



South Northants
Youth Engagement

IMPACT REPORT 24/25

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OUR VISION...

We see every young person in our local communities as active, healthy and thriving in a supportive environment. We see inspired young people with the confidence to learn and achieve, to be respected and to make a positive change in society.

OUR PURPOSE...

To Improve the life chances of young people by working together to provide excellent facilities, activities and services.

THIS YEAR WE DELIVERED...

133
Youth Club
Sessions

26
Youth
Council
Meetings

15
Holiday Club
Sessions

9
Skate
Sundays

2
Play and
Activity Days

Towcester Younger Youth Club - Age 10-12

SNYE were thrilled to launch a new group for Towcester this year! The group began in September and the focus has been on preventing future difficulties through building good relationships and increasing self esteem. This is all done through team work, sport, games and craft.

“Going to Youth Club has definitely boosted my children’s self esteem, given them a sense of belonging and overall a positive impact both mentally and physically” - Parent

220

**Interactions with
young people**

3

Wellbeing Sessions

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Lemon Pop (2)

4

NAYC Sessions

Curling

Games

Craft (2)

Youth Workers Highlight - Lemonpop

Working with Marvin from Lemonpop, young people were invited to create a design on canvas that showed their identity. Marvin had a way of pulling information out of young people which helped them with their self expression and allowed space for them to think more deeply about who they were. The High Sheriff visited this session and the young people were in an environment which felt safe to share some of their feelings and hopes for the future with her.



**Funded by High Sheriff's Initiative Fund & Northants Police, Fire and
Crime Commissioner Fund**

Towcester Older Youth Club - Age 13-16

Funded By WNC Knife Crime & ASB Grant & Northamptonshire Young People's Fund

Towcester Older Youth Club has continued to run weekly during termtime in the Towcester Youth and Community Centre. Young People attend regularly and appreciate the safe space to hang out, socialise, get active and learn new things.

“Attending the Youth Club is one of the highlights of her week” - Parent

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Interactions with young people



Case Study

Forced to attend a secondary school without her primary friendship group, young person A found herself anxious, unable to eat and unable to leave the house. Attending the SNEY Youth Group was an absolute lifeline. She made several friends and the staff, and other youths attending the group, made her feel welcome and included. She enjoyed all the activities, the fun and general banter with other teenagers. It gave her back her confidence and a level of happiness she previously enjoyed with her friends at primary school.

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Wellbeing Sessions

Sexual Health Awareness

Silent Disco

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Lemon Pop (2)

Mindfulness Colouring

4

Upskilling Sessions

Crime Awareness (2)

First Aid

Harassment Workshop



6

NAYC Sessions

Curling

Sumo Suits

Games

Craft (2)

Archery

Brackley Junior Youth Club - Age 9-11

Brackley Junior youth club continues to be popular with children from a mix of schools. The group are given a choice of structured activities to do each week which builds their confidence, improves their skills in working with others and allows them to build friendships. They particularly love karaoke and making slime!

Thanks again for your help and understanding” - parent

635

Interactions with young people

Case Study

An autistic young person attending this club struggled at first to interact with others and was anxious in trying new things. A Youth Worker spent time building a relationship with them, making sure that they felt heard and valued and they slowly developed confidence and began to join in activities more and more. They discovered that they were good at playing pool and started to use their voice to tell a youth worker if there were any problems rather than staying silent. Their parents truly believe they would not have had the confidence or adaptability to transition to secondary school without their involvement with the SNYE youth club.

4

Wellbeing Sessions

Mental Health and Wellbeing (2)

Lemon Pop (2)



1

Upskilling Session

Crime Awareness

4

NAYC Sessions

Games

Craft (3)

Brackley Older Youth Club - Age 11-15

Up to 65 young people have been attending this club which is held at Brackley Leisure Centre. Participants are free to choose from a range of activities games, sports, arts & crafts or can just hang out with their friends. Community Police Officer, PC Mo calls in regularly and young people are able to chat with him about anything they need to.

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Interactions with young people

Youth Workers Highlight - Silent Disco

A group of young people were initially disappointed that their usual opportunity to play football was not available and they walked away from youth club. But, after thinking about it they came back and decided to give the silent disco a try. They were pushed out of their comfort zone but they LOVED it and were soon enthusiastically singing and dancing.

Silent Disco was provided by The Silent Disco Project - a local social enterprise. Their events have been shown to reduce isolation and improve emotional wellbeing.

3 Upskilling Sessions

Crime Awareness (2)

Ngage

3 Wellbeing Sessions

Silent Disco

Lemon Pop (2)



8 NAYC Sessions

Sumo Suits (3)

Arts & Crafts (4)

Archery

Funded by: WNC Knife Crime & ASB Grant & Northamptonshire Young People's Fund

Brackley Youth Council

8 Members

67

Interactions with young people



Funded by: Constance Travis Community Endowment Fund

SNYE formed 2 youth councils in April 2024 with the aim of allowing the voice of young people to be heard in their community. The first year has been a **big** success; youth council members attended regularly, built relationships and gained skills for the future. They organised 2 fundraising events and went on 2 team building trips.

Case Study

One new member was initially very shy and struggled to speak up within the group. The youth worker made sure that they felt valued and supported. Slowly they built up a professional relationship which allowed the young person to express their thoughts and opinions freely and without judgement. This has increased the young person's confidence. Through the youth council they have formed a strong support network and friendships with others who share their passion for supporting the local community. This member wants to change people's perception of young people and wants young people to be seen as positive members of the community. Youth Council is enabling them to do that!

Towcester Youth Council

9 Members

89

Interactions with young people



Skate Sundays

Funded by Tesco Community Grants

9 Skate Sunday sessions took place in Brackley Lesiure Centre Car Park. Young people in the community, have regularly put forward a request for a skateboarding facility in the town. This project promoted positive behaviours (reduced anti-social behaviour), promoted increased levels of physical activity, and offered a safe outdoor place for young people to meet.



270 Interactions with
young people

Holiday Clubs

Funded by West Northamptonshire Council, Brackley Town Council and Towcester Town Council

SNYE ran 10 free multi-art sessions in Brackley and Towcester during the summer holidays, October Half Term and February Half Term. Evaluation showed that the majority of young people made new friends, enjoyed themselves and learned something new.

163 Interactions with
young people

“This is the best holiday club ever! I loved everything we did, and I normally don’t like holiday clubs. I would go here forever.” - Young Person



Play and Activity Days

2 Play & Activity Days were held - one in Towcester and one in Brackley. The events were **free** for children, young people, and families, and around 1500 people attended each. We had lots of exciting activities on offer such as: Junk Modelling, Go Karts, Rodeo Bull, Bungee Run, Bubbles, Face Painting, Bubble Zorb, Graffiti Art, Police Van, Duck Race, Under 5's Cars, Archery, and much more! The event offered families a chance to connect and have an opportunity for children to play in a safe environment

Funded by:

Brackley & District Round Table
Brackley Town Council

EKFB
NAYC

Northamptonshire Children's Trust

Oxfordshire Play Association

Persimmon

Rotary Towcester

Tesco Community Grants

Towcester Town Council

Waitrose & Partners

West Northamptonshire Council

Willmott Dixon

" I believe events like SNYE Brackley Play & Activity Day are essential for charities/services like ours to breakdown stigmas around sensitive issues in an engaging way."

NGAGE

"As the local neighbourhood team, it was a positive engagement for the police to allow the younger generation to build rapport and see the approachable side and aspect of policing." - Local Police

"A fabulous day full of smiles and happy children - so well organised by you all" - The Crafty Cat Face Paint and Glitter Bar

3000

Interactions with young people and their families



Other News.....

SNYE were awarded this year's President's Cup from NAYC (Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs). The President's Cup is an award that NAYC present to the group that most supported NAYC events, as well as taken part in their training events in the past year, and who also showed a significant impact on the local community.



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New Volunteers

Volunteers are integral to the work of SNYE. 5 new volunteers joined the team including one University of Northampton student, completing a work placement.

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D of E Students

5 Dof E students have attended youth clubs as Young Leaders in order to gain the volunteering hours needed for their award.

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Community Events

We like to attend community events to show our support and to raise awareness of SNYE. This year we attended:

Brackley Teddy Bear's Picnic
Brackley Round Table Summer Fest
Brackley Christmas Market
Brackley Santa Run
Brackley Town Council Mayor Making Ceremony

Towcester Mayor Making Ceremony
Towcester Primary School Spring Fete
Towcester Midsummer Music Festival
Towcester Farmer's Market

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New Partnerships

SNYE have partnered with The Lowdown to offer a new group. 'Out there Towcester' provides a safe and confidential space for all LGBTQ+ young people in school years 7 to 13 to come and socialise, meet like-minded people, discuss issues and participate in lots of fun activities.

Youth Club attendees are now able to access a free bag of period products thanks to a new partnership with 'A Bag for Flo'; a Northamptonshire based charity aiming to end period poverty.



With thanks
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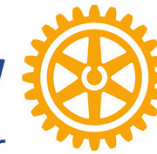


Persimmon
Together, we make your home

northamptonshire
sport
let's move together



Rotary
Towcester



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ANNIVERSARY
1981-2024

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Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs



**ROUND
TABLE**
BRACKLEY AND DISTRICT

TESCO
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Northamptonshire
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