

CHANGING LIVES

We have a proven track record of turning the lives of young people around. Our youth work activities enable young people to thrive and achieve. Through 1-2-1 mentoring young people are supported in a reflective process, helping them to recognise their starting point, journey taken and celebrate achievement. We monitor and review progress and support young people to apply their learning towards future action and change.



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Hemlington Detached
Youth Work Project

Shelby's story

Shelby is a young person who regularly attended the youth club sessions for around a year and a half and is still actively engaged with the project.

Deprived neighborhood

Shelby has grown up in one of the most deprived neighborhoods in England. She has experienced difficulties with school, with the possibility of being excluded. She initially showed reluctance to engage with staff, but through intensive 1-2-1 support and mentoring around school and her personal life she gradually developed a new outlook and attitude, her behavior improved in school and her self-confidence grew too.

Career aspirations

Shelby has developed self-confidence and awareness of future goals and aspirations towards a career in working with children and young people. Shelby initially engaged the service through an open access youth club. From her earliest involvement she was very inquisitive about youth work and expressed a desire to do it as a job.

Next steps

Shelby has gained new skills, knowledge and experiences in youth work. She is now surer than ever that a career in youth work is for her. Shelby is a great role model to other young people. She has often commented that working with us has made her a more confident, resilient and assured young woman. Linx will continue to support here as she continues her journey into youth worker by completing relevant qualifications.

Key skills and empowerment

Shelby was encouraged to work together with her peer group, as part of the 'The Key' Stage 1 social action project. She was supported to take a lead role in the project and developed a whole range of life skills, as well as overcoming her reluctance to engage with staff.

Work as a volunteer

After a few conversations, we arranged for Shelby to be a volunteer with us in the junior group at the youth club. She acts as a peer mentor and became a role model to our younger group. Since starting this Shelby has improved her confidence, communication skills and decisions making. She is now leading on issue-based workshops with our group, providing them with informed knowledge on a wide range of issues such as drugs, alcohol, anti-social behavior, internet safety and more. Shelby has recently created a video for young people on the current COVID19 pandemic, watch it here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76c9_19tXzM

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