youth café was not under C.C.D.Y.P umbrella), on a Friday I provided support at the group within Tesco's community room, this group was designed to improve the young people's mental wellbeing. While supporting at the afore mentioned groups I gained invaluable knowledge, which I was able to put to good use within my degree coursework and forthcoming employment. I also quickly gained the trust of many of the young people in which we support and fast became someone in which the young people came to with issues and problems within their lives.

As I was coming to the end of my placement hours and the completion of my degree course one of the current support workers Lucy had, had her application to become a police officer accepted and was therefore leaving her post within C.C.D.Y.P. Lynn encouraged me to apply for the vacant post of support worker. Due to thoroughly enjoying the work I had been doing with Lynn I did not hesitate to apply for the post and in June 2019, I officially started working as a youth support worker alongside Lynn. The support and guidance Lynn has provided has proved invaluable to my progression within the C.C.D.Y.P team, for this I will be forever indebted.

Once I was an official member of the team I completed M.I.D.A.S training which enabled me to be able to drive the projects mini bus. The first trip in which I drove the mini bus was to South Shields with the Moorside group. This trip was paid for by the Key Fund, to gain the money for the trip the young people, researched and priced how much the day out would cost including travel, food, refreshments and an all-day pass to the fairground. The group then gave a short presentation to Key Fund representatives to secure the money required for the day out. The Young People attending the drop in are very varied, many of them have their own personal troubles and often clashes in personalities occur, being part of this community is vital as we enable a safe haven where the young people are able to vent their frustrations and take on board advice from myself and Lynn.

During one of the Therapeutic Art sessions Martin invited the group to a photographic exhibition at the Gala Theatre in Durham. The group jumped at the chance to attend as many who come along to the group have an interest in photography themselves. The photographs on display depicted the diverse environments in which young people live and experience within today's society. Many of the group expressed that they too would like to do some form of exhibition and Martin offered them the use of the Lodge for their display. Lynn has collected many suitable pieces and hoped to display them this Easter but unfortunately due to current circumstances this is on hold. The Young People that attend the art group are a diverse group who all come together and support each other forming a lovely close supportive group.

While Lynn delivers a more structured group on a Friday night at the Community room within Tesco I provide support. The groups are aimed at developing and building confidence and self-esteem. These groups are running on a much smaller basis and they provide a much more personal service. I consider this type of group to be invaluable to the young people accessing them.

In October 2019 C.C.D.Y.P, advertised the post of Youth Worker, once again with encouragement from Lynn I applied for the post and became the successful applicant. The initial idea was that I would investigate potential areas to run my own drop in groups from, but due to staffing issues I was left without a support worker, this resulted in myself and Lynn continuing to work together which in my opinion has worked to a great advantage, as having two level 3 workers working alongside each other it facilitates the delivery of a more structured service within the drop in groups.

In November I started working within my new position in Lynn's already established groups, as previously stated many of the young people we work with have their own personal issues, so I took the opportunity to take a small group of young people who myself and Lynn had already

identified as having additional needs into a separate area where we focused talking through any issues they were facing.

I am now looking forward to working as a Detached Youth Worker within the Project supporting young people in the area.

Joanne Nattrass - Youth Worker

SOME COMMENTS FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE

The art project has helped me gain confidence and has supported everyone in many ways. It helped me to focus on preparing for sixth form

C Aged 16 Female

I enjoy coming to the art project it has helped with my anger issues and helped to to make friends. Loved the skating trip at Christmas so proud of myself.

W aged 14 male.

The group has helped me to be a better person and kinder to others.

K aged 13 female

The drop in is great and the only place for young people to go in Moorside. We do all kinds of activities and have had amazing trips away.

J aged 15 male

Without the project I would just be at home and not communicate with other young people. The group is supportive and has helped me mix with other youth people.

A aged 15 female.

CCDYP Accounts 2019

Consett Churches Detached Youth Project Accounts 2020

	2020			2019
Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Grants	£ 12,340.3	£ 87,358.04 £	99,698.42	£ 25,050.41
Donations: Churches & Individuals	£ 5,365.4	£ 1,740.24 £	7,105.73	£ 1,407.24
Fund Raising	£ 342.3	£	342.30	£ -
Gift Aid Reclaim	£ 291.9	£	291.98	£ 51.36
Interest	£ 35.1	£	35.10	£ 34.95
Other income	£ 369.0	£	369.00	£ 382.80
Bus Hires		£ 2,998.66 £	2,998.66	£ 3,858.50
Total receipts	£ 18,744.2	£ 92,096.94 £	110,841.19	£ 30,785.26
Payments]			
Salaries NI & Pension	£ 1,694.5	£ 56,853.21 £	58,547.75	£ 45,658.25
Staff Expenses	£ 100.0	£ 153.18 £	253.18	£ 290.93
Staff Training		£ 551.00 £	551.00	£ 70.80
Activities	£ 2,592.0	£ 5,646.78 £	8,238.78	£ 3,600.30
Activities Equipment & other costs	£ 224.8	£ 3,123.49 £	3,348.33	£ 2,403.46
Postage Print & Stationery	£ 121.0	£ 844.22 £	965.27	£ 332.73
Telephone		£ 965.89 £	965.89	£ 957.17
Insurance		£ 499.80 £	499.80	£ 494.80
Office Equipment & other costs	£ 640.3	£ 1,144.98 £	1,785.30	£ 228.00
Rent & rates	£ 250.0	£ 2,760.00 £	3,010.00	£ 3,000.00
Volunteer & Committee Expenses		£	-	£ 79.00
Trustee & Staff development		£ 834.98 £	834.98	£ -
Bus Costs		£ 1,883.48 £	1,883.48	£ 3,015.66
Bank Charges	£ 10.0	£ 110.00 £	120.00	£ 120.00
Overpayment to Inland Revenue		£	148	£ -
Miscellaneous		£	-	£ 17.03
Total Payments	£ 5,632.7	£ 75,371.01 £	81,003.76	£ 60,268.13
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	£ 13,111.5	£ 16,725.93 £	29,837.43	-£ 29,482.87
Total Funds brought forward	£ 18,613.5	£ 13,888.93 £	32,502.50	£ 61,985.37
Sub total	£ 31,725.0	£ 30,614.86 £	62,339.93	£ 32,502.50
Transfers and adjustments *	1	£	783	
CCDYP FUNDS AT YEAR END	£ 31,725.0	£ 30,614.86 £	62,339.93	£ 32,502.50

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 31 March 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total 2019
Funds Reconciliation	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank and in hand 31.3.18	20,626.11	11,876.39	32,502.50	61,985.37
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	13,111.50	16,725.93		-29,482.87
Transfers	1			
Cash at bank and in hand 31.3.19	33,737.61	28,602.32	62,339.93	32,502.50
Bank and Cash Balances				
CAF Current Account			20844.86	6,244.67
CAF Gold Account			40672.58	25,637.48
CAF Cashcard Account			515.85	584.58
Cheques awaiting paying in				
Petty Cash			306.64	35.77
			62,339.93	32,502.50
Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)			~	
Computers (estimated value)			800.00	200.00
Photocopier (estimated)			400.00	550.00
Office Furniture (estimated)			400.00	200.00
			1,600.00	950.00
Other Assets (Restricted fund)				
Minibus (Written down 20% current year)*			20,868.48	26,085.60

^{*} The SLA relating to the Minibus, purchased with the benefit of a Community Transport grant from Durham County Council, requires that in the event of its sale or disposal prior to August 31st 2021 it must either be sold at a sum equal to best value and a proportionate amount returned to the Council, or the bus istes!f be returned to the council in good condition.

Liabilities NIL NIL

Approved by the Trustees or 29/9/2020 2020 and signed on their behalf by:

Jeff Davison

Chair

Owen Temple Treasurer

Independent Examiners Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CONSETT CHURCHES' DETACHED YOUTH PROJECT

This report is on the account of Consett Churches' Detached Youth Project (Charity Number 513336) for the year ended 31st March 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report:

As the Charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') as amended.

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- . the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - . to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Kenneth Williamson 28 Wharnley Way, Castleside Consett, DH8 9QN	Dated 10/7/20
Qualifications: ACCA	
Approved at the a General Meeting of Conset	t Churches' Detached Youth Project on 29/9/2020
Signed: Our Junke	Dated 29 9 2020
Signed: -3 Davis	Dated 29/9/2028

Acknowledgements

From all of us at the Project we would like to say a big "thank you" to Trust Funds, grant making bodies, local churches and individuals for their continued support, some over many years. Their support has enabled us to maintain our level of service in the community.

The list is not comprehensive and some wish to remain anonymous.

- > The Rothley Trust
- > The Hadrian Trust
- Area Action Partnership
- County Durham Foundation
- > #I will
- The Ballinger Trust
- > Catherine Cookson Charitable Foundation
- Awards for All
- Karbon Homes
- Community Safety Fund
- The National Lottery Community Fund

We would also like to thank others who have given their time and commitment to our Project. Their support is immeasurable and appreciated especially by our youth workers and the young people who have benefited from their input.

A special mention to:

Cllr Derek Hicks and St. Johns Village Hall Tesco in the Community B&Q for donations to our garden project Consett Methodist Church Burnhope Community Centre

And of course our volunteers who could not manage without, they are a valuable asset to our work.





















