

Youth Provision Fund Allocation Update:

Penrith	£8000 (£4000, March 2018 & £4000 March 2019)
Alston	£4000 (£4000 March 2019)
Appleby	£4000 (£4000 March 2019)
Kirkby Stephen	£8000 (£4000, March 2018 & £4000 March 2019)

Penrith Youth Provision:

Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) received funding from the 11-19 youth provision fund to develop a youth club in Penrith. A report on the outcome of the project was received in October 2019. The project's initial objective was to look at the demand for a youth provision in Penrith and establish a youth club at Penrith Leisure Centre. Youth club sessions started in early 2018 but attendance dropped and the sessions finished after the summer - the Leisure Centre has been without a youth provision since. Earlier this year, through engagement with young people in the community, a new proposal for the youth club was considered. A survey with Ullswater Community College and Queen Elizabeth Grammar School is currently being undertaken to identify what young people from Penrith want from a youth provision. The outcome of the survey will inform the youth provision plan which will be launched in the New Year. £5000 of funding was awarded to GLL in 2017 to establish a youth club at the Leisure Centre. A total of £3060 of the funding was spent on youth worker support, equipment hire, facilities and marketing. Remaining funds from the original award will be used to promote and development the youth provision in the new year.

Alston Youth Provision:

Alston Youth Club, which aims to improve the quality of life of the young people living on Alston Moor, offers a safe space for young people to grow to their full potential. The Friday night youth sessions form the main part of the project and are offered to all young people aged 11-19. Over the past year, good relationships have been formed based on mutual respect and shared boundaries being set. Young people have been actively involved in planning activities, trips and a group residential. All of the activities aim at helping to increase confidence, build self-esteem and promote personal and social development in young people. The youth club creates an environment where young people can feel empowered, healthy and happy. This year, In addition to weekly sessions, the group also worked with a community arts leader who held a circus skills night and the young people have also been involved in a green print thermal imaging project led by Cumbria Action for Sustainability.

Appleby Youth Provision:

The project completion report for 2018 – 2019 highlighted the positive outcomes that have been achieved for young people in the Appleby community. The group meet weekly at the Appleby Hub, a multi-use building that provides an ideal venue for

young people to meet. Attendance numbers are consistently 15 per session. The group is inclusive and encourages young people of all needs and abilities from the community to attend. The sessions offer young people a safe space to explore their identity, experience decision making and develop their inter-personal skills; helping to build confidence in themselves and the decisions they make. Group sessions include physical activities mixed with creative and self-resilience development. They address a number of mental health issues such as stress and depression for teenagers. The Youth Club plans to continue their Monday evening session and planned activities for 2019 – 2020. The group focus will be based on the aims and aspirations of the young people who attend.

Kirkby Stephen Youth Provision:

The PAD9 Youth Group which has received Local Committee 0-19 universal funding since 2016, closed in July 2019. An individual from the local community who has extensive experience of developing youth clubs in the area has approached the community development team with a proposal to take over the PAD9 youth club. The proposal also included a long-term lease of the Evergreen Building on Redmayne Road in Kirkby Stephen, which has been home for PAD9 since 2018. In October this year, Kirkby Stephen Town Council considered the option of taking over the building, which was gifted to the community of Kirkby Stephen many year ago, and developing it as a community asset. The outcome of the community building asset transfer is expected in January 2020.