Town and Parish Council Youth Provision - Follow up Survey

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent Youth Sector infrastructure arrangements survey.
We are now looking more closely at the role Town and Parish Councils play in supporting young people and youth provision locally.

We know councils use a wide range of approaches. Some commission youth providers or directly deliver provision councils, while others provide grants premises equipment, local connections or support or in kind.

We are keen to hear from councils of ALL SIZES, including smaller parishes that may not have a dedicated youth budget or currently fund youth provision. Your local knowledge and experience are equally important.

This is not an audit of indvidual council providers. The findings will be used to identify common themes and inform future work around youth provision, commissioning support, Local Youth Partnerships and wider youth-sector infrastructure.

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* Required

1. Which Town or Parish Council are you responding on behalf of? *

Market Drayton Town Council

2. How is your council currently involved in supporting young people or youth provision? *

- [x] We commission an external youth provider
- [ ] We directly emply staff / deliver youth provision ourselves.
- [ ] We provide grants of small financial contriutions to local youth activities.
- [x] We provide premises of facilities

- [ ] We provide equipment or other in kind support
- [x] We help promote or signpost local youth opportunities
- [ ] We help connect or convene local organisations and partners
- [ ] We work jointly with other local partners
- [ ] We currently have no dedicated youth budget
- [ ] We would like to support youth provision but have limited resources
- [ ] We are not currently involved in youth provision
- [ ] Other

3. Approximately how much does your council currently invest in youth provision each year? *

- [ ] No dedicated budget
- [ ] Under £1,000
- [ ] £1,000 to £4,999
- [ ] £5,000 to £9,999
- [ ] £10,000 to £24,999
- [x] £25,000 to £49,000
- [ ] £50,000 or more
- [ ] Prefer not to say
- [ ] Not sure

4. When supporting, funding, commissioning or directly delivering youth provision, which factors are most important to your council? *

- [ ] Safeguarding arrangements

- [x] Youth work qualifications and experience
- [x] Quality of youth work practice
- [x] Ability to engage adn build relationships with young people
- [x] Local knowledge and relationships
- [ ] Young people's voice and involvement in shaping provision
- [x] Outcomes for young people
- [x] Experience of working with young people with additional needs or vulnerbilities
- [x] Workforce stability
- [ ] Organisational stability
- [x] Cost and value for money
- [ ] Monitoring and reporting arrangements
- [ ] Ability to work collaboratively with local partners
- [ ] Other - please specify
- [ ] Not applicable

5. How does your council currently monitor or understand the quality and impact of youth provision locally? *

- [x] Provider reports
- [x] Atendance or participation information
- [x] Outcomes information
- [x] Feedback from young people
- [x] Visits or observations of provision
- [ ] Safeguarding or compliance checks

- [ ] Contract or grant revieew meetings
- [ ] Feedback from local partners or the community
- [ ] Informal local knowledge
- [ ] We do not currently have a formal monitoring process
- [ ] We do not currently fund or deliver youth provision
- [ ] Other - please specify

6. What are the main challenges your council experiences in supporting young people or youth provision locally? *

- [x] Limited local budget or resources
- [x] Finding suitable youth providers
- [ ] Cost and affordability
- [ ] Comparing cost, quality value between providers
- [ ] Recruiting or retaining youth workers
- [ ] Understanding appropriate youth work qualifications
- [ ] Safeguarding or compliance requirements
- [ ] Monitoring quality and outcomes
- [ ] Continuity when providers or staff change
- [ ] Sustainability of providers of local provision
- [ ] Understanding local youth need
- [ ] Engaging young people in decisions
- [ ] Rurality, transport or accessibility
- [ ] Suitable premises or facilities

- [ ] Working effectively with other local partners
- [ ] Knowing where to go for advise and support
- [ ] We do not currently experience significant challenges
- [ ] Other - please specify

7. Does your council currenlty play, or would it be interested in playing a wider convening role for local youth provision? By convening, we mean helping bring together young people, providers, schools, community organisations and other local partners to understand local needs, agree priorities and cordinate activity. *

- [ ] We aready play that type of role
- [x] Yes, we would be interested
- [ ] Possibly, with the right support
- [ ] No
- [ ] Not sure

8. What would make it easier for your council to support young people locally in the future? *

- [ ] Oppotunities to pool funding with neighbouring councils
- [ ] Small grants or match funding
- [x] Share commissioning arrangements
- [ ] Help identfying suitable youth providers
- [x] Example youth work commissioning specifications
- [ ] Guidance on youth work quality and workforce standards
- [ ] Safeguarding guidance
- [ ] Monitoring and outcomes tools

- [ ] Support to understand local youth needs
- [ ] Youth Voice and co-production support
- [ ] Support to convene local partners
- [ ] Access to suitable premises or facilities
- [x] Shared learning with other town or parish councils
- [ ] Access to specialist youth work advise
- [ ] Better information about existing provision
- [ ] We are unlikely to be able to contribute financially but could contribute in other ways
- [ ] We do not currently need additional support
- [ ] Other - please specify

9. Is there anything working particulary well in your area that others could learn from? *

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