

## Young People's Group: 25/01/2017

### **Attendees:**

Jonathan Pooley – Work 4U

Becky Green – The Forge Church

Kevin Crispin- Eye Saints Football Club and Community Centre

Kim Crispin– Eye Saints Football Club, Community Centre, and Town Councillor

Jules Talbot – The Bank

Andy Robinson – The Eye Project

Gareth Moir – Suffolk County Council; Localities & Partnerships Team

### **Apologies:**

Adrian Beatty

### What's working well in Eye for young people?

- The range of activity on offer is varied and plentiful
- The schools to work with
- A range of facilities
- Lots of activity for the under 12's

### What should be improved in Eye for young people?

- The sense of support from the community
- Groups are fragmented and not joined up to work alongside each other
- The anti-social behaviour in Eye by some young people
- Transport links for young people
- The level/range of support services available to young people

### Suggested needs for Eye:

- A means for promoting Eye
- Ways in which good ideas can be carried and supported going forward (empowering)
- Some engagement with young people
- Build links with the school
- Create a communication network (via emails)

### Youth Voice:

- As part of a county wide project to develop young voice opportunities there is the chance create the opportunity for Eye to have a youth voice platform to co-produce work from within this work stream. There is some funding behind the project to develop and run youth voice opportunities to have discussions with decision makers, project officers and councillors.

Actions:

Conduct engagement with young people about need, to generate evidence - **Becky** and the Forge to carry out surveys with young people

Youth Voice opportunity - **All** to find volunteers/representatives for a group to investigate needs in more detail feedback with any participants for **Gareth** to arrange collective group.

Set up Email network for mutual support, info sharing **Andy**

The Offer of level 2 youth work training at The Mix in Stowmarket **Gareth** to get promotional material from distribution, places can be funded.

Look at creating an events diary via the Eye Town Council website **Andy**

Promotion - what can be done to promote activities in Eye better - to Eye and surrounding area. **Andy** to discuss with ETC

Detached young work - consider funding opportunities **Gareth** to explore funding, **Becky** has suggested that the Forge/The Base could carry this out.

Make contact with the schools to see how better links can be created **Gareth** and **Becky** to explore through existing contacts

Contact police to see how they can feed into this work stream **Andy**

Contact gym owner to see what they can contribute **Andy**

Invite other volunteers scouts, guides and those above to get involved with this work stream **Gareth**

Arrange to meet again in 6 weeks or so to consider evidence and progressing forward **Gareth** to circulate details