

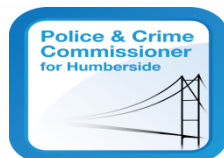


Goole Youth Action

Annual Report

July 2020 – June 2021

Our Key Partners include.....





1. Background

Goole Youth Coalition was formed in November 2014 and thus we are approaching our fifth anniversary. The Coalition is a unique partnership of organisations from both the Public and Voluntary sectors working together for the good of young people in the Goole area, current partners include: Castaway Music Theatre, New Life Support (Revive Church), Moorlands Community Charity, ERYC's Youth & Family Support (YFS) Service, Humberside Police, ERYC's Sports, Arts & Play Service, Goole Town Council, Goole Community Drop In, Waterways Museum/Sobriety project, Goole Leisure Centre, Heath Trainers, ERYC's Regeneration Dept, Office of Police Crime Commissionaire, ERYC' Safer Communities, Goole Academy & Goole College.

In January 2018 the Coalition changed its name to Goole Youth Action (GYA) to recognise that the partnership was more about delivering action and solutions on the ground. GYA adopted the Coalition aims in full:

- 'To enable more positive activity provision to be offered to the young people of Goole'
- 'To provide a platform for youth related organisations to share information and develop new opportunities.'
- 'Enable young people to have their say, when, where, and what kind of activities, they would like to experience in the Goole area'

Goole Youth Action has achieved some notable success over the past five years, including:

- Coordination of an annual summer programme (now in its fifth year) for young people aged 5 - 24 years, impressively GYA partners have delivered over the three summer programmes (2015-2017) over **1,030 hours of positive diversionary activity** delivered to **8,261 young people** at **516 sessions**.
- Greater partnership working between voluntary sector groups including **sharing of resources and intelligence** that shaped the delivery of services and intensive work with young people.
- **Established a Virtual Goole Youth Forum** for young people to express their views and shape the work of the partnership.
- **Secured over £172,000 of funding** from a variety of sources to deliver its work: Humber Police Crime Commissioner's Crime Reduction Fund, Goole Fields Wind Farm 1 & 2 Fund, Tribune Trust, Department of Communities & Local Government t, Big Lottery – Awards for All, Humberside Police's Benevolent Fund and East Riding's Community Safety Partnership.
- **Provided intensive one to one support to six young people over the last 16 months** as part of the DCLG funded **Goole Targeted Youth Project**.

In November 2019 Goole Youth Action being a registered CIO with the Charity Commission enabling the organisation to seek more funding and to become independent and self governing.

GYA Trustees are: Jacky Crawford (The Moorlands Community Charity), Steve Green (Revive) Linda Thornton (Castaway/Britain in Bloom & Liz Green – Canal & River Trust.



2. Our Last Year, July 2020 - June 2021

Once again been a busy year for the partnership. GYA Partners continue their high level commitment and support to work collaboratively in the best interests of the young people of Goole & Old Goole.

Without doubt the biggest challenge we and the entire population continue to face the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic. Our work youth work literally stopped overnight and the effects of the pandemic will be longer and far reaching for many months/years to come. Only recently in April 2021 we were able to start our new detached project following funding awards from Goole Wind Farm Fund and Humberside Police Crime Commissioners - Crime Reduction Fund which is administered by East Riding Council's Community Safety Partnership. Some of our voluntary sector youth partners have started to re-open their youth club provision but only to small numbers, whilst other await further Governmental guidance.

We recognised at the start of the year our on line presence and support was poor and thus we sort funding to remedy this. I am pleased to report that following a number of successful to funding bids from East Riding of Yorkshire Councils PAG Awards, SMILE Foundations Stronger Together Fund and the National lottery's "Awards for All" fund to enable a digital/Website project to proceed. This project will be led by a group of young people from our community to plan, design and implement GYA's new web site and improve social media "reach".

In addition, we have been successful in attracting funding from the Goole Wind Farm Fund (£) and Humberside Police Crime Commissioner / East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Community Safety Partnership Crime Reduction Fund (£10k) to commence a three year Detached project in partnership with the Moorlands starting in April 2021 until March 2023.

Ongoing Projects

Negative 2 Positive Outcomes (N2PO) – now in its third and final year the project funded via the East Riding Community Safety Partnership & the Humber Police Crime Commissioner's office continues to provide one to one support to young people and deliver holidays activities aimed at providing diversionary positive activity to help reduce youth related ASB. This project has been extended due to the Covid Pandemic and will conclude at the end of September 2021 and has been made possible through partnership with working with the Revive Youth.

Our Targeted Youth Link worker Kerry Allen left GYA in July to take up a youth work role with Hull City Council and we wish her well for her future. We then recruited a new worker who is Liz Green from Canal & River Trust /Revive to replace Kerry for the remainder of the project.

We are therefore about to complete the project with 12 weeks of focused one to one work with new year 7 students starting at Goole Academy in September and also current year 7 & 8's. The work will aim to reduce their risk taking and potential anti social behaviour over the summer and return to school ready to learn.



3. Highlights of the Year

July 2020 – GYA produced a **Marketing Plan** which set out priorities for the future. A key element was the identified need to create a young person friendly Web site and to obtain funding for the site to be created, maintained and for its content to be regularly updated by a employed media content assistant.

Summer – Due to the Pandemic our plans were severely impacted upon and we delivered a limited summer programme based mainly around our outreach project in conjunction with the Moorlands Charity. However GYA did help to fund a number of GYA partners to deliver the following :

- Junction delivered a virtual Music Festival
- Revive – delivered the Lunchbox project
- Castaway – delivered some fun activities sessions in West Park
- Moorlands Youth project – were able to purchase a portable pizza oven and delivered a number of sessions at South Park

October – We produced an report “Evaluation of the Goole Targeted Youth Project” which was printed and sent to a wide range of agencies including: Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Govt, National Youth Agency, Centre for Youth Impact, Office of the Humberside PCC. Feedback received was very encouraging and recognised the positive difference GYA had made to a number of young people lives.

We planned to delivered a October half term programme which included: kayaking sessions and event planning workshop for young people but unfortunately these were unable to go ahead due to Covid lockdown regulations. We did still manage to help fund the Lunchbox session at Revive. We undertook a survey of young people asking them about the impact on Covid on their lives and their hopes for the future. The results of this survey has help in applying for funding to help reduce the impact of Covid on young people in the future.

In December at its monthly meeting the partners considered the future strategic direction and agreed that GYA should provide the strategic direction of the partnership, manages all meetings, apply for funding, coordinate holiday activities, web site, youth festivals, monitoring and evaluation of projects with the understanding that we agree on a project by project basis who is best to deliver future projects.

January 2021 – Agreed to delay start of new Detached project until April due to Covid Lockdown restrictions. Funding was secured for GYA to coordinate the delivery of two youth training course (Intro/Basic Intro to Youth Work & Level 2 Youth Work Certificate).



February - It was confirmed that GYA had been awarded to be the Community Anchor organisation for the Active Towns Community Grants for Goole. Agreed that Trustee meetings to be held monthly from February onwards

GYA recruited to the position of Development Coordinator and it was confirmed that Phil Jackson take up this appointment in April.

March – A trustee skills audit was undertaken and it was identified that GYA needs to recruit two additional trustees to fill skills gaps in Business Development & Social Media.

April – A Youth Endowment Fund application was completed to extend the current N2PO project for another 3 years. The new Detached project started and the N2PO project recommenced following a period of furlough for the link worker.

May – 16 people completed the Basic /Intro to Youth Work course which was delivered by Youth Association South Yorkshire (YASY). GYA received an update from Goole North Police team on current issues and areas of concern.

June – A celebration event was held at West Park Cafe for the successful students on the Basic / Intro to Youth Work Course. Funding was fully secured to deliver the a new GYA website to be designed and delivered by young people with support from GYA. GYA Trustees and partners agreed NOT to extend the geographical area of GYA beyond Goole North & South wards following requests to support projects in Snaith and Gilberdyke.

We agreed Business Plan for the period 2021- 2023.

4. Future Priorities

In May GYA Trustees and Partners agreed a 2021-23 Business Plan which sets out short, medium and long term priorities for the partnership.

A summary of the priorities are detailed overleaf.



Extract from GYA Business Plan 2021-2023

Priority	Project	Lead	Timescales
	Summer Activities for Young People – liaise with Partners to plan a coordinated programme of smaller “Covid safe” festivals /events/ activities for young people in Goole area.	PJ, DL, SG, JC, LT, LG. ND, NB, MN	By mid July 2021
	Summer Activities for Young People – Deliver programme of activities	Partners	End of July to early Sept 2021
	Digital Project (new GYA Web Site) - establish a young people’s steering group to plan, consult and deliver the new web site, support by GYA Development Coordinator. Recruit a web content assistant to ensure content is regularly updated.	PJ & Young People	Between June to 30 September 2021
	Youth Forum/ Youth Voice – following on from web site steering group ask young people how they want to steer and shape GYA’s future. Consultation events including: film night/surveys/on line poll.	PJ & Young People	From Mid July 2021
	Year 7 Fresher’s Fair – establish if there is the need and demand for another Fresher’s Fair for new Year 7’s at Goole Academy. Coordinate an event to showcase GYA and its Partners work if there is the need and demand.	GYA Partners	By end of September 2021
	N2PO - complete project & evaluation report. Seek funding opportunities to continue project.	PJ & KA	30 September 2021
	Youth Endowment Funding – make an application from the YEF to enable a new targeted project to commence from November 2021	PJ	Application by 21 May.
	Active Towns – assist in promotion of scheme to ALL voluntary sector organisations and attendance at panel meetings.	PJ	Ongoing until 23 December 2021
	GYA Affiliation scheme – as part of Active Towns initiative encourage youth groups to join with GYA to promote activities to young people, attend youth festivals and other GYA events e.g. Fresher’s Fair	PJ & Trustees	By March 2022
	Detached Project – ongoing delivery in conjunction with Moorland’s Community Charity	JC & PJ	Until 31 March 2023
	Intro to Youth Work Course – oversee completion of course and “celebration” event (subject to Covid regulations)	PJ	Early June 2021



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	Kickstart – Apply for a 6 month p/t GYA Assistant working across GYA Partners & projects	PJ	Apply ASAP Start end June/early July 2021
	Funding for Detached project year 2 –source £10k for project	PJ	By 31 March 2022
	Goole Boxing Club – support the development of the provision and ensuring a “youth” input	PJ	Ongoing
	GYA Office / Drop In – source an affordable location for GYA Dev Coordinator to have base in Goole and location for partners	PJ	By October 2021
	Finance – ensure that budgets are monitored and annual accounts produced to meet Charity Commission guidelines	PJ & JC	Ongoing
	Project Monitoring – Ensure all monitoring reports are completed to all funders	PJ	Ongoing

Key

	High priority
	Medium priority
	Lower Priority

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