

# OLDHAM YOUTH SERVICE

## TERMLY REPORT COVERING



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## ANNUAL PROGRAMME TARGETS

	Minimum Target	Actual to date
Residential	1	1
Interclub Visit	2	2
Social Events	4	14
Sport/Physical Challenge	4	25
Open Day	1	0
Workshop discussion	4	17
International work	1	0
Creative Arts	6	19
Performing Arts	6	7
Trips	4	15
Triangulation Events	4	4

## LINKING WORK TO THE CURRICULUM

Key curriculum area	No of pieces of work undertaken this term
Personal and social skills, increasing aspirations	14
Empowerment, democracy and decision making	15
Equality and diversity	12
New opportunities and challenging experiences	18
Healthy lifestyles	12

Thanks to the partners worked with over the term:

- Connexions
- Detached Team
- Area Committee Elected Members and Co-opted Members
- PCSO Community Officers

# EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE

## **Pool competition with Glodwick Youth Centre**

This activity was devised after a discussion at the Youth Club committee meeting with young people showing an interest in working with young people of different ethnicities and religions. It was decided that the young people will organise a pool competition followed by a meal at a local restaurant in Oldham town centre. We had four weeks to organise the pool competition and the meal. Young people had gone round to their peers and sold the event with many young people taking part in the event, also with the planning. The aim of the project was to get young people from different backgrounds working together in a fun and informal way, and at the same time young people making new friends and learning about different cultures and beliefs. This was mainly done with the food that was provided young people from Oakbank youth centre learned that young people from Glodwick youth centre could only eat food that was halal. Before we began the pool competition we did an easy ice breaker which was to get young people having fun and to get to know each other's names. This was a very successful event with:-

- 32 young people taking part and having fun
- 4 staff

## **Open Access**

We, as a team have decided to have healthy eating project on open access sessions. This will enable young people to explore different ways of making their food, in a much healthier way. The healthy eating project has been hugely successful and we now currently run two sessions a week. One session on how to utilise the grill and the benefits of grilling as opposed to frying, the second session is how to make different smoothies through a blender. Young people learn the nutrition values of what they eat. We are now looking at also accrediting some of this as it's being very successful and young people have developed and learnt new skills, all of which is done under supervision of staff.

Also during the open access session we ran the Youth Election voting via the internet, young people were empowering their peers to take active role in the voting system by encouraging all young people attending the youth centre to read the manifestos and vote for the young person who they would want to be their elected member acting on behalf of young people in the Chadderton area.

## Principles of Youth Work

### **Education**

Due to the wide range of projects delivered during this term we have looked at developing accreditation for most of our activities as it is also an encouragement to the young people and they are able to add all achievements to their progress files. We are also able to, as a team, offer individual educational support depending on each young person's own needs. This ensures that all offered within youth provision for North Chadderton is inclusive for all young people. We have a young female who is on the verge of being excluded from school due to many problems at home, this young person comes to the youth centre and approached a member of staff explaining that she has major problems at home and school and if there was any thing that the youth service could offer. We liaised with the school who had given her permission to come to the youth centre and do her work, she worked really well when the school had come in to see how she was getting they were amazed of how much work she had done, stating that she would not have this much work in a term. We are working with the school to re-integrate the young person back into mainstream education.

### **Community Cohesion**

This was undertaken by

- Interclub visits
- Young people attracting new members to the youth programme
- Young people monitoring the youth club conditions of the entertainment licence
- Pool competition
- Meal at a restaurant

### **Equality**

The programme delivered was designed to give young people an awareness of others' situations, difficulties, abilities, cultures and individual needs. In practice this means that young people had been involved in the organizing and planning of the pool competition with another youth centre which is predominantly Pakistani young men, we took a mixed party and everyone was made to feel welcome as these young people had never met or worked together, also there was a return visit organised which was very successful. The programme activities are designed for young people to explore their values and beliefs to help break down myths and stereotypes of others.

### **Empowerment and Participation**

The young people from Oakbank youth centre are encouraged to take an active role in the running of their youth club, all members are able to

voice their opinions through the committee meetings which are held once a month. The staff team is always encouraging young people to participate in all the activities which are on offer to them. The confidence and energy is such that they have had taken ownership of the pool competition. We have also three young people going onto the Oldham Youth Council after being elected by their peers within the Chadderton area. The staff team is always encouraging young people to participate in all the activities which are on offer to them

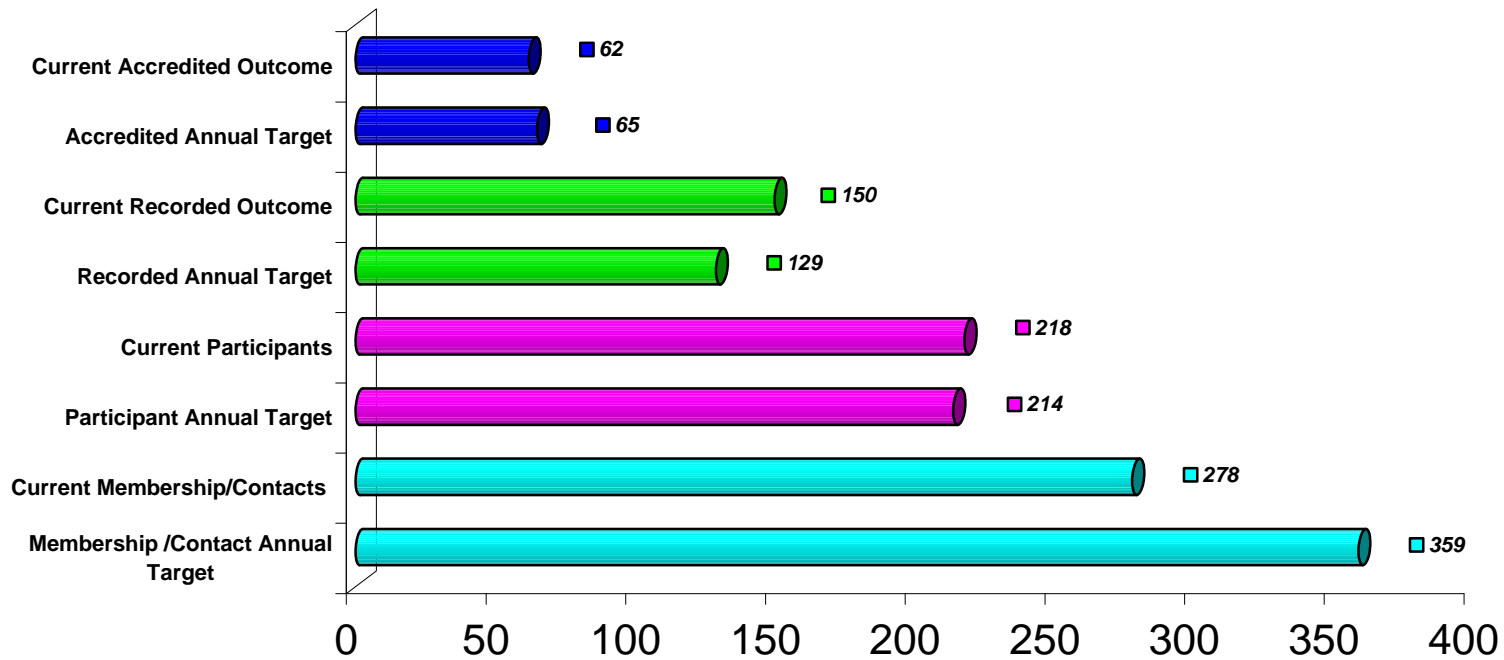
### **Fun**

All activities which are on offer to young people at the youth centre are made to be fun in a warm and safe environment where members can have fun and learn new skills. This is monitored on a regular basis by the young people to ensure continuity.

## COMING UP

Up to 10 with a brief sentence to promote each.

1. Exploring Disabilities
2. Health and Beauty workshops
3. AQA Development
4. Drug and Alcohol Awareness
5. Dance workshops
6. Nail art
7. Pool Competition
8. Music Workshop
9. Creative Art
10. Healthy eating



# Accumulative Involvement with Young People aged 13 –

