



2020-21

Annual Report



*Making a positive difference in the lives of **young people***

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Vision

All young people in the North East of England have the opportunities they deserve to get involved in their communities, enjoy their lives and achieve their potential.

Mission

To provide a high quality, diverse and positive youth offer in the North East through our own services and by providing our members with relevant information, advice and support.

Values

Three core values underpin our youth offer:

- 1. Involve** – young people are involved in communities and positive activities.
- 2. Enjoy** – young people enjoy their lives and the communities where they live.
- 3. Achieve** – young people are prepared for the future and are recognised for their achievements.

Hello and Welcome

Where do I start this year? So much to reflect upon and so much change in everyone's lives during what has been such an incredibly difficult year for all.

The pandemic has had such a devastating effect on families who have lost loved ones and livelihoods and there has been a profound impact on the business community and our own charitable sector.

Back in April 2020 our immediate priority was to ensure that our work and valuable services with young people and members could continue within government guidance and local restrictions. We therefore swiftly created on our online platform (NE Youth On-line) to keep connected with young people during this challenging period. Similarly, with our members, we began to host weekly catch up calls and soon developed a training and support programme (Time to Grow) which was timely and proved much needed.

Although our plans for our 85th were essentially wiped out we are still proud that we managed to raise significant funds for our Healthy and Happy Initiative thanks in the main to our amazing ambassador Joanna (Go Jo) Shallcross who completed the

incredible challenge of forty miles a day for forty days in memory of her late father John Shallcross OBE who we all still miss dearly. This enabled us to distribute over £37,000 to our members to provide youth-led projects.

Managing the complexity of the pandemic has been a challenge at all levels of the organisation and at this point I would like to show appreciation and thanks to our staff team and Board of Directors for their incredible support and resilience. The wellbeing of staff at NE Youth is top priority and I am extremely proud of how staff dealt with either periods on Furlough and/or increased workloads with a reduced team.

I reported at this time last year that in collaboration with Youth Focus North East we received new investment from the National Lottery Community Fund to launch the North East Youth Alliance. At the time of print we will have just completed year one of what has been an incredibly successful year particularly during the pandemic.

During the pandemic we have also contributed to a number of research projects to understand the impact on young people during lockdown which will help inform future provision and services.

The amazing work of our members out in communities and the way in which they have stepped up to provide emergency support has been a huge source of inspiration and we are incredibly proud of everyone's efforts and commitment.

Our Board at the time of print are embarking on a new three-year Strategic Planning process which will provide clarity on key priorities and how best to ensure that our resources make the most difference to the most disadvantaged young people.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Jon and Fo
CEO and Chair

A Year in Lockdown

Working through the NYA levels by Caroline Evans, Youth Work Manager



Tuesday 17th March

We made the decision that all face to face youth work sessions would stop immediately. That night and for the rest of the week staff contacted young people to let them know and attended sessions in a detached capacity to reach those young people who would have otherwise turned up.

Wednesday 1st April

NE Youth Online started to deliver daily activities for all young people across the North East. Staff worked hard to create content that was fun, engaging and informative.

We also created closed group sessions for our youth groups unable to meet face to face. Through testing various methods, we settled on offering either a Zoom session or Messenger video chat for smaller or 1-2-1 sessions.

Monday 20th July

Staff started to deliver a packed summer activity programme across the sessions which increased their availability for young people to four hours a day, all whilst still delivering our NE Youth Online sessions for those groups unable to return to their clubs.

Tuesday 1st Sept

NE Youth Online took a break from the daily delivery. Schools were returning and sessions were re-established as detached youth work in each project and although in the North East we were working in Tier 3, things were feeling positive.

Wednesday 2nd Dec

National Lockdown ended and Tiers were reintroduced. However, we remained positive about the new year ahead and 2020 concluded with young people enjoying Christmas themed wellbeing bags and staff taking a well-earned break over the holidays.

Monday 1st March

The NYA hosted an update webinar on the government 'Road Map' and what we can hope for the progression next year. Whilst it has been incredibly challenging and emotional at times, the staff and young people are looking forward to the return of normal services eventually next year.

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Friday 20th March

Today was the last day in the office - what would I need to take home? Thinking it would be for 3 weeks initially, we all set up our home work stations and 10am Monday morning we were introduced to the new world of Zoom with our first virtual staff meeting.

Monday 22nd June

Staff were prepared and equipped to return to detached youth work sessions following a very long and detailed development of a COVID safe risk assessment using NYA guidelines. Staff looked forward so much to a return to this delivery of work.

Monday 6th July

The NYA guidance changed from RED to AMBER readiness and with planning with young people and working within the guidelines, staff prepared a summer activity offer that would give young people a chance to have fun and reduce their social isolation.

Saturday 31st Oct

The announcement that the nation was being put into a second lockdown was made and immediately the work began to prepare updated risk assessments and delivery plans to be able to continue to meet the needs of the young people during this time. By the 5th November, when lockdown two took effect, NYA guidance confirmed that we did not have to cease direct face to face work, as in the first lockdown.

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Tuesday 5th January

A new national Lockdown came into effect and the NYA guidance was updated to RED for all ages. All of the activities we had planned at the end of last year would have to be put on hold and we went back to providing support and safety messages to young people.

Monday 1st February

With funding secured from Violence Reduction Unit, we reinvigorated the NE Youth Online page to offer activities over 6 days a week for young people once again locked down at home. Clearly needed as we reached over 1700 people this month.

Youth Worker's Lockdown Diary

The virus has taken over. Taken over our lives.
Taken over our routine. Taken over Youth Work.

The one thing the virus hasn't taken over is our spirit and passion to help, support and encourage young people to become the best that they can. The virus has made us adapt in the way that we support young people. Detached. Distancing. Devices. The world of Youth work has changed from face to face to being online. For all youth workers this has been a struggle coming to terms with the new way of working. We have managed and we have succeeded. We will continue to manage and we will continue to succeed.

Working from home has been fun, seeing the groups connect with each other virtually. From virtual bingo to quizzes we have all managed to have fun and forget what is happening in the world around us. As a youth worker I am proud that we can manage to distract young people from their current worries. Meeting virtually with groups weekly hasn't just benefited young people it has

given us as youth workers that sense of normality we used to have before the virus took over the world.

One of the biggest challenges we have faced is getting engagement from young people whilst on detached. We give advice, support and time to listen. Even if young people do not engage we regularly walk around letting them know we are here if they ever need us. This is what keeps us going. Knowing that young people have someone to talk to if they ever feel like they need that support.

We have posted consistently online with wellbeing resources, services and advice in the hope that young people use this additional support if they need to. I am proud of the impact that we have had on young people.

Jamie Foster



Wellbeing Bags

One of the ways we have supported young people throughout this quiet and isolating time, is through the distribution of 1000 wellbeing bags for young people across the North East.

The bags were aimed to help young people stay safe during the pandemic by providing essentials such as hand sanitiser, face masks, toiletries and gloves. We also provided fun activities such as playing cards, dominos, colouring in books, puzzles and even baking ingredients. Young people loved them.

"This is mint this"
"Christmas came
6 days early"

Domestic Abuse Workshop

We were awarded funding through Northumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner to create bite size online workshops which focused on educating young people on how to identify the most common signs of domestic abuse, what the potential triggers could be and where to seek support.

We delivered to our different direct delivery youth groups and we also delivered 4 bite size sessions to our members using a 'train the

trainer' model so they could take the information back to their own organisations and share with their own young people. We also designed 5,000 signposting cards which included vital signs to look out for and the contact details for different support organisations.

The workshops were very successful and we received positive feedback from young people and other professionals.



(Support card which featured
helpline numbers on the back)

Young Person Case Study



Hi my name is James. I have been coming to the Blaydon Inclusive group for about 4 year, I have always enjoyed going to the club and enjoy helping out and take pictures for the group to put onto the closed Facebook page we have.

When it stopped because of COVID-19 I was sad as I liked to go every week to see my friends. When they started up the Zoom sessions I joined every week as I really liked to see everyone and taking part, I liked being able to see all my friends and having fun on Zoom and doing quizzes and bingo and things like that.

I am really enjoying the Happy and Healthy project and making the video about Lockdown and telling others about the Zoom with our Well-being bags. It is important to stay in touch for our mental health and wellbeing and it has been a really good way to connect on Zoom.

I have also been taking part in the NE Youth Online pages activities most days as they do different activities Monday to Sunday and it is a good way to have fun when we are staying at home a lot more.

James

Membership Network

A Youth Sector Family Hub



It's fair to say that none of us have experienced anything quite like this past year. 2020/21 has been a year of so many challenges on so many levels, yet we have stayed as strong as ever. It has been evident that the Membership Network is needed more than ever which has seen the largest growth this year in new members, and further diversifying the network as a result. We have been there and supported our members and young people every step of the way, listening, and working together as a youth sector hub. We have worked hard to bring vital support during such a critical time, partnering

with stakeholders across the region and wider, which has allowed us to further meet the needs of our members and young people to develop many needs led and new, exciting opportunities.

We have been there with constant updates, support, advice, guidance, funding, training and networking for the member network workforce. We have also brought lots of fun, accredited skills and development programmes, workshops, competitions and youth led funding opportunities for young people, to name a few. We also launched our new Member Network

Digi Hub, so it's fair to say it's been a pretty busy and successful year despite everything.

We've been overwhelmed by the response and engagement in our offer, which as a result have built even more stronger relationships. It's been inspiring to see all the fantastic work across the network this past year. This clearly shows how strong and resilient the youth sector is.

Well done everyone!

What the Membership means to the Network

"Louise is supportive and helpful, keeping us up to date with newsletters, opportunities and competitions. She is always sharing relevant information and has given us a lot of support regarding covid and how to safely run our sessions. She has been invaluable in helping us to access relevant funding opportunities. We are so thankful for this partnership and look forward to continuing to work together" Member, Sparcs

"There are always great opportunities and during the pandemic I really don't know how we would of coped without the much needed support NE Youth have provided. I am really grateful, not only to help us support young people, but it's also helped our staffs mental health"

"In a year of lockdowns and socially distancing, the member catch-up calls with Louise were always a great chance to connect with others in the Youth Sector, to share ideas, laughs and coping strategies! We've also attended lots of really great workshops. We've built lots of connections and the things we've learned have really helped feed our offer to empower young people to achieve their potential."

Member - The Key

"Overall, NE Youth have done an excellent job in keeping everyone informed and motivated during a very difficult period. I am looking forward to being part of NE youth as we start the process of re-building and reinvigorating youth services in the North East, post Lockdown."

"We feel very lucky to be a part of an organisation which actually does what it says!"

"Massive thank you to NE Youth. I am very grateful for all of the ideas on how to connect with young people in the pandemic, how we can look forward to the future and also all of the virtual courses and funding information/support. The weekly zoom meetings have been a saviour and have gave me some sort of normality and I personally think it's helped keep me normal during this time, so I'd just like to say well done and thank you all for the fantastic support." *Member*



"We have taken full advantage of all that NE Youth has offered in terms of organisational support, funding, training and opportunities for young people. In times of uncertainty we were supported alongside other youth work colleagues in zoom meetings, it was reassuring to see others and listen to how small organisations like ourselves were operating and staying safe during the pandemic. All these opportunities have allowed us to expand our youth work offer and to positively contribute towards the personal development of the young people we work with."

Member -Northbourne Youth Initiative



Member Case Studies

NE Youth Support Throughout the Pandemic

We have been lucky enough to receive funding through Scholefield Trust for some of our young people to do their refereeing course and while the pandemic halted their training, we're pleased to say that's now resumed and more young people will be benefitting from that very soon.

The Active Youth programme was brilliant. This youth led funding enabled us to continue to engage with our members and their families by helping us to provide online fitness throughout lock down. Some of our young people became young leaders of

which we are extremely proud and are now continuing to enjoy volunteering with us too.

Both our volunteers and many of our young people have also benefitted from the First Aid training with the British Red Cross and If You Care Share workshops through NE Youth, which addressed the very prominent issue of mental health with us all at a very difficult time.

I have personally enjoyed the various virtual training and workshops as part of the membership offer, including the Gaming and Gambling, Show

Racism the Red Card, HR and Funding workshop to name a few, which have all been very helpful. They were interesting, informative and also very welcomed in those lonely days while other staff were furloughed.

On behalf of everyone here at FHYP, thank you! Your service and support is very much appreciated.

Member

Forest Hall Young People's Centre

I have participated in weekly meetings during the difficult times of the last 12 months with NE Youth and other members through zoom, this is where the support for us as a team was greatly needed as no one knew what to do, how to meet the needs of the young people and how we were going to make youth work manageable during a pandemic.

I have met lots of lovely people, made friends, and learnt new skills and knowledge through all the online

training in which I have shared with my staff. The meetings and the training with NE Youth have been a life saver during these times and have given me and my colleagues the up-liftment we needed to get us through and really showed us we are all in this together, it has helped us keep our heads held high and gave us all the inspiration we much needed.

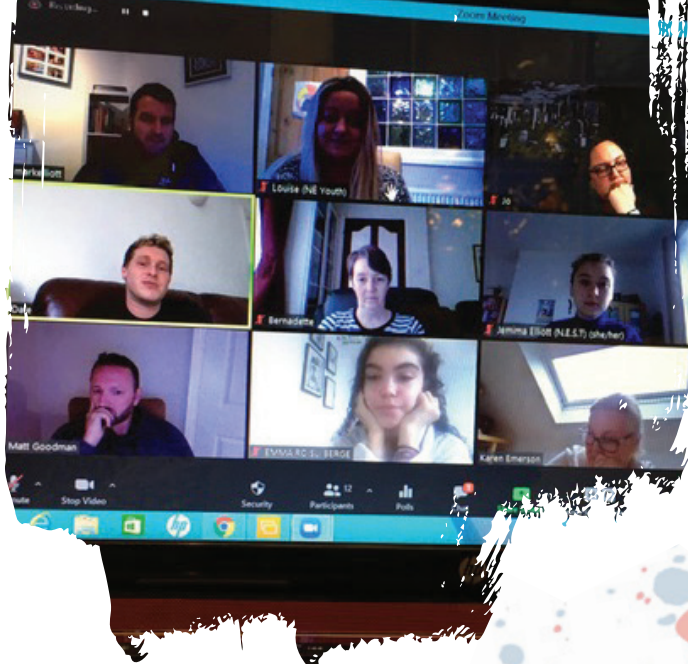
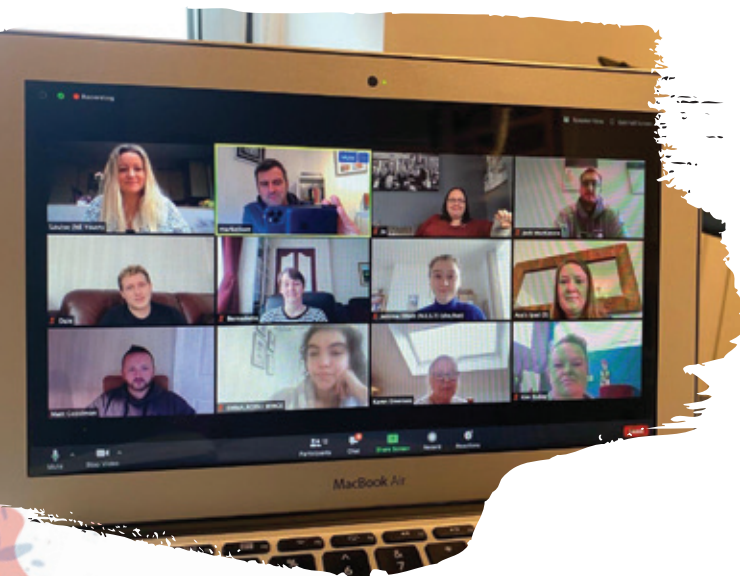
NE Youth membership is all about bringing the youth sector together and working together to support one

another, they go above and beyond to help anyone who needs it, it's like one big family. The youth family we are all very grateful for, for the continuous hard work all at NE Youth do to give their member network the very best.

Thank you all for everything you all do

Member

Buffalo Community Centre



Member Network

Workforce Training and Development

During the last 12 months, the move to virtual training and networking opportunities for learning and development has continued to be integral in ensuring that the Member Network across the North East has had the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to continue to deliver quality needs led services to young people during the pandemic.

We have continued to listen to our members and worked in partnership with a variety of sectors and stakeholders, which has allowed us to grow our offer and, in turn, supported us to continually deliver free needs led training to ensure that the youth sector is strengthened and supported.

Virtual training has been a really positive move for the member

network, which has offered a more inclusive, flexible and productive offer for members to engage, regardless of where members are based across the North East. As a result, we have over 500+ more stronger, confident and effective professionals at all levels, working with/for young people.

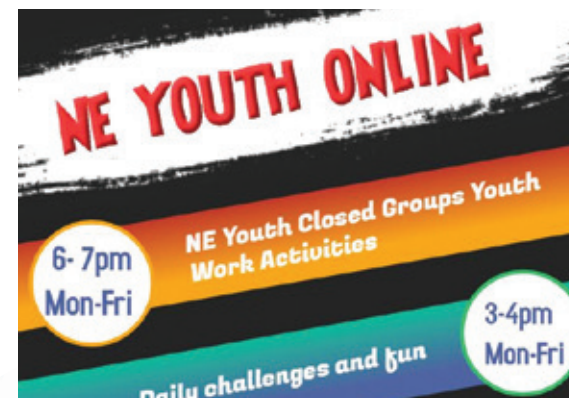
"Fantastic training session today. Huge Thank you to NE Youth and The British Red Cross for our First Aid Peer Educator training, can't wait to deliver it to our members and young people"

"Thanks, a great opportunity to gain important information. Zoom is the way forward for people with multiple roles in the organisation."

"I have attended several workshops by/ through NE Youth now. All have been really useful. I have learned so much, and they have been really interesting, eye opening, informative, professionally delivered and relevant. They are very easy to ask questions, in supportive groups. Some of the best training I have received in a long time. Thank you"

"Thank you, I really enjoyed today's session and thematic debate, which was much needed in the sector and thank you for the opportunity to learn more about the history of youth work"

"I have been attending the networking meetings and have always found them friendly, informal yet focussed and informative. They are also a great opportunity to meet with people/workers in the sector"



NE Youth Online

NE Youth Online was established during the first lockdown to deliver digital sessions to young people as we couldn't provide our usual face to face youth sessions.

NE Youth Online delivered a range of activities to young people during each weekday for 2 hours. These activities consisted of: competitions, issue-based workshops, exercise workshops, debates and fun interactive games. Staff worked hard to create and develop fun games and posts for the young people.

NE Youth Online has grown since first being created and within a year

has 553 followers! The logo on the NE Youth Online Facebook page was created by two of our regular young people.

NE Youth Online has been a great youth platform for young people to engage with during times when face to face work was so restricted. It has allowed information to be accessible to young people 24 hours a day.

553

followers in
the first year

From Apprentice to Sessional Youth Worker

I began my journey at NE Youth as an Apprentice Youth Worker in 2019.

I gained some great experience and knowledge from working alongside colleagues which has now allowed me to be a Sessional Youth Worker at NE Youth.

I passed my apprenticeship in May 2020. By completing the apprenticeship, I have now gained the confidence to go to University and study a degree! Something which previously I hadn't had the confidence to do.

NE Youth has allowed me to build and develop my professional skills such as: dealing with challenging behaviour, being organised and time efficiency.

Since working a short-period at NE Youth, I have been allowed to take part in some amazing opportunities such as: a residential, regular interaction with young people, workshops, working alongside our membership programmes at Newcastle College and speaking at International Women's Day event.

NE Youth has allowed me to flourish as a professional and as an individual. I'm eager for the future ahead full of amazing opportunities working for the organisation.



Thank you to the St. Nicholas Educational Trust for funding this apprenticeship.

Hollie Rose

Our Year in Numbers

Youth Work
Delivery

1130

young people

Membership
Programmes

16000

young people

= TOTAL

2730

young people directly worked with



1613

posts on
NE Youth
Online



1000

wellbeing bags
distributed

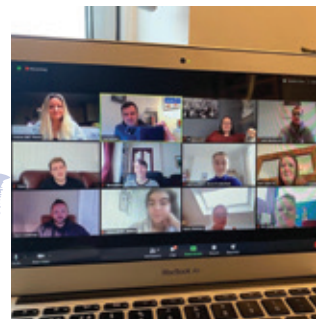
12

local authority
areas across
the North East



139

Member
Organisations



84

Young people
achieved a
Youth Achievement
Award for
leadership and
volunteering



500+

attendees in our
workforce training
and development
programme

80+

workshops and
networking events

£60K

Funding/Grants
awarded to
members

140,000+

young people engaged indirectly
within the membership network



47

Thousand
Volunteers supporting
the membership
network



Resulting in a staggering
133,992

hours of volunteering PER WEEK!!





Member Network

Regional & National Programmes / Workshops throughout the Pandemic

This year has been full to the brim of challenges, and for us to finish the year in such a strong position and having supported so many young people from within our member network, from participating in our programmes / workshops, which have developed skills to make changes in their lives in this difficult time has been a wonderful result.

Despite the challenges, it's been another really positive year working. We have worked in partnership to co-create and deliver innovative, accessible, funded opportunities for young people with regional and national funders such as: UK Youth, UPS, Sport England and Google/YouTube. This has allowed us to deliver

a range of new and exciting inclusive virtual, blended and social distanced opportunities to meet the changing needs of thousands of young people.

We have established a strong reputation for delivering high quality skills development opportunities for young people to empower them to engage with informal education, youth led funding, social action, leadership, enterprise, volunteering, accreditation and training to name a few, including: Young Reporters, Tennerthon, Issue Based Workshops, Outdoor Activators, Be Internet Citizens, Active Youth, and Road Code.

This has resulted in more positive youth voices, whilst keeping young

people safe, fit and healthy both physically and mentally, which has been needed more than ever this year. Overall our programmes have hugely benefited over 1,600 young people, building confidence and raising aspirations and resilience and resulted in accreditation and the continuation of volunteering and leadership for many.

The motivation, engagement, strength, resilience and passion demonstrated by our members all to support us to achieve such excellent results, must not be underestimated or understated – thank you for your hard work and commitment to ensure excellent opportunities are available for young people!

1600+

Young people engaged in our programmes and workshops throughout 2020/21

80+

Youth Achievement Awards for Leadership and Volunteering achieved

"I honestly enjoyed the programme, as a fact I loved it – the interacting of the videos and the quizzes made it more interesting whilst online. It was essential for my safety and others too"

"This programme brings so much information to young minds which increases their confidence".

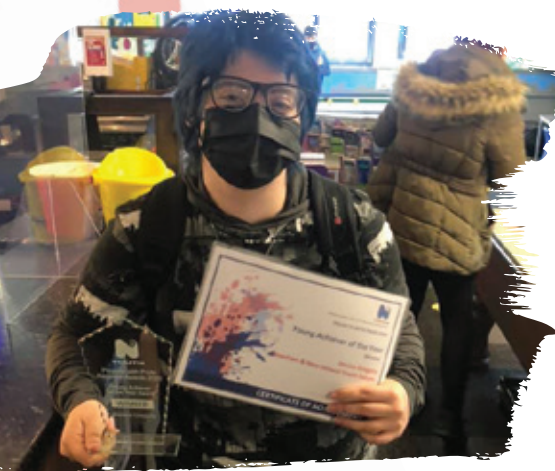
"Remove labels and love one another"

"Be Internet Citizens has really opened my eyes as a practitioner and as a young person myself... it covers extremely important content."

"I really enjoyed it, thank you for telling us lots of important information in a way that was engaging but also not super formal!"



Projects with Pride Awards Celebration 2020



Although very different this year, on Wednesday 24th February 2021 we hosted our first (and hopefully last!) virtual Projects with Pride awards which are now in their ninth year. We are all extremely proud of this annual celebration and it reflects our ongoing commitment to recognising and celebrating the achievements and talents of young people, volunteers and staff at all levels within our membership network from across the North East.

We had an incredible 89 nominations this year, with the introduction of a new award – Community Champion of the Year. Although we were unable to hold our usual annual celebration, we still worked as hard as ever to make this year's event as special and memorable as always.

Thank You

Huge congratulations to all 89 award nominees and the fantastic 13 award winners. A special thank you to our judging panel, sponsors and supporters and to each and every one of you from across our membership network for all of your amazing hard work, resilience and dedication this last 12 long tough months, as without whom the awards night would not be possible and the success it is – well done everyone!

2.5k
People reached

"Well done on organising such an inspirational event under such difficult circumstances. You must have put in a lot of hours to produce such a great final viewing." Member

"Thank you, I could have never got where I am now without everything Silx have done for me! So I hope my progress and this award not only reflects on my work but also the hard work and dedication of all the youth worker who have helped me to get my education back on track"
Winner – Young Achiever of the Year Award

"Huge thank you for our award and recognition of our hard work, dedication and commitment which has helped make this group successful"

Most Improved Project Award Winners
Bright Futures Young mums Project

"Thanks for recognising all the amazing work so many people are doing in our region - just what we all need to lift our spirits"

"Thank you very much for this award and well done to all the other winners and nominees. I know that everyone will be working so hard day in day out for their young people during what has been a very difficult year. Congratulations NE Youth on a fab virtual awards night."

"Huge well done everyone, you all deserve a pat on the back after this past year we have all worked hard meet the needs of our young people and tackle some obstacles - well done all."

Corporate Events & Sponsorship

As you can imagine it has been an incredibly challenging year for NE Youth. The cancellation of our key fundraising events in 2020/1, resulting in an £80,000 shortfall, placed huge pressure on our services at a time when young people needed it most.

Our most challenging time came when we heard of the sad passing of our longest serving Board Member and Fundraising Champion John Shallcross OBE. John dedicated over 40 years to supporting our work and raised more than £1M for young people. On the back of this one of his daughters, Joanna, stepped up and took on an incredible challenge (#GoJo) to cover (running and cycling) over 40 miles each day for 40 days which raised an amazing £23,000 to support our work and our 85th Anniversary Healthy and Happy campaign.

Furthermore, Joanna continued to raise money in February 2021 in the form of 'Medal Month'. The challenge was for participants of all ages and abilities to complete a marathon by the 21st of February (which would have been John's birthday). We were overwhelmed by the number of people who signed up, and the generosity of everyone who sponsored and donated. People from all over the world took part! The challenge raised an incredible £10,000.

Although many of our key fundraising events were cancelled, we were fortunate enough to still be able to safely hold our Annual Golf Event at Ramside on Friday, 2nd October 2020. The day was a great success!

And we simply couldn't let 2021 pass us by without our yearly celebration of International Women's Day. Although we couldn't organise a big face-to-face event, we were able to put on a fantastic online raffle.

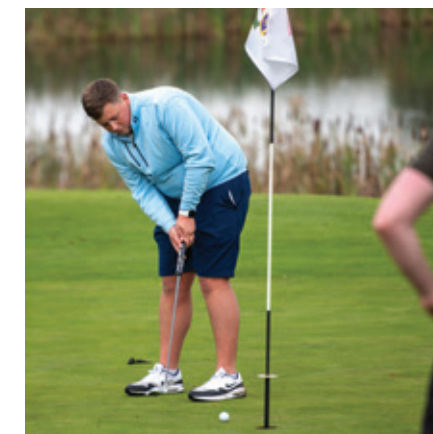
We also held our first International Women's Day Awards (hosted online by the amazing Anna Foster of BBC Newcastle), celebrating all the brilliant women of the North East.

As restrictions begin to lift, and life resumes some sense of normality, we look forward to planning ahead for 2021-22. Our popular Clay Pigeon Shoot event weekend will be back with a vengeance in July, as well as our Annual Golf event planned for September. Furthermore, our incredible Great North Run supporters, who sadly had to roll over their place from 2020 to 2021, will don their trainers once again in September and pound the roads and streets of our great region, all the while raising money for NE Youth.

Without the continued backing of our sponsors, corporate supporters and event participants, we simply wouldn't have been able to have continued to provide much needed services to the young people of the North East, especially during this unprecedented time. So thank you!

£40,000

Total Raised April 2020 - End March 2021



A huge thank you to all of our corporate sponsors and supporters who have been integral to the success of our fundraising programme over the last year. Without your support it would not have been possible.



Youth Voice

Hear **by** Right

NE Youth are committed to listening to and acting on the views of young people. As an organisation we have put youth participation and youth voice at the heart of our 3 year strategic plan so that we can continue to improve and embed our practice in this area.

We are currently working through the Hear by Right Framework and this is our journey through the process so far...



January 2020

A Hear by Right Strategy Group was established following the attendance of two staff at Hear by Right training at the National Youth Agency in Leicester.

June 2020

The North East Youth Alliance was launched with Youth Voice being a core strand running through all of its work.

October 2020

Young people worked with staff to produce new information, including a poster aimed at them to understand how they could have their voices heard across NE Youth's work.

March 2021

Staff developed Article 12 (UNCRC) training and delivered an internal session to all delivery staff aimed at raising awareness of young people's rights when it comes to youth voice.

March 2020

NE Youth commits to the Hear by Right Participation Pledge and promotes across its communication channels.

Sept 2020

Youth voice was made the focus of our 2020 Staff Conference. Staff from all parts of the organisation attended.

January 2021

The North East Youth Alliance Youth Voice Team hosted virtual consultations with young people to support them to share their opinions on their local area, services and organisations and how they could be improved.

Healthy **and** Happy Fund

The theme of our 85th Anniversary was Happy and Healthy which we believe are both core elements to young people being able to live a **fulfilled life**.



To celebrate this milestone we launched a grants programme that member organisations could bid into as long as the projects were designed by young people. The fund was split into two elements:

Micro grants of up to £400 per application

Social action grants of up to £1,200 per application

Applications have been diverse and have included projects such as boxercise classes, decorating a youth club and even promoting green behaviour change.

48

projects
approved

£37k

awarded
to projects

North East Youth Alliance

NE Youth and Youth Focus North East launched the North East Youth Alliance on the 1st June 2020.



**NORTH EAST
YOUTH ALLIANCE**

The Alliance has received funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to enable the youth sector in the region to collaborate for the benefit of the young people we all support.

The first year of this exciting programme has seen us develop local alliances in Birtley and South Durham where organisations and professionals are coming together to develop comprehensive youth offers based on what young people tell us they want and need.

Youth voice is a fundamental element of the North East Youth Alliance and young people are not only developing their own definitions of what this means to them but are also telling us how they want to engage in the work by developing roles such: Young Researchers, Young Inspectors and Young Board Members.

We launched the North East Youth Alliance Workforce Development Offer in February 2021 which provides the most comprehensive training offer the youth sector in the North East has ever seen. The offer represents more than £120,000 worth of investment

into the sector and is, in itself, an example of what can be achieved when organisations come together and collaborate.

Our work with the North East Youth Alliance has only just started and we are incredibly excited to see what the future holds with more involvement from young people, professionals and organisations across the region.

"I just have to say it was brilliant, totally outdone my expectations. It's just such a brilliant opportunity and so exciting I just can't wait. I'm definitely going to be speaking with the other students to try and get them involved too, they will get so much from being part of this."

Young person involved in Youth Voice

Our Funders

Particularly during this incredibly challenging year we cannot thank our funders enough for their incredible support. Funders have faced their own challenges and have stepped up to respond to the needs of the sector and ensured that organisations can continue to cover core running costs and deliver much needed services.

Newcastle City Council

BBC Children in Need

Bernicia

Charities Aid Foundation

Charities Trust

Community Foundation

County Durham Sport

Cramlington Council

Dickon Trust Fund

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