Special points of interest:

- Current Youth **Council Members** 12
- Youth Club Registered Members 104
- Regularly attending= 24
- New Members– 2

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Issue 3

Baildon Youth Partnership

July 2018

The Youth Partnership meeting was an opportunity for practitioners in Baildon to come together and improve services for young people in Baildon. By finding more efficient and effective ways of working together we can engage more young

people in a wider range of services.

One of the main issues that came out of the meeting was that Baildon Residents weren't always aware of everything that was going on for young people in Baildon. So the main Action Point from the meeting was to create a directory of activities and weekly timetable that would be available to view on an Youth Work page on the Town Council website, which could also be shared on Social Media. Organisations were also encouraged to send their information to the Town Council as well as to local Schools and the West Yorkshire police to also share on their social media. We are also looking to work together on an event, activity or project to celebrate bringing young people across Baildon together.



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1. Youth Issues 3—Anti-Social Behaviour, Alcohol and Drugs

The Youth Club and Baildon Youth Council have been engaged in a range of awareness raising activities around Alcohol, Drugs and Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) over the Summer. They have made flashcards to identify a range of ASB in their area and rated it from least to most risky. They've discussed what they can do to make sure they keep themselves safe and who to contact, whether it's the council or police when issues need to be reported and what the consequences might be. They have discussed why and when young people might engage in drinking alcohol and drugs, reflecting on the physical, psychological and social effects it has on people, using the "Beer Goggles" to experience what it might be like to be drunk and the difficulties of trying to complete normal tasks such as walking on the pavement, contact someone for a lift and identifying where you are.



The young people came up with 3 Actions:

- Litter Picking
- Education Sessions and Information for Peers and Parents to be delivered in Schools and in Community
- Drama Performance "Ask Anna" a story highlighting the circumstances and consequences around underage drinking.

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Outreach- Following social media and neighbourhood watch for any information on ASB and doing outreach in the highlighted areas, countermeasures have included painting over graffiti, confronting young people drinking and smoking drugs in park and moving them on, litter picking and trying to identify individuals who are causing graffiti or damage.

2. Youth Issue 4– Exams and Careers

- Filling in ASDAN Award booklets, highlighting their volunteer experiences, skills demonstrated and learnt.
- Developing "Express Yourself" Booklets which will be distributed to young people which includes tips on how to deal with Exam Stress.
- In discussions with Salts School about how they offer support during Exam Period as most young people reported that it was in School that they were experiencing most stress.

3. Session Plans, Personal Development and Training



Baildon Youth Council we're invited to the Bradford Youth Service Awards Evening where they did a very informative and inspiring presentation all about the positive work they do in Baildon. They were one of the youngest groups there and the team were very impressed by their professionalism and enthusiasm. Each member of the Baildon Youth Council received a Certificate of Appreciation for their Contribution to Youth Service in Bradford.

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4. Community Events and Fundraising— **Baildon Open Gardens**



Two members of the Youth Council supported this event by selling programmes at Baildon Market, ensuring the route between gardens was visible and providing crafts activities for young people in the woodland area.

Once a year, Baildon Community Members open their gardens to reveal a wide variety of designs and features, some offer activities and refreshments to raise money for local charity HALE.



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Baildon Carnival 2017	20
Summer Bash 2017	20
Tour De Yorkshire 2017	76.54
Saltaire Festival 2017	39.6
Xmas Crafts Fayre 2017	25.51
Anti-Bullying 2017	51.55
Baildon Carnival 2018	17
£250.21	

5. Tote Bags

We recently asked the Young People if they were to do a small project aimed at helping people, what would they want to do? And they said they wanted to do something for the homeless. Rough sleepers have become more visible around the city and the young people said they "feel bad for them". Crisis 2018 "More and more people are sleeping rough. Living on the streets is dangerous. It causes health problems and affects people's wellbeing." We are currently working in partnership with the Salvation Army who provide outreach and resources for rough sleepers to create well-being bags by decorating and filling tote bags with items such as hats, gloves, food, personal items, as well as vouchers for hot drinks, to hand out over Winter to show our support and help improve their well-being.

6. External Partnership Working-Glennaire Primary



The Youth Council were excited to help out as it was their old primary school and they didn't want to see other young people missing out. They worked hard in the heat and maintained professionalism, enthusiasm and used their initiative.

Glennaire Primary put a shout out on Baildon Community Group facebook page that they need volunteers for their summer fayre as they we're struggling for staff to set it up before the end of School and might have to cancel it. Baildon Youth Council were able to respond to their request and offer support for their event by helping to set up the stalls. The Youth Councils members supervised some of the stalls. We have now established a good relationship with the school and hope to work together to support their future events.

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7. Promotion- Website Page





Discussions at the Youth Partnership meeting highlighted that one of the issues preventing the youth services in Baildon working together most effectively was that people didn't always know what was going on. So it was decided that the "Youth" of Baildon should have it's own area on the Baildon Town Council website, as it has lots of Community members viewing it. and information can then be shared on their FB page which has 1556 followers.

The Youth Council and Ruth from the Town Council have been working hard to pull information together from various organisations across Baildon to get the page up and running. The page consists of a table of Youth Activities, List of Youth Organisations and their information and further pages with more detailed information for certain projects so community members can see photos and news of what young people have people have been up to in the community. If you would like any information about a Youth Group you are involved with promoted on the Website, please contact Baildon Town Council.



Above: HALE staff offering healthy alternative to Slush Ices with their Smoothie Bike and Sports Games

Right: Four Young People from Titus Salts Secondary School volunteered on the last day of term Litter Picking in Roberts Park and collected 6 bags of rubbish.

8. Social Action—Dragon Boat Race and Roberts Park Tuesday 24th July

The support of Baildon Youth Council and HALE at Community Events in the area has been well received by locals as we are promoting positive health and well-being through engaging activities to improve community.

Salts School we're really happy that we had organised the Litter Pick after School as the young people we're good role models for the School. It helped to leave the Park a cleaner, more presentable and enjoyable place for community members to spend time in over summer. We also bumped into one of the park wardens who said it was nice to see the young people helping out and that the shelters were the worst, so we gave them a good



"It was fun, we really got into it and became a bit competitive, we care about our community and we're happy it's looking a bit better. It was horrible how many cigarette ends had been left around and they're hard to clean up" "

sweep.

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DEBRA PETERS

YOUTH WORKER BRADFORD YOUTH SERVICE "Youth Councils are a popular and effective way to get more youth involved in solving local problems and more actively engaged in the community"

Baildon Youth Council is a group of young people aged 11 + who meet twice a week to discuss the issues our community is facing and ways we can help to support and improve our community.

Monday 7-9pm @ Ian Clough Hall

Wednesday 6-8pm St Hughs Church, Coach Road, Baildon BD17 5HS

We represent the views of young people in Baildon as well as provide opportunities for young people to help others in their communities.

For more information on any issues raised or for more information please contact Laura Sewell or see links below:

http://www.bullying.co.uk/bullying-at-school/

ChildLine in confidence on 0800 IIII

Carers Resource- https://www.carersresource.org/about-us/

Bullying- NSPCC https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/bullying-cyberbullying-statistics/

LGBT- http://www.stonewall.org.uk/

- http://www.mesmac.co.uk/

Sexual Health- https://www.fpa.org.uk/

CSE- http://bradfordscb.org.uk/?page id=67

Barnardos https://www.barnardos.org.uk/

Mental Health– Mind, Time to Change, Mental Health Foundation, MyMUP **Homeslessness–** Centre Point, Crisis, Salvation Army, Night Stop, Simon on the Streets

9. Future Plans

- Prioritize Youth Issues for Aug 2018

 July 2019
- Re-establish Youth Questionnaire to be filled out from BTC Website
- Promote Youth Council Meetings and Youth Information on BTC website and keep it up to date
- "Ask Anna" Performance
- Deliver Peer Education Session in Schools
- Parents Education Evening
- International Intergenerational Social Action Event in September for Older People's Week
- Support Scarecrow Event
- Implement "Tote bag Project"
- Complete ASDAN Award in Volunteering .
- Fundraising activities including; Bag Pack and Sponsored Activity
- 2nd Youth Partnership Meeting and Event organising
- Support Baildon Community Groups including: Litter Free Baildon, Saltaire Festival, Baildon at Christmas and Bracken Hall
- Meet with Primary Schools in area to find out about any activities



