

# Detached Youth Work Provision



Prudhoe Town Council is seeking to initiate and fund a detached youth work provision in the town on a Friday and Saturday evening from 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm.

Detached youth work operates without the use of a building or activity and takes place where young people "are at" both geographically and developmentally. It delivers informal and social education and addresses whatever needs are presented to or perceived by the youth worker. Detached Youth Workers have no physical building or specific activity over which they have power or control; the relationship between the young person(s) and youth worker(s) is entirely voluntary and constantly up for negotiation.

Detached youth work takes place on young people's own territory; one of the aims is to inform young people of services that exist in the town and to encourage them to use such services, but also outreach can seek to identify, through consultation with young people, any gaps that exist in services aimed at meeting their needs.

Effective Detached Youth Work should aim to:

- ✓ Be an agent of social change and social action rather than social control.
- ✓ Respect the voluntary nature of the relationship between the worker and young person.
- ✓ Through negotiation and dialogue, challenge young people's attitudes and behaviour where they impact negatively on themselves and others.
- ✓ Support meaningful participation of young people in political decision making processes and ensure their voices are heard.
- ✓ Model such participatory values in all its interactions with young people.
- ✓ Support the progressive personal development of all young people towards self advocacy through learning.

**We invite interested parties to complete an 'expression of interest' to provide a detached youth service in the town. This should include:**

1. Organisation summary and compliance with child protection legislation.
2. Experience and capability.
3. Qualifications and training of youth workers employed.
4. Your understanding of the issues facing young people in Prudhoe.
5. Example of a logistical plan to deliver detached youth work in Prudhoe.
6. Expected outcomes to be achieved through detached youth work.
7. Any other information to support your interest.

**Please complete your 'Expression of Interest' by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Following a review, tenders will be sought with a view to commencing work on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for an initial 12-week period. An evaluation will take place after 6-weeks and the Town Council will seek to offer a 1-year contract from April 2019 – March 2020.**