

COMMUNITY YOUTH VENTURES

CYV AGM Report 2019/20



Chairmans Report

It has been over a year since Community Youth Ventures started as a Community Interest Company. During this period, we have seen a lot of developments and opportunities arise from the Covid 19 pandemic, to changes in our board of Directors. We dedicated time and energy to ensure we, as a team and a company, were able to continue to bring opportunities to the youth and community sector in Buckinghamshire. Using CYV as a vehicle to ensure we can evolve to continue our offer as an organisation, with relationships and support from our funders.

Thanks goes to all the directors involved in the organisation, Rebecca Nutley, Karl Gayle & Sunil Takodra. Each director has a variety of skillsets, understanding and expertise to bring to the organisation, along with their passions and many years of experience engaging in the Community and Youth. This allows us to maintain innovation, responsive provision and creative delivery into the future.

I would also like to thanks to our former directors Errol Fenton & Jaqueline Roberts for their input and work they put in to help launch Community Youth Ventures and develop out initial foundations as an organisation.

Without all our additional staff, sessional and support workers becoming involved with the numerous project delivery over the past year, their input, passion and support has been valuable to the success of the organisation.

For their contributions to a variety of projects, CYV would also like to thank the following funders: Heart of Bucks Youthbank & Green Futures Fund, High Wycombe Local Area Forum, SW Chilterns Local Area Forum, Wycombe District Council, Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum (BCC), Beaconsfield Decides 2019, Police Property Act, Thames Valley Police, Chiltern District Council & Chesham Local Area Forum.

An overview of the various projects delivered by Community Youth Ventures during this period can be found further down on the report.

Moving forward, we will be looking at a variety of options emerging from the Covid-19 pandemic. CYV will continue to provide support and direct session delivery online. We will continue to offer support through our one to one mentor programs and activities. We are also looking at alternative ways to deliver our outreach programs, such as a mobile unit, which would allow us to continue our engagement while keeping with the restrictions currently put into place.

It is a positive time for CYV amidst a lot of change and adaption, and we remain focussed to drive the organisation forward.

Sunil Takodra

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Secretary Report

Constitution:

Constitution updated on 28/11/2020 (Directors removed)

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF MANAGEMENT FOR COMMUNITY YOUTH VENTURES C.I.C.

Memorandum of Association updated on 28/11/2020 (Directors removed)

1. Public and Directors Liability Insurance renewed
2. Registered address renewed on 28/10/2020
3. CIC36 Form completed and sent back
4. Companies House validation forms (register of members) completed and uploaded with up to date information on business
5. The confirmation statement updated at Companies House and HMRC

Two named Directors leave post:

1. Jacqueline Roberts left her post as Director on 24th June 2019
2. Errol Fenton left his post as Director on 5th May 2020

Income:

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 23 OCTOBER 2018 TO 31 OCTOBER 2019

Total income: £13,424



Treasurers Report

Overview of the financial year

Considering a tough year for many VCS CIC's, Community Youth Ventures has been able to survive due to not having a staff payroll unless against delivering funded projects. We have received funding to cover Covid restricted work and that has allowed us to continue to put our asset into work that directly benefits young people and communities. The Directors have invested a lot of personal time to build online presence and awareness of the CIC; as well as linking with other organisations and funders to create a future vision that's achievable, flexible and adaptable within the current economic climate.

Approximate Budget 2019/20

Income	68812
Expenditure	30040
Paused Funding	2508
Balance (floating)	51679.77*

*Not against bank statement

Round Up of Funding Pots for 2020/21

- *Community Yourspace* - £2447 carried over into 2020/21 to deliver 4 detached and 8 weeks of indoor work in Prebendal Farm
- *Sound Inclusions Youth bank*- £1955 carried over to complete courses, pay for AQA and associated delivery costs. Money to be spent by end of Dec
- *Herbilicious*- £1727 carried over to complete 2 more rounds of Herbilicious
- *Community Cook* - £2508 to claim and deliver on 2021 from Vaht in Aylesbury
- *£4409 to carry over for remaining TVP CSB Mentoring*
- *£4996 to carry over for remaining TVP Wycombe Mentoring*
- *£11864 to carry over for Positive Youth Creative*
- *£2730 to carry over for Positive Youth Transitions*
- *£5100 to carry over for Positive Youth Activities*
- *£3360 carried over for TVP detached/ CSB sessions*
- *£2466 to carry over for the green Fund AYAP*
- *£2513 to carry over for the Covid TVP money to be spent by the end of December*

Total of £46075 ring fenced money to carry over

Assets accumulated: Sports and Cooking equipment and Youth Allotment in Bedgrove Aylesbury.



Project summary

Sound Inclusion – Live Studio Recording

This project was set up to give the opportunity to young people to gain an accredited qualification as long side gaining experience through learning professional recording and production techniques. This project consisted of young people working with a professional experienced engineer to learn the professional working methods around recording and mixing music.

Due to the social distancing measures in place, limited places were on offer to keep in with the rule of 6. The students had an opportunity to learn about the health & safety around a recording environment, equipment guide around the kit needed to record a live band, adding effects to recording, editing and mixing the tracks. One completed, the students would achieve an award accredited by AQA examining board

Productionz – Summer Studio

Summer studio slots were timetable during the Summer holidays once the lockdown measures were relaxed during July 2020. It was put in place to give an opportunity for young people to book in a 2 hour slot, through our events page, to enable young people to work on their own personal music projects and engage in the activities during the summer holiday, where the usual activities were put on hold due to the Covid social distancing measures and venues closed during the pandemic.

Activities included instruments and vocal recording, music production on the computers, DJ skills and music writing.

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A wide variety of challenges have been worked on with the individual referrals we have received. Initial sessions help to open up introductions, build trust through conversations and focus on the benefits the young people will gain by committing to the sessions.

Each young person has 10 sessions to work with their youth worker through CYV. A plan is created with the young person to create some aims and targets to work towards. A variety of aims have been targetted and achieved, including applying to a college/education, anger, coping strategies, drugs, well-being, extra curricular activities, music sessions, health & fitness.

Community Cook

Funded by VAHT we were able to deliver to Community Cook projects in Walton Court and Meadowcroft/ Quarrendon. Community Cook is a community project that brings young people together to celebrate diversity and cohesion through cooking workshops across Aylesbury Vale. Aylesbury has vast and ethnic mix of cultures, backgrounds, traditions and histories and this is a chance for young people to not only explore these through food and different cuisines but also to celebrate the extensive vibrant multicultural area they live in.

We are still waiting for the opportunity to deliver the Buckingham Park session which has to be postponed due to the Covid outbreak in March 2020

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Between the Lines

This project was created to support young men through media and creative arts to respond to need and balance provision against EmpowerMENT that runs for young men.

The project started in July 2020 and attracted girls from Amersham and High Wycombe during the summer. The primary focus was for the group to create an online digital magazine about their time during the Covid 19 pandemic. After this project finished we let the participants decide whether the group was a) useful and beneficial b) fun and worthwhile c) something they would like to continue.

The finished magazine can be found here: <https://pub.lucidpress.com/da796550-fd7a-4076-9c80-2b84e85445c9/>

The group wanted to carry on and so we decided we fulfilled a need not offered elsewhere. With 9 young women participating on a weekly basis aged 15-18 with a young leader Bethany in support. The group came from a diverse background and during the initial months covered a range of topics and looked at issues such as mental health, education, life choices, youth issues and suicide. The group is continuing with a film based theme looking at vulnerability and mental health. Funded by Thames Valley Police Violence Reduction Unit.

Grow'n'Cook

Supported by Feedback, We acquired funding to deliver Herbilicious with young people to build awareness around healthy and sustainable diets and reducing food waste. Focussing on building awareness about growing your own food, cooking seasonal and local produce and being better Food Citizens. There was some delay to the start of this project due to safety restrictions. Alfriston School will be receiving the first round of sessions to their boarders.

Positive Youth Mentoring

Positive Youth Mentoring involves one-to-one support for young people on an ongoing basis. over 10 sessions. Working with young people to establish a relationship where goals and objectives can be developed, issues supported and negative behaviours challenged.

Sessions look at the future. Identifying and providing extra training or support to the young person in order to successfully complete their learning pathway. We also encourage positive activities as a support network for these young people ongoing and try to link mentees into ongoing provision. These sessions are offered to vulnerable young people in Chiltern and South Bucks and High Wycombe Areas. Funded by Thames Valley Police.

Skills for life

'Skills4Life' was an innovative youth project involving community volunteers and professionals in interactive youth workshops across Beaconsfield funded by the Local Area Forum. Sharing knowledge, competences, expertise and life skills; to enhance young people's lives and future potential. Supported by a great group of volunteers to share a variety of knowledge and experience; from repairing bike punctures or making a trifle to playing croquet.

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Across six sessions over 25 young people Skills4Life brought young people together with professionals and volunteers from their local community to try new practices and activities that would often be regarded as 'traditional skills.'

The EmpowerMENT Project High Wycombe

The Empowerment Project in partnership with Fitness Garden started in November 2019 to present day. Key outcomes of the project is to work with young people who are on the periphery of involvement in risky behaviours and crime using sport and youth work to tackle issues linked to mental health, fitness, criminal behaviours, exploitation as well as offering positive activities to learn informally. CYV have worked with over 22 young people on the project with three members receiving 1-1 specialist support to change attitudes and behaviour. Young people have also been signposted to other services whilst working with CYV namely Wycombe Wanderers and Sport England. Community Cohesion, Safety and tolerance are key drivers for the projects. This project was funded by Police Property Act, Leap (Heart of Bucks) and Thames Valley Violence Reduction Unit

Chiltern Detached Sessions

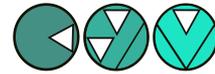
CYV completed 18 weeks of detached sessions during and after the Covid-19 lock down and although this project had periods when the project could not carry on we still managed to meet certain targets set out by CYV. CYV supported 28 young people offering sports and youth work activities in the community giving young people opportunities to meet other young people in a safe environment. We signposted young people to local youth providers and offered young people a visual presence in their local spaces. Areas covered included Chalfont St Giles, Chalfont St Peter and Gerrards Cross. Many of our discussions with young people focused on staying safe and mentally healthy during Covid -19.

Community Allotment

This is a new project linking young people to outdoor spaces where they can learn new skills around horticulture, woodwork, independent living skills in return raising their confidence and self-esteem whilst offering opportunities to learn. The project start-up contribution costs mb Feedback and project costs was provided by the Green Future Bucks Fund -Heart of Bucks & AVDC.

Community Yourspace

Community YourSpace is primarily a street based project using positive activities to target young people in areas suffering from a lack of youth orientated services and social pressures. Through interactive, physically active and engaging sessions youth workers and coaches will have the opportunity to build positive relationships, rapport and trust with hard to reach young people and young people that would normally not have access to positive activities in their spare time. The project was funded by Aylesbury Garden Town.



Teacher Training

In 2020, CYV directors completed the Level 3 Award in Education and Training as part of the development and additional support offered to our participants. The teaching qualification will allow CYV to deliver accredited courses and qualifications, meeting the teaching standards required to offer the students high quality teaching and delivery.

CYV are also completing a youth mentoring program for practitioners to ensure a high level of service to any of our one2one mentor clients referred to us by external organisations or directly through CYV.

YWiB (YouthWork in Bucks)

After a highlighted need we started the Facebook Group in Feb 2020. This built up momentum across the year due to the Covid pandemic and how this affected youth services across the county. The group shares Covid guidelines, changes in services on offer for young people, training and job opportunities; as well as associated articles that those working with young people may find useful. There are plans to look at increasing this network and applying for funding in spring 2021. We held our network meeting on the 7th November 2020 and hope to hold another one in spring 2021. The group is live at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2490593937862388/>

Aylesbury Community Youth Connect

From July 2019 to December 2019 CYV completed a number of street based youth work and activity based work in Meadowcroft and Quarrendon area of Aylesbury. During this period CYV had made contact with over 63 young people using street based and centre based youth work as a tool for young people between the ages of 8-19. CYV used sport and exercise as a tool to promote positive activities and healthy lifestyles and to build relationships with young people and the community.

During our detached sessions we have offered sports taster sessions to all young people attending each session using sports such as basketball, cricket, football, rounders and team building games linked to raising self-esteem and confidence.

CYV held a consultation with young people in order to find out what activities they would like to be a part of and the following results formed:

Having met young people in the local area one issue that has been consistent is that different cultures do not mix creating isolation between young people. CYV strongly believe in community cohesion and safety and worked with all different cultures creating a safer more tolerable place for young people and communities.

Our partners on the project are St Peters Church, Footprints, Meadowcroft and Quarrendon Community Centre, Empower to Cook, English Boxing Champ and LEAP.

The key aims through the intervention are as follows:

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Young people being active and healthy, bringing communities together, offering positive activities, gathering young people's view and wishes, young people trying new things they would not normally have access to having fun.

Youthbase HP6

From March 2019 to July 2019 CYV completed street based youth work in the Chesham area. During this period CYV made contact with over 33 young people using street based youth work as a tool for young people between the ages of 11-19. CYV used sport as a tool to promote positive activities and healthy lifestyles.

During the 8 weeks of sports taster sessions CYV had 8/10 young people attend each session. Sessions consisted of taster sessions in different sports such as basketball, cricket, football, rounder's and team building games linked to raising self-esteem and confidence.

Our partners on the project were Chesham Youth Centre, Sport England, LEAP, Chesham Cricket Club, Aylesbury Basketball Club and TVP.

CYV developed a good relationship with TVP community officers mainly PCSO Les Roche who took the role of signposting any young people on the streets in the local area onto the project.

The key aims achieved through the intervention are as follows:

Young people being active and healthy

Bringing communities together

Offering positive activities

Young people trying new sports they would not normally have access to

Reducing and managing anger amongst young people

Future plans to make sustainable:

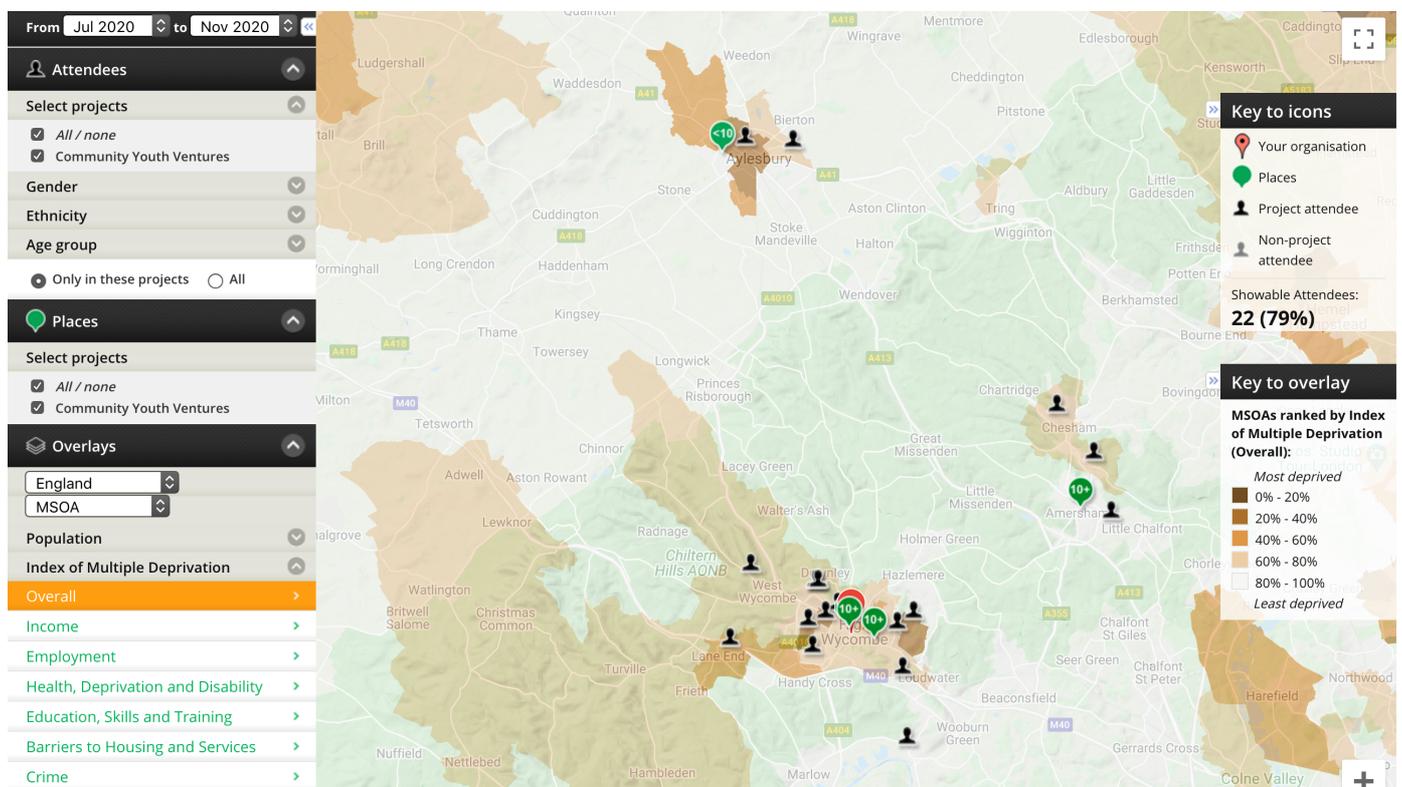
Future plans will include CYV offering positive sporting activities during school holidays for young people registered onto the project. This will happen once a week going forward until December 2019. We have also held partnership meetings with Chesham Youth Centre and LEAP (Satellite Club) to examine what provision can be realistically implemented going forward.



Upshot report and statistics

Project Stats Overview

- Participants total - 28
- Attendances - 168
- Headcount - 38
- Contact hours - 367.33
- Session hours - 144.83
- Sessions delivered - 69





Activities summary

In the table below:

- Both register and head count data is included in the 'Sessions completed', 'Participant attendances', 'Participant contact hours' and 'Session hours delivered' columns.
- The 'Unique participants' are those from register sessions only.
- In the calculation of 'Participant contact hours' for head count sessions, participant attendance is assumed to have been for a full session.
- 'Unique participants' means unique to the activity group displayed. See note at the end of the table for a comment on the total number of unique participants.

	Sessions completed	Participant attendances	Unique participants	Participant contact hours	Session hours delivered
Ungrouped	74	206	28	443:20	154:50
Totals	74	206	--*	443:20	154:50

** Note that the sum of the 'Unique participants' figures (in the 'Totals' row) is not shown, since it will not necessarily be the number of unique participants across the project. This is because the same participant could attend activities from multiple activity groups. To get an accurate total figure, use the Statistics report on Upshot.*



Activities

Empowerment

Empowerment

Bassetsbury Ln. High Wycombe. Bucks HP11 1QX

Mon 7 Sep 2020 - Mon 21 Dec 2020

Total number of participant attendances:

77

Grow n Cook

Positive Activity

Walton Street. Aylesbury. Bucks HP20 1UZ

Wed 4 Nov 2020 - Wed 4 Nov 2020

Total number of participant attendances:

1

Positive Youth Productionz

Music Studio

St Marys Street. High Wycombe. Bucks HP11 2HE

Thu 23 Jul 2020 - Thu 3 Sep 2020

Total number of participant attendances:

9

PY Activities

Positive Activity

King George V Rd. Amersham. Bucks HP6 5AL

Thu 13 Aug 2020 - Thu 13 Aug 2020

Total number of participant attendances:

1

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PY Between the Lines

Project based

St Marys Street. High Wycombe. Bucks HP11 2HE

Thu 6 Aug 2020 - Thu 7 Jan 2021

Total number of participant attendances:

44

PY Chalfont Detached

Street Based/ Detached

Activity address

1 Gravel Hill. Chalfont St Peter. Bucks SL9 9QX

Tue 8 Sep 2020 - Tue 27 Oct 2020

Total number of participant attendances:

8

PY Mentoring CSB

Mentoring

King George V Rd. Amersham. Bucks HP6 5AL

Fri 10 Jul 2020 - Fri 6 Nov 2020

Total number of participant attendances:

22

PY Mentoring Wyc

Mentoring

Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe. Bucks. HP11 1BE

Mon 13 Jul 2020 - Wed 11 Nov 2020

Total number of participant attendances:

14

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Sound Inclusions

Creative Arts

St Marys Street. High Wycombe. Bucks HP11 2HE

Tue 27 Oct 2020 - Thu 29 Oct 2020

Total number of participant attendances:

2

Yourspace PF

Street Based/ Detached

Somerville Way, Prebendal Farm. Aylesbury. Bucks HP19 7QH

Mon 27 Jul 2020 - Mon 7 Sep 2020

Total number of participant attendances:

38