



Who we are

The Bank Youth Project is an open-access youth centre for the young people of Ashburton and the surrounding area, based in a building that was formerly a branch of the Midland Bank, hence the name Bank Youth Project, also known as BYP.

The Bank Youth Project is managed by a group of volunteer trustees under the terms of its constitution and as a registered charity, we operate under the Charity Commission.

Monthly meetings of the trustees, also attended by a representative from the Town Council, the Lead Youth Support Worker, and the Administrator, form the Management Group, which reviews and manages all aspects of the workings of BYP.

This year to date:



919 attendances

338 registered members

171 regular session members

57 recorded SEND members

8 Young Volunteers

4 Work Experience Placements



"I really enjoy it here, just wish it was open everyday though." - Calum, age 12

Our Services





Doink - Devon Sexual Health C-Card Scheme - Our youth workers are trained in educating sexual health. We raise awareness of healthy relationships, STI's, periods, safe sex and more.



Devon MASH and Childline - BYP's staff are all qualified in Child protection and have a dedicated Safeguarding Lead and Policy to help support any situation or concern.



Pause for Thought - Mental Health Service. One-to-one support and group work to listen, engage, and support our young members' mental health and wellbeing.

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Healthy Eating - At BYP, we offer free fruit and veg at each session to encourage healthier options. We have removed all fizzy drinks and raise awareness of the importance of a healthy and good nutritious diet.



Healthy lifestyle - Our Lead Youth Worker is qualified and professionally experienced in Sports and Physical Activity. BYP offers a range of different sports and physical activities throughout the Summer. At BYP, we also raise awareness of the importance and benefits physical activity can have on young people throughout their lives such as eye corordination and mobility.



We supply different ways to be creative, through arts and crafts, play writing, story telling, Tik Tok, performing music and more.

Quotes from members



"OMG it's changed so much, I really like it, it's so chill."

"I don't think I've ever had this much fun"

"I wish this basement was my room"

"Wow, it's changed, I like it"

"I definitely will come back next week" - new member

"Thank you so much, I had so much fun"

"Live, Laugh, Love BYP"



Quotes from members



"I can't believe Doris rolled down the hill with us, it was the best thing" (Shallowford trip!)

"We would just sit in bed if this wasn't open"

"I prefer coming here on Thursdays, it's more chill"

"It's fun and a quiet place to come with friends"

"Thank you for curing my boredom"

"I love BYP, it's the best"



Mission



BYP's mission is to empower and support children and young people to improve their life opportunities by helping them grow both as individuals and as members of the community, to help them reach their full potential.

Values



- Young people choose to take part with the ability to express themselves freely within a safe space.
- Understanding and promoting young people's voice and view of the world.
- Treating young people with respect and respecting and valuing differences.
- · Seeking to develop young people's skills and attitudes rather than remedy 'problem behaviours'.
- Helping young people develop stronger relationships and collective identities.

Legacy



"My daughter would be lost without this place, thank you so much for looking out for her and making her feel so welcome. She never stops talking about you girls when she's home."

"Made him much more sociable" - Parent

"My daughter seems more confident and social" - Parent

"It's a great way for our daughter to gain some independence in a safe environment" - Parent





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Compliments from community/parents

"Seeing my child happy and making friends brings me contentment and confidence in their development" - Parent

"It's been the best year with having your members, they have been no trouble at all They have just got stuck in, it's been a real pleasure to have them here, thank you so much." Rotary Club

Former members

"BYP was such a huge part of my life, I feel so blessed to have come here"

"I used to go to BYP when I was little, it's the heart of the town, I would have been lost without it"

