

Derwentside Detached Youth Project

Supporting young people in the Community since 1981

Annual Report

April 2021 – March 2022



Room 40, Glenroyd House, Medomsley Road, Consett, Co Durham DH8 5HL

Tel: 01207501863

Email: consettchurches@btconnect.com

Website: <https://www.ddyp.org.uk>

Contents

Meet the Trustees -----	3
Meet the Team -----	4
Chair’s Report -----	
Jeff Davison -----	5
ABOUT THE PROJECT -----	
Jackie Forbes - Project Manager -----	6
Youth Workers’ Reports	
Diane Wordsworth -----	8
Lynn Walton -----	10
The Young People Comments -----	14
DDYP Accounts 2021 - 2022 -----	17
Statement of Assets & Liabilities -----	18
Independent Examiners Report -----	19
Acknowledgements -----	20

Meet the Trustee's



Jeffrey Davison – Chair



Owen Temple – Treasurer



Anne Leech– Secretary



Jane Brown



REV. Anne Jeffrey



Kyle Vitali



Gowther Horn

Meet the Team



Jackie Forbes – Project Manager



Diane Wordsworth – Detached Youth Worker



Lynn Walton – Detached Youth Worker



Megan Sinden – support Youth Worker



Lucy Halkyard - Support Worker

CHAIRS REPORT

I am fortunate to have been involved with the Project for many years, first as a Detached Youth Worker. I then became a Trustee and now have the privilege of being the Chairperson.

The vision of the Project back in 1981 was to provide some short term help and support for those young people who had no hope of employment when "The Works" closed and subsequently local coalmines. It was recognised there was a need to care, to reach out to people who were struggling, without asking them for something in return.

41 years on, although the Project has changed with the times, the basic same principle of unconditional, non-judgemental reaching out to young people is still the motivation for all at DDYP. Our name may have changed, however our aim has remained the same.

It is perhaps a little sad that the Project is still needed now, providing good quality youth work and responding to the issues that most affect the lives of young people in Derwentside. In some cases it seems as if nothing has changed, young people still need to share their fears, anxieties and hopes for the future.

As we look to the future our hope and vision is to see a non-judgmental and fair society where young people are accepted for who they are and the contribution they will bring to the community. Until then we will provide the best quality of youth work, offering new opportunities, building self-esteem, giving them the confidence to take control of their lives and look forward to a better future.

The strength of the Project has been the consistent way of its approach to the work. There has been no jumping from one problem to another, to attempts to find "quick" solutions. There is a steady measured development of youth work in line with the Project's aims. The work takes time, commitment and patience to get results.

The Project has overcome many obstacles over the years, particularly the more recent pandemic, something nobody thought they would ever have to deal with. Once again we survived and thrived and continue to support young people and the community. The need for the Project and its mission will be with us for a long time to come.

Jeff Davison – Chair of Trustee

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

The aim of our project is to help and support young people, without distinction of race, political opinion or sex, to transcend to confident mature individuals and members of society, improve opportunities and look to a better future.

The initial idea for our Project came about in 1981 as a result of the closure of the local Steel Works, the principal employer in the area, followed by the closure of the local coalmines. Local residents, church leader and councillors could see the problems the massive unemployment was causing in the area and the knock on effect to the young people and their futures.

Today there has been very little change in circumstances, although new employers come into the area, very few have stayed and there has been none on the same scale as the Steel Works. Although situated in Consett town centre, we are surrounded by many rural villages, most of which do not have any youth provision. In recent years statutory youth provision has become almost extinct in the villages, together with the closure of many church and village halls it has become even more difficult for young people to get together in a safe and warm environment simply to socialize.

Detached work is the main core of our work enabling us to reach out and engage sometimes challenging and marginalised young people. Our programme is built on offering them new opportunities both socially and educational, to raise their aspirations and build self-esteem. Many do not attend statutory youth provision as there is none in their area or they are excluded, leaving them feeling they don't belong in society. Building up a mutual working relationship we offer them diverse leisure activities aimed at improving their mental, physical and emotional wellbeing. Informal educational workshops are always on our agenda targeting relevant issues, drug/alcohol awareness; healthy eating; sexual health; bullying; LGBT+ awareness, we are led by young people addressing needs relevant to them. Outdoor activities are aimed at improving emotional and physical wellbeing, giving them new challenges, encouraging them to think outside the box, utilise their leisure time to their advantage, learn new skills and reach their own personal goal. Detached youth work is a very unique way of engaging these young people and we are proud to say we are the only one in the area. In many cases we are now working with 3rd generations of a family.

Our very successful LGBTQ+ drop in, now in its third year, aimed at young people who feel particularly isolated in every way, having nobody to talk to and no one else is like them, they are susceptible to bullying and prejudice. We offer them a safe, friendly warm place to come, enjoy the company of others, build confidence through social interaction, and show them they

are not alone. We were made aware of the need through young people we engaged during our detached youth work.

Our art therapy group, another success, is held on a weekly basis made up of young people that are referred to us from other agencies. They may have emotional issues, behavioural issues, find it difficult to socialize, some have very serious problems. Art therapy helps them relax, build their confidence, help them to communicate with others. It also highlights their individual talents and encourages them to try other activities. A young person normally comes along to the group for a period of 6/8 weeks, once the worker feels appropriate they are encouraged to join another group, leaving a space for someone else who needs more support.

The Roots & Wings café held in the Baptist Church at Blackhill, another great asset for the area. The numbers of built up, and it has become so popular the group has had to be split into 2 sessions to accommodate all the young people.

On a Friday evening workers go along to Burnhope Community Centre to the drop in for young people. Again another huge success as there is no youth provision and very little options of transport out of the village.

We have been very fortunate over the past three years as we have received numerous grants from all sources, the main grant coming from the National Lottery Community Fund. Unfortunately, this has now come to an end, however they have still agreed to support us but not on such a great scale. Funding is and always has been a struggle for small charities like ours, however we are a dedicated team knowing the service we provide to the community. We are never afraid to try new programmes addressing local needs, we will never give up. We have overcome many difficulties, i.e. lack of funding, staff shortages, more recent the pandemic, we came through the other side determined as ever.

I have been part of this team for many years now and look back with pride on our achievements, the young people we have supported, families who have been grateful for our input, our success stories with individuals, the youth workers I have seen come and go who have always put the wellbeing of the young people first and of course the smiling faces of so many young people who go on to make the successful transition to adulthood, happy and confident.

Jackie Forbes – Project Manager

Youth Worker Reports

This last year has been quite a challenge but I feel we as a project have accomplished quite a lot. After months of uncertainty about the future due to Covid lockdowns etc. getting back to some semblance of normalcy was welcomed by both young people and staff.

LGBTQ+ GROUP

The group has been running two nights a week since returning as numbers of young people attending increased and the room we hire was not big enough to accommodate. Over the last twelve months young people have taken part in numerous activities including a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Workshop, a trip to The Escape Rooms, a Halloween Ghost Hunt, a Christmas trip to Winter Wonderland and just recently a 2 night residential to Chartners Farm in Northumberland. The group is a safe space for LGBTQ+ young people to meet and socialise. Weekly sessions are always young people led and workers try to accommodate young people's ideas. We have had mocktail making, pizza making and stress ball making sessions and we regularly hold quizzes chosen by young people.



Winter Wonderland



Chartners Farm Residential

I would also like to add that two members of the LGBTQ+ Group have been elected onto our Project's Board of Trustees. The workers could not be any more proud.

BURNHOPE DROP IN

Since re-opening after Covid Lockdowns numbers of young people attending had reduced greatly as lots of young people had left school and moved on. It has taken a while but numbers attending are increasing almost weekly. Burnhope is quite a rural, isolated area and there is nothing

else for young people in the village and most cannot afford to travel on public transport to access services elsewhere so this drop in is vital. Over the last twelve months young people have taken part in a Bullying Workshop, Winter Wonderland Trip, Positivity Stone Painting and a Halloween Party. We are also planning to hold some Healthy eating and activity days during the summer holidays.



Winter Wonderland



Making Halloween Decorations

Detached

We are currently running two sessions a week in four different areas. Over the winter months detached can be a challenge as the weather can seriously affect the outcome of the session. However in the lighter, warmer months detached can be very rewarding. It is sometimes hard to make initial contact with young people on their own turf as young people don't trust easily and as we are detached workers and not outreach we don't have the luxury of offering them a warm, safe place to hang out so it can be a challenge to keep young people engaged. Gaining their trust, mutual respect and listening to their needs is the key to successful detached work.

"Give young people a greater voice. They are the future and they are much wiser than we give them credit for." (Desmond Tutu)

Diane Wordsworth - Youth Worker

This has been a very busy but productive year for my team. We have facilitated 3 center based groups as follows:

St John's Community Hall drop in

St John's Community Hall drop in where we now have an average 30 to max 45 young people attending aged from 10 to 16 years. This has been a great benefit to the Community as there is no other Youth provision available in this area. We have provided a variety of activities which have included indoor and outdoor sport such as badminton, table tennis and football. We provide craft activities, board games and fun group activities.



YP Preparing Community Tea Party at St. Johns Moorside

The older group have engaged in issue based work, mental health, drug and alcohol, sexual health and assertiveness. We have also supported young people in their transition to senior school and the older ones with career path support.

In the summer 2021 we had 2 trips to Lightwater Valley which many of the young people would not have been able to afford. We also held a family day with games prizes and a buffet. At Christmas some of the young people went to an open air ice rink in Newcastle.

Those families who were struggling financially were supported by the project in practical ways. Glenroyd House supplied food and Christmas presents which we delivered to the most needy.

January 2022

We saw an increase in numbers due to referrals from Children and Young people's Services and the local primary school. We also worked in partnership with the PCSO s who operate in the area and had reported anti-social behavior in the younger age group. March we continue to thrive and it is obvious that young people have benefited tremendously from our service delivery.



Bee Bag by YP Art Group Member



Mushroom Bag by YP Art Group Member

Therapeutic Art Group

Our art group has provided a safe space for young people who have low self-esteem and some who have found it hard to socialise with other young people. The group is maximum of 12 young people due to the nature of the work.



Inspiration Scrapbook by YP Art Group Member



Art Scrapbook by YP Art Group Member

We have had referrals from children and young people's Services, CAMHS and some self-referrals. From my own observation and feedback from young people the group has helped young people gain confidence, make new friends as well as learning art and craft skills. Two of our young people are now volunteers and peer supporters for the group.

Five of the group members are going on a sailing trip for 4 days this will take place in May 2022. This is an achievement for them as when they first joined us they were very reticent and it took time for them to build up their confidence. Their journey forward is something for them to be proud of. The group will be Sailing on The James Cook boat.

Roots and Wings youth café

We have an average of 17 attending the group aged from 12 to 16 most come directly after school and have something to eat and drink which is provided by us. The group had some offsite activities 2021 which included Infinite air trampolines and outdoor ice Rink. In the summer we held a family buffet which also included elderly members of the community. Parents showed their appreciation and informed us that their young people looked forward to attending the project and had enjoyed opportunities they could not afford to give them. We have also supported the young people in practical ways by providing the families with food, clothing and other items generously supplied by Glenroyd House Community Group. We aim for the group to continue and to build further links with the community of Bridgehill and Blackhill. The group has engaged in activities such as art and craft, music as well as working out with the punch bag. We have projects planned for later in the year which will include a music project learning to DJ and Animation and film making.



Roots & Wings Youth Cafe YP Activities



Roots & Wings Youth Cafe YP Activities

Detached

In the communities of Moorside, The Grove, Blackhill and Bridgehill we identified young people who were in alternative education and most are known to the police. They admitted that they were too disruptive to engage in center based youth projects as well as being intimidating to other young people. They agreed to try and keep out of trouble with the police and to attend their education centers. Their reward is of their own choice, quad biking. If they keep their word and their behavior in the community improves Police are aware of the criteria for behavior and will inform us that they had no bad reports. The trip will go ahead Easter 2022. We will continue to work with the group and monitor their progress

Challenges and opportunities

We live in a challenging time. Families suffer from the rising cost of living some have no money left for leisure activities or after school clubs. In addition coping with other difficulties life may throw at them.

Our project has made a difference for these young people in many ways; either by providing a safe place for them to come and meet and socialise knowing we are there to listen, support or join in fun activities with them. We look forward to another successful year ahead.

Lynn Walton – Youth Worker

SOME COMMENTS FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Please give your comment on how Derwentside Detached Youth Project has helped you in any way. It gave me a place where I'm not stressed.

Name Declyn

Name Charlotte Allerton.

Derwentside Detached youth Project has helped me to become a more independent young person in the group but also outside of the group. They have also allowed for me to feel like this old group is a safe space where I can talk to Lynne or anyone about any problems that I'm struggling with.

Derwentside Detached youth group has also helped me to come out of my shell but also to grow into a young individual & to be more confident in myself as well as feeling like I can accomplish things.

Name MEGAN

DDYP HAS HELPED ME ALOT WITH GAINING CONFIDENCE AND HAS GIVEN ME A SAFE SPACE AWAY FROM ALL OF THE STRESS AND PRESSURE I HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH

Name Jack Emberson

Derwentside detached Youth Project
has helped me cure my Boredom
with fun activities it also
made me enjoy spending time
with the people here

Name Martha Manley

Ever since I've known what DDYP is, I haven't been able to stop coming back - week after week. We've done everything possible: from art and football, to rollercoasters and inflatable parks. I'm glad to say that I've met not only some incredible friends, but also a family I'll never forget and a home away from home.

The experiences I've had are countless and we've had the best of times. It's really helped me to grow in confidence and to become more me. It's something I can't thank everyone at the Derwentside Detached Youth Group enough for.

Kate L, "It is a very happy and positive environments. They`re really canny."

George, "They have a really great service and helped me socialise and have a great time. I built friends that I`m glad to have and I hope it can keep going because I really enjoy it".

Emilie J, "Diane and Megan are the best youth workers. They are both very supportive.

Megs, "The group is a super fun place and Diane and Megan are very welcoming."

Ethan Brown, "The youth club workers are so fabulous, they come up with mint ideas, also for trips and for the inside of the youth club. They have good parties and good things to play with. And really fair rules"

CCDYP Accounts 2021 – 2022

Derwentside Detached Youth Project Accounts 2022

	2022			2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Receipts				
Grants	£ 13,500.00	£ 93,799.00	£ 107,299.00	£ 100,509.16
Donations: Churches & Individuals	£ 120.00		£ 120.00	£ 660.00
Fund Raising			£ -	£ -
Gift Aid Reclaim			£ -	£ -
Interest	£ 6.84		£ 6.84	£ 18.42
Other income	£ 3,054.67		£ 3,054.67	£ 2,310.69
Bus Hires	£ 959.00		£ 959.00	£ -
Total receipts	£ 17,640.51	£ 93,799.00	£ 111,439.51	£ 103,498.27
Payments				
Salaries NI & Pension		£ 71,379.32	£ 71,379.32	£ 69,229.80
Staff Expenses		£ 318.68	£ 318.68	£ 364.84
Staff Training		£ 525.40	£ 525.40	£ 111.49
Activities	£ 14.84	£ 5,157.37	£ 5,172.21	£ 5,273.37
Activities Equipment & other costs		£ 3,693.02	£ 3,693.02	£ 4,151.69
Counselling		£ 1,760.00	£ 1,760.00	
Postage Print & Stationery		£ 582.77	£ 582.77	£ 327.97
Telephone		£ 1,639.74	£ 1,639.74	£ 1,090.67
Insurance		£ 1,039.54	£ 1,039.54	£ -
Office Equipment & other costs	£ 73.25	£ 221.16	£ 294.41	£ 164.98
Rent & rates		£ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00	£ 2,250.00
Volunteer & Committee Expenses		£ 30.80	£ 30.80	£ -
Trustee & Staff development			£ -	£ -
Bus Costs	£ 2,627.95		£ 2,627.95	£ 2,200.36
Bank Charges		£ 192.00	£ 192.00	£ 138.00
IT & Social Media inc consultancy		£ 774.18	£ 774.18	£ 3,568.35
Unspent grant money returned		£ 2,143.00	£ 2,143.00	
Miscellaneous			£ -	£ -
Total Payments	£ 2,716.04	£ 92,456.98	£ 95,173.02	£ 88,871.52
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	£ 14,924.47	£ 1,342.02	£ 16,266.49	£ 14,626.75
Total Funds brought forward	£ 43,388.47	£ 33,578.21	£ 76,966.68	£ 62,339.93
Sub total	£ 58,312.94	£ 34,920.23	£ 93,233.17	£ 76,966.68
Transfers and adjustments	£ 7.31	£ 7.31	£ -	
CCDYP FUNDS AT YEAR END	£ 58,320.25	£ 34,912.92	£ 93,233.17	£ 76,966.68

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Derwentside Detached Youth Project

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Previous year
	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation				
Cash at Bank and in hand 31.3.21	38,981.52	37,985.16	76,966.68	62,339.93
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	14,924.47	1,342.02	16,266.49	14,626.75
Transfers	7.31	-7.31		
Cash at bank and in hand 31.3.22	53,913.30	39,319.87	93,233.17	76,966.68
Bank and Cash Balances				
CAF Current Account			52,237.62	34,950.57
CAF Gold Account			40,697.84	40,691.00
CAF Cashcard Account			113.36	1,026.61
Tax & NI overpaid/-underpaid			56.39	
Petty Cash			127.96	298.50
			93,233.17	76,966.68
Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)				
Photocopier (estimated value)			200.00	300.00
Computers (estimated value)			800.00	1,000.00
Office Furniture (estimated)			200.00	300.00
			1,000.00	1,300.00
Other Assets (Restricted fund)				
Minibus (Written down 20% current year)			13,355.00	16,695.00
Liabilities			NIL	NIL

Independent Examiners Report

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

This report is on the account of Derwentside Detached Youth Project (Charity Number 513336) for the year ended 31st March 2022.

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 project'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

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: K. Williamson
Kenneth Williamson
28 Wharnley Way, Castleside
Consett, DH8 9QN

Dated 16/6/22

Qualifications: ACCA

Approved at the a General Meeting of Derwentside Detached Youth Project on 11-07-2022

Signed: Brian Sample

Dated 11-07-2022

Signed: J. Davidson

Dated 29-07-2022

Acknowledgements

We can't say a big enough "thank you" to all who have given us their support over the years, particularly during some very difficult times. The support has enabled us to provide a consistent service to young people and the community. Over the years funding has become more difficult and we have unfortunately seen so many small charities like ours disappear.

Some of our funders have gone over and above in their support and we are eternally grateful for their input and advice.

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

- The National Lottery Community Fund – Lynn Stoddart your guidance has been exceptional.
- County Durham Foundation
- Awards for All
- The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust
- The Ballinger Trust – John & Andrew your support and guidance went over and above.
- Aviva
- The Rothley Trust
- The Barbour Trust
- The National Lottery COVID support fund and The Government
- Cllr. Alex Watson
- Cllr. Dominic Haney
- Catherine White – in memory of Jimmy
- Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership

It goes without saying a thank you to our volunteers, without them we could not work to our full capacity. They are valued members of our team and we appreciate every one of them.

Martha.

The Rothley Trust



Derwentside Detached Youth Project (DDYP) Annual Report 2021 - 2022

Published by Jackie Forbes, Project Manager on behalf of the Trustees

Design & Layout by DDYP Design Team