

Community Asset Transfer Request  
30 Year Lease

Sea Cadet Hall, High Street, Stonehaven, AB39 2JP

by

Kincardine and Mearns Youth Clubs, SCIO  
(KMYC)



## KINCARDINE AND MEARN'S YOUTH CLUBS

This proposal sets out the need for a permanent home for the Stonehaven Youth Club (SYC), part of Kincardine and Mearns Youth Clubs, SCIO (KMYC).

KMYC was set up after wide community consultation about providing Youth Clubs in the Kincardine and Mearns area with three main clubs to start with, namely Stonehaven, Mearns (Laurencekirk) and Portlethen. We gained SCIO charity status on 19th August 2022.

### **1. Key Aims and Values of KMYC Youth Clubs**

1.1 KMYC aims to assist with the provision of recreational facilities and activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for young people aged 10 to 25 years of age in the Kincardine and Mearns area of Aberdeenshire.

1.2 We aim to establish and assist local management teams to run local Youth Clubs in the Kincardine and Mearns area of Aberdeenshire, which will support and create opportunities for local young people to thrive; to ensure they have somewhere to turn to and someone to talk to, wherever and whenever, they are in need. KMYC will support and create opportunities for our local young people to thrive. KMYC supports local management teams to set up and run youth clubs to provide welcoming, inclusive and safe places for local young people that are free at point of delivery, encouraging a positive contribution by young people to the local community. This in turn empowers young people to make good life choices and to make the most of their learning and experiences building resilience and responsibility. With our facilitation and support of local youth clubs we promote best quality youth work and opportunities for young people in Kincardine and Mearns. These local youth clubs will run according to the constitution, policies and procedures of KMYC and are run by local management teams and trained volunteers that report to the KMYC Board of Trustees.

1.3 KMYC respect the dignity and worth of every young person regardless of age, gender, race, religion or sexual orientation; each individual's differences; the growing autonomy of every young person; every young person's right to be a voluntary participant in any helping process; and the potential of every young person.

1.4 KMYC is a registered member of the following organisations:

- OSCR (SCIO No. SC051940)
- Youth Scotland
- Stonehaven Town Partnership (STP)
- Kincardine Development Partnership (KDP)
- Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action (AVA)

## **2. Current position**

2.1 Currently, KMYC - Stonehaven Youth Club (SYC) is operating out of the Stonehaven Community Centre, using the downstairs Community/Youth Room and Lounge one night a week on Fridays between 7-9pm. We cater to all children and young people aged 10 to 25 years of age, though our core demographic is 10-18 year olds at present.

2.2 The capacity of these rooms is limited and there is no storage available for the Youth Club to keep their stock, games etc which means our volunteers must bring them back and forth each week. The limited capacity of the rooms limits how many young people we can cater for with varied and different age appropriate activities. As renters we are also competing for the space with other community groups. Currently SYC runs on a Friday evening and attracts 35-45 youngsters every week. This is the only evening the Community Centre can offer on a regular basis. We also cannot let the young people "make their mark" and take ownership of the space as we could, should we have our own dedicated space.

2.3 We conducted a survey of SYC members in April 2023 to gauge their opinion on our current offering (see Appendix 5)

## **3. The Proposal**

3.1 KMYC propose to take undertake a long term 30 year lease under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, of the former Sea Cadet Hall on the High Street in Stonehaven to provide a place for our Stonehaven Youth Club to grow and give a central location in Kincardine and Mearns for the KMYC operation to have office space..

3.2 We have a long term vision for our youth clubs to be able to provide safe spaces for local young people to hang out, relax with their friends and take part in informal activities. We will also provide opt-in sessions on life skills such as basic cooking, budgeting etc. We will have digital devices on hand for use by those that do not have access to computers/tablets at home. They will be able to conduct searches and applications for jobs etc this way.

3.3 We would also wish to provide an evening for those with additional needs, such as those with Autism Spectrum Disorder who may not be able to cope in the dynamic environment that the Youth Club usually is. Having our own space to use for various groups' needs at different times will be a huge bonus.

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3.4 The Old Sea Cadet Hall is a building with huge potential.



It has various rooms which can facilitate the many and varied activities we wish to provide:

- Large Hall with kitchen: this area will provide a generous space to have pool tables, table football, table tennis with sofas and chairs in an informal arrangement. The kitchen and back area of the hall would make an ideal space for a cafe style area for a Youth Cafe. It is also large enough to host discos, open mike nights and vigorous games should the young people so choose.



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- Reception Room: this area can be furnished with comfortable sofas and chairs to create a relaxing chill out zone. It could also house games consoles for those that do not have access to gaming at home.



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- Upstairs Room One: this room can be set up as a games room, with tables and chairs for board games, chess, Dungeons and Dragons etc. It also has a vast storage area, ideal for all the club's games and equipment.

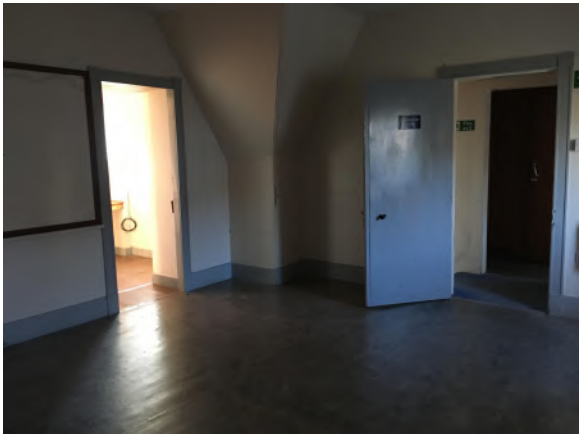


- Upstairs Room Two: this room is smaller and could be a “quiet” room with bean bags on the floor and perhaps a desk. It will provide a quieter area for those who need it to get away from the hubbub of the main spaces for a little while, a sanctuary. It could also be used as a study space for those that do not have that opportunity at home. Equally, it could be a reading room with a book swap area so the young people can access books freely.

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- At the back of the building upstairs there is a suite of office spaces that can be used as a central office for the KMYC operation.



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- There is a toilet block which needs to be upgraded with a disabled toilet added, and showers that could form part of a future phase of refurbishment.





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- Large entrance hall and staircase for receiving and registering members. For accessibility, in the future stairlifts could be installed on the entrance stairway as well as the staircase to the first floor.

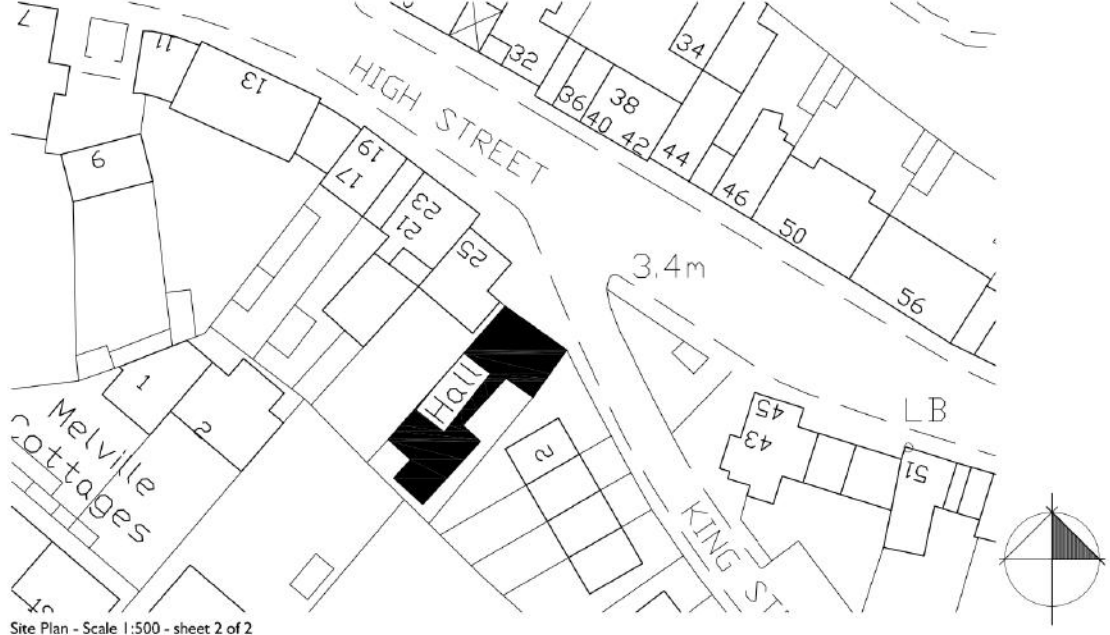


- Small outside space that could be used as a courtyard garden during summer and encourage gardening activities to develop skills.



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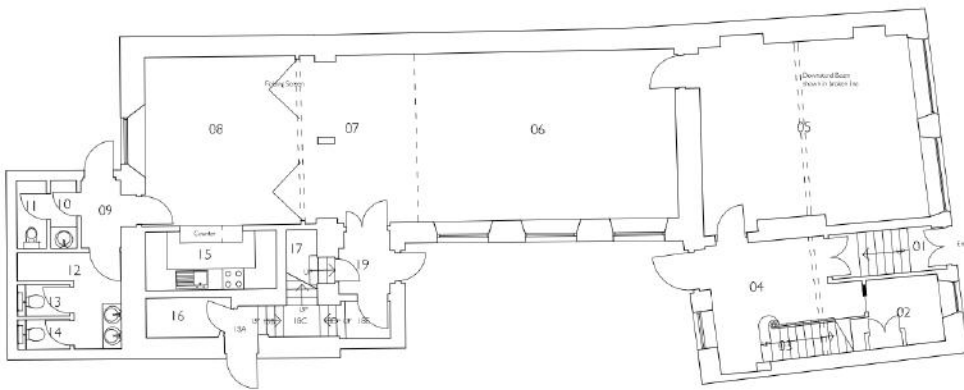


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Room 1	Ent/Vestibule
Room 2	Copy Room
Room 3	Stairs
Room 4	Hallway
Room 5	Meeting Room
Room 6	Hall
Room 7	Hall(lower ceiling)
Room 8	Rear Hall
Room 9	IVS
Room 10	Toilets
Room 11	Cubicle
Room 12	Toilets
Room 13	Cubicle
Room 14	Cubicle
Room 15	Kitchen
Room 16	Store*
Room 17	Store*
Room 18A	Corridor
Room 18B	Corridor
Room 18C	Corridor
Room 18D	Corridor
Room 18E	Corridor
Room 19	Corridor

**Ground Floor : Main Building**

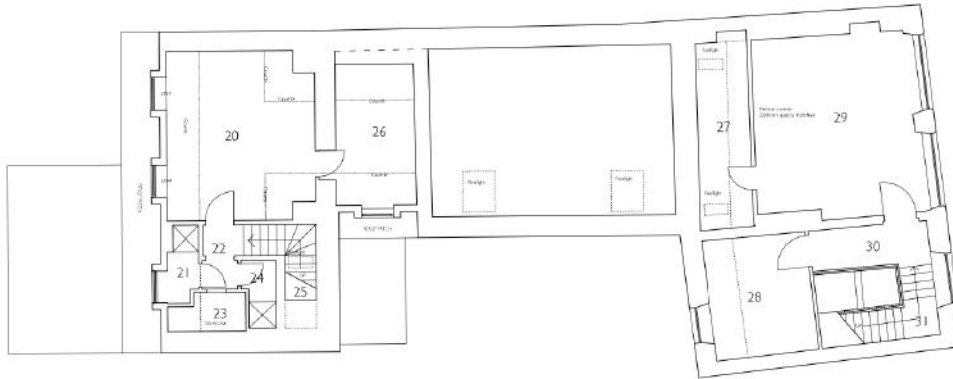
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Room 20	Office
Room 21	Shower
Room 22	Landing
Room 23	IPS Room
Room 24	Shower
Room 25	Stairs
Room 26	Landing
Room 27	Store
Room 28	Office
Room 29	Office
Room 30	Landing
Room 31	Stairs

First Floor : Main Building

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3.5 Although the building is old and in need of some care and attention it has huge potential. Should KMYC be successful in gaining the lease for the building via the CAT process, we would endeavour to improve its facilities. There are also capital remedial works required immediately to deal with damp issues in the flat roofed area at the rear as well as to solve the water ingress from the roof. We would also endeavour to install better toilets, including a disabled toilet and stair lifts for accessibility purposes. We would also look to improve the building's energy efficiency by investigating the use of solar panels with battery energy storage. These improvements would be funded by applying for Capital projects grants for improving sustainability of community and historic buildings. (For costings see Appendix 7). We have already submitted Expression of Interest to the Levelling Up Fund's Community Ownership Fund 3rd round and have been invited to submit a full funding application to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2023.

3.6 KMYC and SYC have a dedicated group of volunteers of varied experience that will be able to bring that multitude of experience to make the project work. Our Chairperson, Dawn Black project managed the Stonehaven Market Square Community Garden in 2020/21 so has experience in delivering a community project. We would use the expertise of organisations such as Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action (AVA) and Kincardine Development Partnership (KDP) as well as professional advisors whenever

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necessary. Our intent would be to use local builders and contractors to carry out any works to contribute to the local circular economy.

3.7 With a dedicated space, the young people will have a sense of ownership of their Youth Club and will be involved in the decisions made in the way it is run, decorated and furnished. With this involvement they will feel empowered and valued, giving them confidence as they move forward in their lives, something that cannot be achieved in rented rooms. All the Youth Club/Centre spaces we visited had their own dedicated space and it was evident that the young people are extremely proud of their clubs (see Section 12: Benchmarking)

3.8 By having a dedicated space we will have the freedom to open multiple evenings a week, providing extended activities and be able to cater for the different ages and needs of groups more effectively. There would also be the potential for running services during the day for those that have left full-time education but need support, e.g. the unemployed, those unable to work and young mothers.

3.9 With these activities there will obviously be more foot traffic attending the building than has recently been the case. We would endeavour to instil a message of respect for our neighbours in the young people attending the youth club so as not to unduly disturb them. Any anti-social behaviour will be dealt with under our Youth Code of Conduct policy, written in consultation with our youth members. We will also encourage our attendees to walk or cycle to the club as there is limited parking nearby in what is an already busy area. Indeed the building is situated on the High Street which is the thoroughfare to the Harbour and its hospitality establishments.

3.10 With the Hall we will be able to fulfil our ambitions of the youth club having a unique role in the lives of our local young people and their need to be valued and supported. Youth clubs can make a big difference in the lives of many young people and our community. The Stonehaven Youth Club, housed in the old Sea Cadet Hall will provide a warm, safe, friendly space for young people where they say and receive what they want and need, giving them real power and ownership. It is a place where they will develop new skills, try out new things, where they can be seen and judged differently from at school or at home, where their talents and idiosyncrasies are appreciated and where, most of all, they can have fun. We aim to make it a home away from home.

#### **4. Proof of Need**

4.1 During Lockdown in the spring of 2020, it became obvious that the lack of support for our young people was a real issue to so many. A survey was undertaken - results are in Appendix 1 – and KMYC was established. We want to work with all our local young people to ensure that they are listened to and are heard in our community. We will work with them to ensure that the potential of every young person, no matter what their background, can be supported by the community.

4.2 More than one in four children and young people are officially living in recognised poverty in Scotland. This can have a significant impact on health and wellbeing, access to services, educational attainment and employability pathways. In addition, many young people currently experience poverty related stigma and discrimination. Youth work and the youth club can play a vital role supporting the needs of young people whilst ensuring they have equal access to services and that their voices are heard. Across Kincardine and Mearns 1,173 children were living in poverty in 2020/21 (Aberdeenshire Council Tackling Poverty and Inequalities Annual Report 2022).

4.3 Currently in our towns there is very little for young people that are not sporty and not interested in uniformed organisations to do bar hang around the streets and parks. This is especially concerning for those that do not necessarily feel home is a safe place to be. Our aim is to provide safe and welcoming youth clubs where the young people can chill out, meet friends and take part in informal activities. We will also provide opt-in sessions on life skills such as basic cooking, budgeting etc. as well as having digital devices on hand for use by those that do not have access to computers/tablets at home. They will be able to conduct searches and applications for jobs etc this way.

4.4 Youth Link Scotland's manifesto to support Scotland's Youth Workers and Young People states:

“Youth work is one of the most powerful community assets we have to help us create a better society in Scotland. It builds confidence and boosts educational attainment. It aids personal development and helps young people manage personal, social and formal relationships. It promotes volunteering, lowers youth offending rates and significantly reduces the likelihood of poor mental health.”<sup>1</sup>

4.5 Investing in youth work, be it through the local authority or third sector charitable organisations like KMYC, is an investment in the future of our local young people and

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/media/5957/youth-work-manifesto\\_final.pdf](https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/media/5957/youth-work-manifesto_final.pdf), p2

our community. We are asking for support in delivering a place to help our young people be the best that they can be.

4.6 The Scottish Youth Parliament's "Youth Work and Me" survey found that youth work is important to young people because it provides opportunities, support, greater confidence and self-esteem, friendship, skills, a voice, access to non-formal education and independence. Indeed since the Pandemic, many young people have missed out on socialising and struggle to interact with their peers. The youth clubs provide that informal space for them to re-discover social etiquette.

4.7 Supporting young people helps create lasting foundations by fostering employability programmes, volunteering opportunities and youth awards (such as the Saltire Award) which have a lasting positive impact on young people. Youth Clubs benefit young people in terms of quality of peer relationships they can foster and provide the opportunity for informal, respectful relationships with adults. An open access youth club, rather than targeted youth work, does not only cater for the most disadvantaged section of young people but also for young people in a community and neighbourhood setting.

4.8 Soft skills such as confidence and self-esteem can be built up with the involvement in organising the youth club by the young people themselves, as well as hard skills such as IT capabilities, organisational abilities. Our vetted volunteers, from all walks of life and occupations, will have the chance to mentor, support and advise the young people to create a stronger sense of community and social responsibility within them.<sup>2</sup>

4.9 Much public service spending on interventions could have been avoided by using a preventative approach. Youth groups and youth work provides that preventative approach that can improve outcomes for people and communities and thus reduce demands on public services in the long term.<sup>3</sup>

4.10 With reduced budgets for council youth work services in the past 13 years it is vital for our local young people that organisations like KMYC step in to fill the void. Having a dedicated space to be able to provide the safe spaces and training for volunteers to help these young people is imperative for the well being of our local community.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/media/5217/200831-youth-work-and-employability-final.pdf>, p2

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## **5. Benefits to the Wider Community**

5.1 By providing a safe and welcoming space for our youth the Youth Club will help to reduce the number of young people hanging around our streets and parks. This in turn will reduce anti-social behaviour as well as guiding them to better attitudes and outcomes. This will benefit our community hugely by helping to nurture our young people to become well-rounded adults who are active in our community.

5.2 “The Youth” are often blamed for acts of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in our neighbourhoods, an often unfounded accusation. As a snapshot, out of 67 reports of anti-social behaviour in the Kincardine and Mearns area in August 2022 from our local police officers, just 27 were about youths opposed to 41 about adults. Attitudes need to be changed towards our young people as they have the potential to bring so much to our local community so long as they do not feel victimised. Young people are often excluded from community discourse but are perceived to be a problem. By providing a safe place for our youth to gather and participate in community life, we are contributing to community provision alongside the roles that adult education, leisure centres, community centres and schools have. We will, with the old Sea Cadet Hall, allow them to have somewhere to go, something to do, autonomy with a place of their own and a place to get advice and signposting to help should they need it.

(see Appendix 2 - “A Warm Safe Place - An Argument For Youth Clubs”, Sue Robertson, Youth & Policy 70, Winter 2000/01 reproduced on <https://infed.org/mobi/a-warm-safe-place-an-argument-for-youth-clubs/> )

5.3 The building will primarily be in use as a Youth Club/Centre during the after school and evening hours. This means that it could be used during the daytime by other community groups for a nominal rent to help fund the running and maintenance of the building. It could also be hired as a venue for birthday parties and the like on weekends. (See Appendix 8 for information on groups interested in using the facilities)

5.4 By taking a long term lease on the hall, KMYC will be maintaining a Category C listed building that has traditionally been a community facility for children and young people and improving it for future such use as well as ensuring the building's sustainability. The building was originally built as the Episcopal Chapel School in 1851, was extended in 1897 and was restored in the 1950s. The school closed in 1939 and suffered a period of neglect until it was taken over by the Sea Cadet Corp in 1954. The Sea Cadets moved out and into their newly built facility closer to the harbour in early 2022. It would be a travesty to let this youth centred community building be lost to the

town, potentially being converted to yet more residential flats. (See Appendix 6 - Historic Environment Scotland Cat C Listed Building Description)

## **6. Outcome of Proposal not being realised**

6.1 Should KMYC not be successful in this application for the CAT of the old Sea Cadet Hall, the Stonehaven Youth Club will be restricted to operating on a very minimal level in rented accommodation and not be able to realise the ambitious plans that we have for providing services to the young people and wider community of Stonehaven and the surrounding area outlined above.

6.2 It will also mean that KMYC does not have its own central office space in the Kincardine and Mearns area.

6.3 There is no other comparable building in Stonehaven that can provide the space and opportunities for the KMYC Stonehaven Youth Club.

## **7. Volunteers**

7.1 KMYC youth clubs are volunteer-led. All regular volunteers in contact with the young people undergo an Enhanced PVG check to ensure that our young people are safe while at the youth clubs.

7.2 KMYC is a registered member of Youth Scotland and undertakes to follow their guidance regarding the safeguarding of the young people in our care.

7.3 Lead Volunteers have attended and completed the Youth Scotland training courses “Ready for Youth Work” and “Child Protection Awareness” and impart their knowledge to the greater volunteer body.

7.4 We also have trained First Aiders at each session and aim to train as many volunteers as wish to in First Aid.

7.5 In the future, funding dependent, we aim to employ part-time qualified Youth Workers to attend sessions to work with the young people.

7.6 All volunteers and Youth Workers will be expected to adhere to our Policies, outlined below.



## **8. Policies**

8.1 The following policies are in place and where appropriate will be updated on an annual basis:

- Constitution
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Care Plan Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Complaints and Grievances Policy
- Confidentiality and Data Protection Policy
- Financial Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Health & Sickness Policy
- Volunteer Disciplinary Policy and Procedures
- Youth Code of Conduct

(see separate KMYC Policies and Procedures v.4 document)

## **9. Finances (see also Appendix 7)**

9.1 KMYC is funded by grants, fundraising activities and donations. As a new charity we are building our funding base as quickly as possible.

9.2 The Youth Clubs are free at the point of entry to ensure that there is no barrier for participation, regardless of a young person's background.

9.3 The clubs run small tuck shops or youth cafes at a small profit which is used to run the youth club and purchase supplies.

9.4 Grants awarded to date (up to May 2023):

- Arnold Clark Community Fund £2,000
- Hillhead of Auquhirie Windfarm Fund £1,358
- Meickle Carew Windfarm Fund £1037
- Kincardine & Mearns Area Committee Fund £3000
- Aberdeenshire Council Tackling Poverty and Inequalities Fund £6,431
- Aberdeenshire Council Opportunities for Young People Grant £4,340

9.5 Donations received to date (up to May 2023)

- Stonehaven Lions £500 (SYC)

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- Multiple donations in kind of games and provisions for arts & crafts, tuck shop etc.

9.6 Stonehaven Youth Club has been chosen as one of the recipients of proceeds from the Midsummer Beer Happening 2023.

9.7 Grants being investigated to apply to:

- UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- Community Ownership Fund
- Young Start - National Lottery Community Fund
- Children in Need Youth Social Action Fund
- Tesco Community Grants
- Co-op Community Grants
- LNER Customer & Community Investment Fund
- SCVO Community & Capacity Resilience Fund
- Aberdeenshire Council Community Led Vision Fund
- Coastal Communities Challenge Fund
- Cashback for Communities Programme
- Essentia Foundation, Foundation Scotland
- Bank of Scotland Foundation
- Dulverton Trust
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Shackleton Foundation
- Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme
- Scottish Rural Network - Rural Community Engagement Fund
- Weir Charitable Trust
- People's Postcode Lottery Local Giving - Magic Little Grants

9.8 Fundraising Activities:

Fundraising to date:

- Stonehaven Business Association Car Boot Sale: £231
- SYC Youth Cafe/Tuck Shop: £150
- In-kind donations (amount tbc)
- Monetary Donations (amount tbc)
- Aberdeen Kiltwalk (amount tbc)
- Stonehaven Feein Market (amount tbc)

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We will also undertake further fundraising activities to bolster our funds to help finance the running of the clubs and building:

Car Boot Sales

Discos

Feein' Market stall

Harbour Festival stall

Quiz Nights

Open Mike Nights

Local Business Sponsorships

Aberdeen Kiltwalk

## **10. Stonehaven Youth Club Attendance**

10.1 At the time of writing, SYC has been open and running at the Stonehaven Community Education Centre on a Friday evening for 23 weeks and has a youth membership of 116 and a pool of 14 active, trained volunteers, including two 17 year olds using the hours for their Saltire Awards. The attendance so far is detailed below to see the sustained growth of the club since opening, clearly demonstrate the need:

Week 1: 6 young people, 4 volunteers  
Week 2: 13 young people, 6 volunteers  
Week 3: 20 young people, 5 volunteers  
Week 4: 19 young people, 6 volunteers  
Week 5: 18 young people, 4 volunteers  
Week 6: 13 young people, 5 volunteers  
Week 7: 11 young people, 4 volunteers  
Week 8: 12 young people, 4 volunteers  
Week 9: 17 young people, 5 volunteers  
Week 10: 13 young people, 5 volunteers  
Week 11: 27 young people, 6 volunteers  
Week 12: 26 young people, 5 volunteers  
Week 13: 24 young people, 5 volunteers  
Week 14: 26 young people, 5 volunteers  
Week 15: 13 young people, 5 volunteers (Feb long weekend)  
Week 16: 33 young people, 6 volunteers  
Week 17: 32 young people, 5 volunteers  
Week 18: 37 young people, 5 volunteers  
Week 19: 44 young people, 6 volunteers  
Week 20: 47 young people, 6 volunteers  
Week 21: 45 young people, 7 volunteers  
Week 22: 39 young people, 5 volunteers  
Week 23: 44 young people, 6 volunteers  
Week 24: 32 young people, 6 volunteers (Football Club Summer hours)  
Week 25: 32 young people, 5 volunteers  
Week 26: 39 young people, 5 volunteers  
Week 27: 33 young people, 6 volunteers

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10.2 The regular activities at the Club that the young people have asked for and continue to enjoy include: Pool, Table Tennis, Table Football, Exercise Bike 2K challenge, Chess, Mancala, Dobble, Connect 4, Mastermind, Trump Cards, Card Games, Topple Tower (Jenga), Scaletrix, Just Dance, a crafting table with crafting materials including colouring, wooden bookmark making, Fairy doors, friendship bracelets, papercrafts.

An activities record accompanies this application in Appendix 3.



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10.3 As the images illustrate, the majority of our attendees are aged 10-12, P6-S1. There are a few older from S3 that come occasionally. To be able to cater for the older age groups properly, we need space and availability to run sessions on different days and times.

10.4 Our volunteers are a mixture of parents, local residents and young people gaining volunteer hours for their Saltire Awards. In the long term, funding dependent, we would wish to employ Youth Workers to help provide good quality youth work provision.

**11. Local Consultation**

11.1 Engagement with local people regarding locating the Stonehaven Youth Club at the old Sea Cadet Hall was carried out during Sept/Oct 2022.

11.2 An online survey was circulated as well as a leaflet drop to the residents and businesses surrounding the building (results in Appendix 4)

11.3 Articles were published on “The Bellman” online newspaper on 2nd October 2022 and 11th December 2022

11.4 A presentation was given to Stonehaven and District Community Council on 13th Dec 2022 at which we received unanimous support for our proposal.

11.5 We have received positive letters/emails of support and no negative responses, copies of which can be seen in Appendix 4. No negative letters or emails were received.

## **12. Benchmarking**

We have visited the following other Youth Clubs along with staff from Community Learning Development (CLD) and young people of the local Youth Forum to benchmark our offering and inspire us to what could be:



12.1 The Steeple by Hot Chocolate Trust, Dundee <https://www.hotchocolate.org.uk/>

12.1.1 A large space at the Nethergate in the centre of Dundee based in the building of The Steeple church, which offers numerous spaces for different activities - crafting, band practice, quiet space, kitchen, games hall, pool tables and more.

12.1.2 They have 2 Open drop-in sessions per week plus numerous targeted members only themed sessions and 1-2-1s.

12.1.3 Membership is Secondary pupils and other youth up to 21 years old.

12.1.4 Free at point of entry

12.1.5 Staffed primarily by Youth Workers and a small number of Volunteers



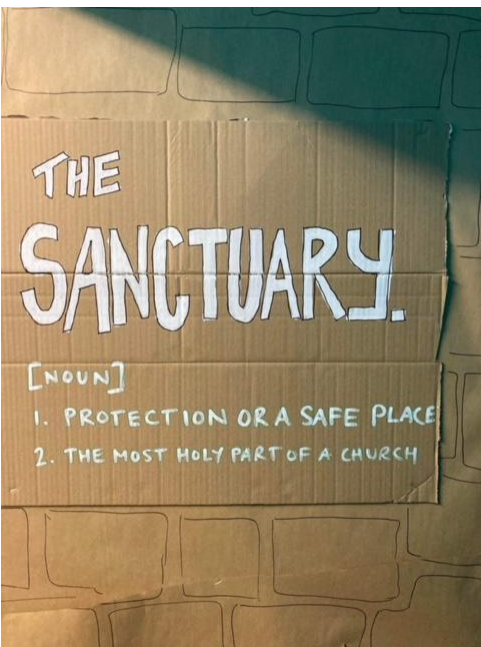
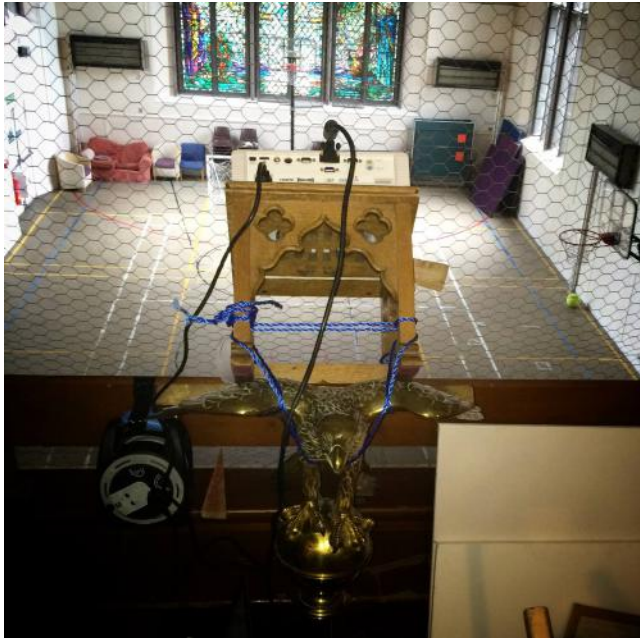
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12.2 MoHUB, Montrose <http://www.MoHub.co.uk>

12.2.1 Utilising the space at the YMCA on Murray Street in Montrose this club offers a Gamers Lounge, Pool Table, Gaming PCs, Arts & Crafts, Employment/Education and Health support and a tuck shop/youth cafe that also offers hot food.

12.2.2. They have Juniors sessions (P5-7) 3 afternoons a week and Seniors 5 evenings a week

12.2.3 A Service Level Agreement with Angus Council funds the Seniors sessions and a suggested donation of £3 is charged for Juniors sessions.

12.2.4 Staffed by Youth Workers and Volunteers

12.2.5 Digital sign in system for attendance

12.2.6 Large hall downstairs rented to other community groups on hourly basis

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### 12.3 The Attic, Brechin

12.3.1 Based in their own space that was previously a hardware store, this club offers Pool Tables, Darts, Table Tennis, Air Hockey, Gaming PCs, Arts & Crafts, board games and a tuck shop. They also have a quiet room that can be used for seminars or showing films.

12.3.2 Four drop-in sessions per week with an optional themed activity

12.3.3 Free at point of entry

12.3.4 Staffed by Volunteers and a Youth Worker each session.



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**Appendix 1 - Results of KMYC / CLD survey Dec 2021 of respondents in the Stonehaven Area**

# Do You Think Young People Need a Youth Centre in their community?

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## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

22 November 2021 - 21 December 2021

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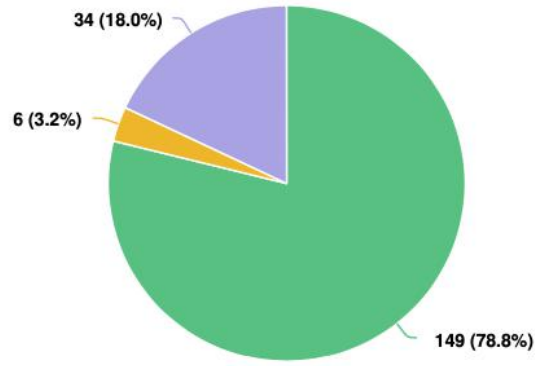
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Do You Think Young People Need a Youth Centre in their community? : Survey Report for 22 November 2021 to 21 December 2021

## Q1 Do you think that there is a need for a youth drop-in centre in your local town?



### Question options

Yes No Maybe

Mandatory Question (189 response(s))

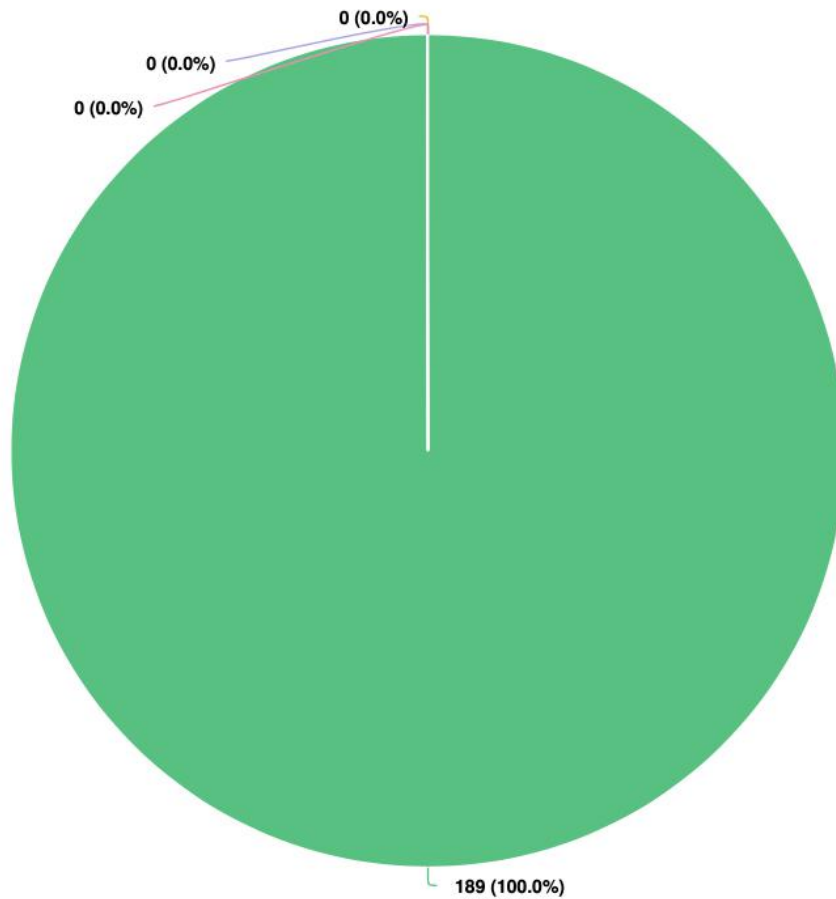
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## Q2 Where do you live?



### Question options

- Stonehaven and surrounding area
- Portlethen and surrounding area
- Laurencekirk and surrounding area
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (189 response(s))

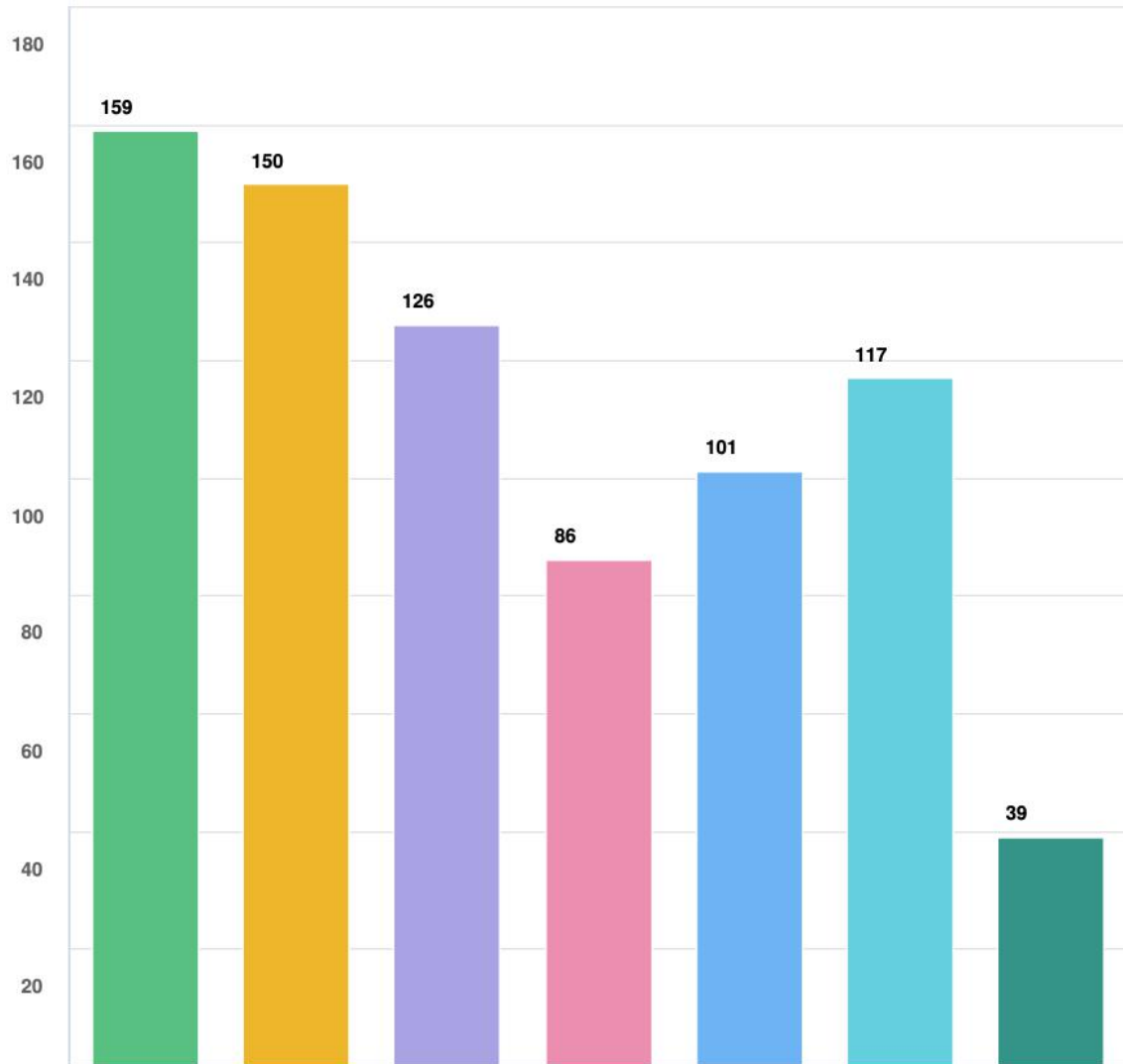
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## Q3 Why do you think young people need a youth drop-in centre? (Tick all that apply)



### Question options

- For a safe, supportive and welcoming space to hang out
- To have fun with friends
- To build confidence, self-esteem and a sense of identity
- For advice and information on a variety of issues, services and opportunities
- To develop specific skills e.g. life skills, managing events, fundraising, etc
- To develop more opportunities for young people in the local community, e.g. music/comedy nights, events, etc
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (189 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

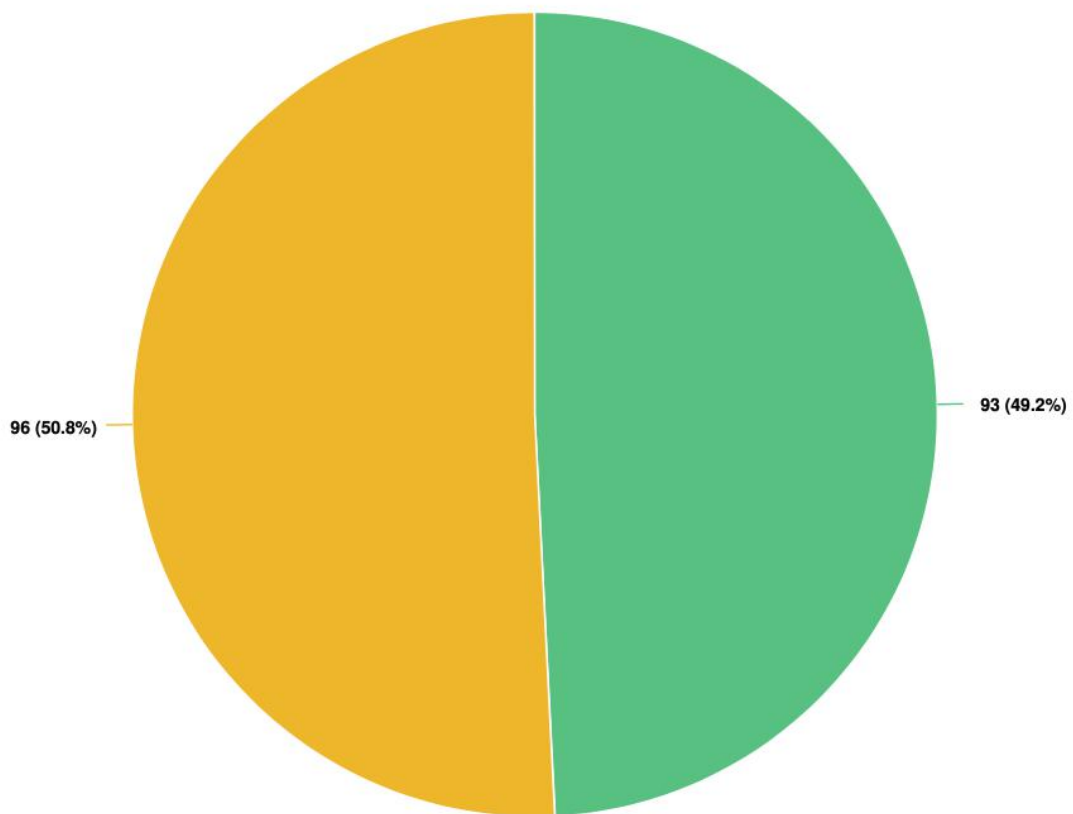
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**Q4** We would like the views of both adults and young people, please can you tell us which of the following describes you?



### Question options

● Young Person ● Adult

Mandatory Question (189 response(s))

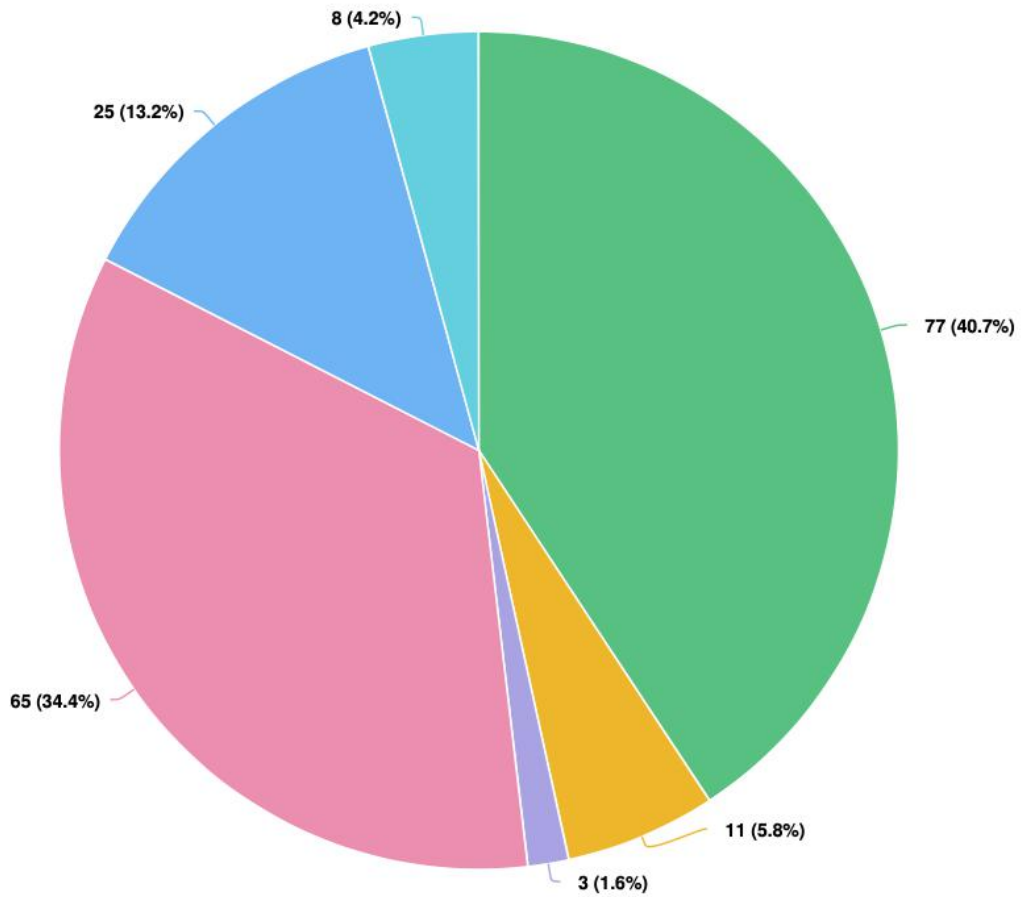
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## Q5 Which age band, includes you?



### Question options

10-15 yrs 16-19yrs 20-25yrs 26-49yrs 50-69yrs 70yrs plus

Mandatory Question (189 response(s))

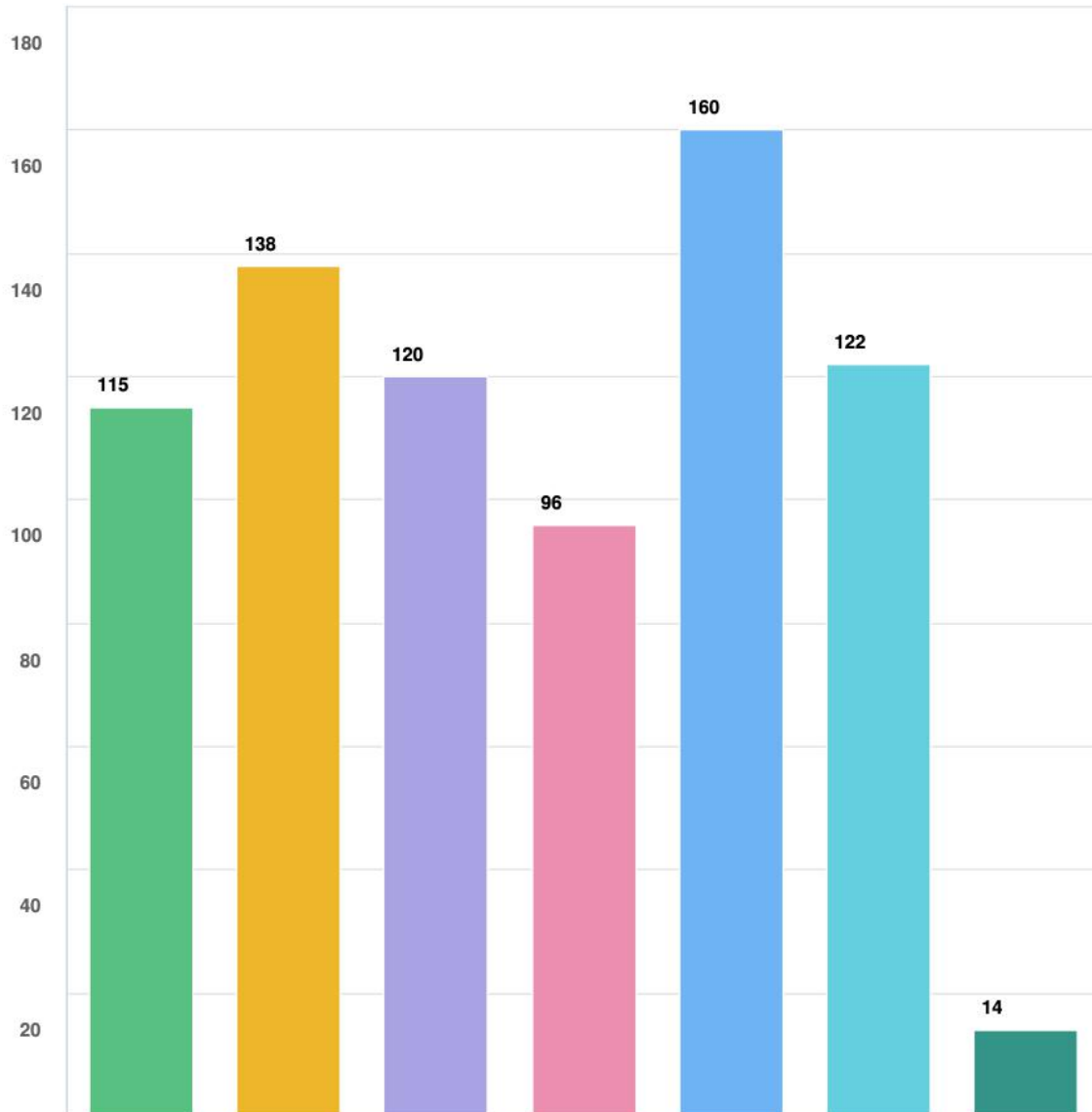
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## Q6 What facilities would you like to see in your youth-drop-in centre? (Tick all that apply)



### Question options

- Kitchen - Cooking facilities
- Hall/Large space - Games/physical activities
- IT - Computer Stations/Audio/Visual - e.g. film-making/podcasting/
- Gaming - X-Box/Playstation/SWITCH/PC
- Recreational Games - Darts/Pool table/Table Football/Large Jenga, etc
- Performance space - Arts/Drama/Music/Comedy events
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (188 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

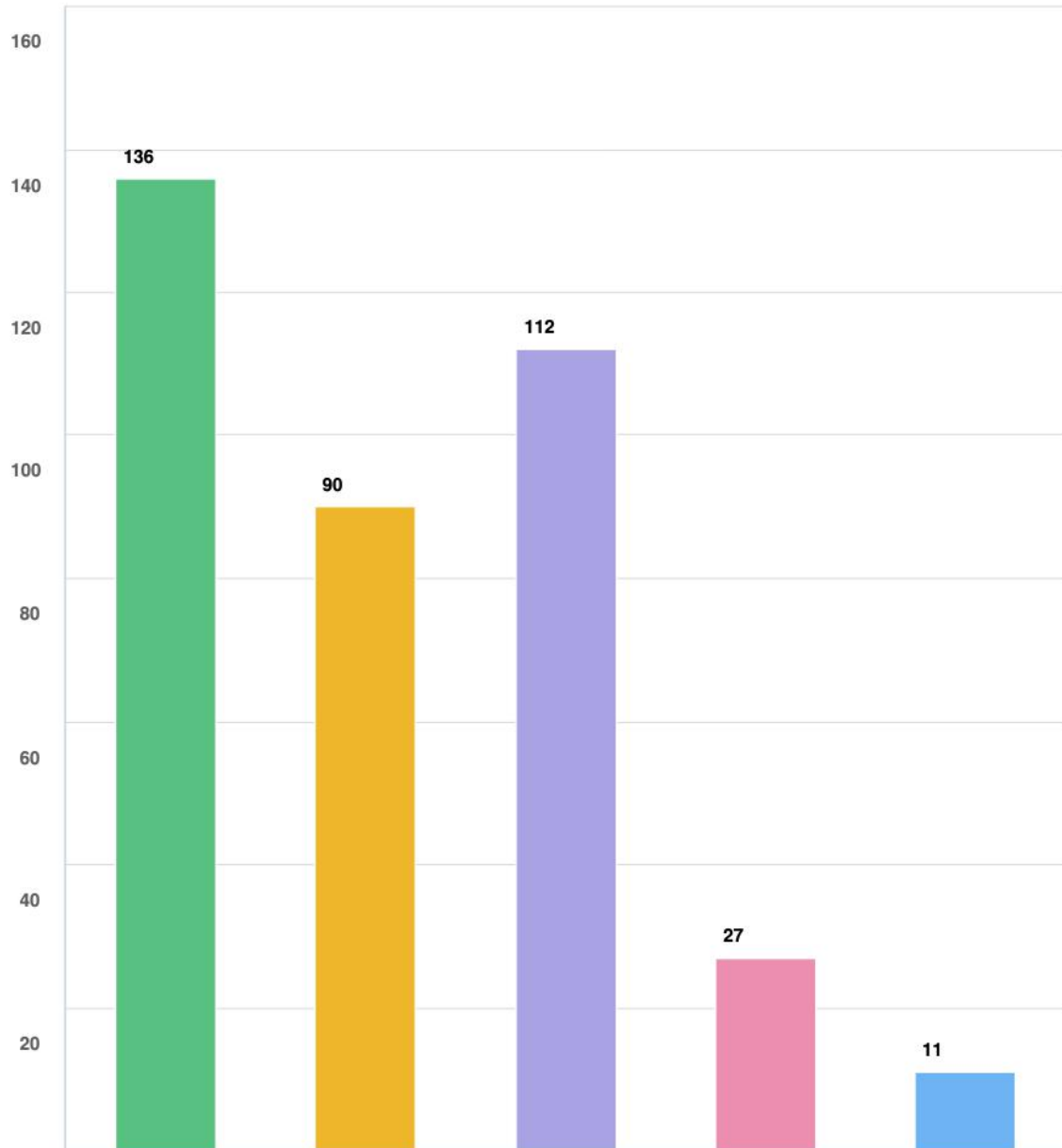
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**Q7** Do you think that the Youth Centre should provide open sessions and opportunities for the following groups? (Tick all that applies)



### Question options

- Particular age groups
- Particular Interest groups, e.g. LGBT group, girls group,
- Particular activity groups, e.g art/drama/music
- None
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (189 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

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## Q8 Have you any ideas where you would like the youth centre to be based in your community? (Area/ A current building/etc)? (Optional)

Anonymous

11/24/2021 01:46 PM

Carlton house

Anonymous

11/24/2021 04:09 PM

Gourdon village hall

Anonymous

11/24/2021 08:07 PM

Village hall in Gourdon or Inverbervie. Or Inverbervie sports centre.

Anonymous

11/24/2021 09:20 PM

The old youth club centre beside the post office down the lane to the beach. Community centre. The old sea cadet unit.

Anonymous

11/24/2021 09:51 PM

Stonehaven

Anonymous

11/24/2021 10:47 PM

Stonehaven

Anonymous

11/25/2021 09:55 AM

A central place where there is popular demand and ease to travel to. Tempting to say Stonehaven but buildings / venues are at a premium

Anonymous

11/25/2021 08:18 PM

Not near people's houses as they might end up with lots of youths gathering

Anonymous

11/25/2021 11:02 PM

School or Town Hall

Anonymous

11/25/2021 11:50 PM

community centre

Anonymous

11/26/2021 03:49 AM

Community centre should be that - a centre for the community not supporting a business rent free. Especially one that ran a massive crowd funder to keep their doors open knowing they were moving rent free.

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RClareTB 11/26/2021 10:07 AM	Old Episcopal School (Sea Cadets building) on Stonehaven High Street
Anonymous 11/26/2021 10:38 AM	Borough Hall, Inverbervie or Community Centre Stonehaven
Anonymous 11/26/2021 04:11 PM	Community centre
Anonymous 11/26/2021 06:29 PM	This is difficult. The Community Centre seems obvious but in normal times it's used fairly fully by people. The school isn't a good idea because if the place is to be attractive to young people it must be free of that association. A new build?
Anonymous 11/27/2021 07:53 AM	Think out the box, There are a few options, old Sea Cadet Building, Community Centre, do something exiting with the old rent office
Anonymous 11/27/2021 10:42 AM	Community centre or Mackie
Anonymous 11/27/2021 11:25 AM	View mount
Anonymous 11/27/2021 01:25 PM	An informal space, warm, social, WiFi for young people to meet might be a good start. Then as they use the space they can help shape any more structured activities in the space
Anonymous 11/27/2021 02:29 PM	Neer the harbour
Anonymous 11/27/2021 02:35 PM	redcloak? by the leisure centre
Anonymous 11/27/2021 02:47 PM	I think the men she'd should be the new youth center
Anonymous 11/27/2021 03:44 PM	Stonehaven
Anonymous	Mackie Academy or a purpose built building situated in the Mackie

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grounds

Anonymous

11/29/2021 10:22 AM

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Anonymous

11/29/2021 10:50 AM

In Gourdon, we have the Gourdon Public Hall and the Mission Hall. Both have kitchen, bathroom and large open space available for hire.

Anonymous

11/29/2021 04:47 PM

Scout Hut, local churches

Anonymous

11/29/2021 04:48 PM

Village hall johnshaven

Anonymous

11/29/2021 08:05 PM

Inverbervie or Gourdon

Anonymous

11/30/2021 09:57 AM

Community centre

Anonymous

11/30/2021 10:13 AM

Stonehaven community centre/mackie academy/town hall

Anonymous

11/30/2021 10:22 AM

Leisure centre

Anonymous

11/30/2021 11:28 AM

Community Centre

Anonymous

11/30/2021 12:14 PM

Community centre - there for the community, has existing facilities, space that could be better used

Anonymous

11/30/2021 02:24 PM

The community centre or the family centre

Anonymous

11/30/2021 02:59 PM

Carlton House

Anonymous

11/30/2021 06:30 PM

Community centre, town hall, scout hall.

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Anonymous 12/06/2021 10:07 AM	The centre of Stonehaven
Anonymous 12/06/2021 10:07 AM	In Stonehaven
Anonymous 12/06/2021 10:08 AM	Stonehaven
Anonymous 12/06/2021 10:48 AM	Various locations - leisure centre/library/community centre
Anonymous 12/06/2021 11:01 AM	Community Centre
Anonymous 12/06/2021 11:19 AM	Local community centre
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Anonymous 12/06/2021 11:27 AM	Community centre - cafe. Should be used by the community not a business.
Anonymous 12/06/2021 01:52 PM	Community Centre
Anonymous 12/07/2021 09:09 AM	I'm not sure
Anonymous 12/07/2021 09:11 AM	In the square

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12/09/2021 09:43 AM

a useful spot

Anonymous

12/10/2021 11:28 AM

Not a school due to the poor relationship some young people have with that

Anonymous

12/10/2021 12:08 PM

Central

Anonymous

12/10/2021 01:19 PM

Scout hut bervie, Mearns , Mackie

Anonymous

12/10/2021 01:46 PM

Community centre - rather than businesses using it rent free let's support the young people of our town.

Anonymous

12/10/2021 01:52 PM

Somewhere central - maybe in an empty unit or disused bit of existing council buildings.

Anonymous

12/10/2021 02:05 PM

Stonehaven community centre / green hut at beach

Anonymous

12/10/2021 02:10 PM

Forest View

Anonymous

12/13/2021 09:41 AM

Drumlithie village hall

Anonymous

12/13/2021 09:41 AM

Hall

Anonymous

12/13/2021 10:25 AM

Village hall

Anonymous

12/13/2021 11:20 AM

Inverbervie living rooms

Anonymous

12/13/2021 11:38 AM

Men please

Anonymous

12/13/2021 02:56 PM

The drumlithie park



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Village hall

Anonymous  
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Drumlithie

Anonymous  
12/14/2021 11:31 AM

Drumlithie hall

Anonymous  
12/14/2021 11:31 AM

Drumlithie

Anonymous  
12/14/2021 11:34 AM

Drumlithie next door to west field

Search documents and files

Anonymous  
12/15/2021 10:29 AM

Flippers

Anonymous  
12/15/2021 10:46 AM

Bettridge centre in Newtonhill

SW01  
12/16/2021 10:19 AM

Village Hall Drumlithie

Anonymous  
12/16/2021 08:57 PM

Not really

Anonymous  
12/20/2021 04:34 PM

i would like it to be somewhere close like Stonehaven .

Anonymous  
12/21/2021 09:21 AM

Near the leisure centre

**Optional question** (102 response(s), 87 skipped)

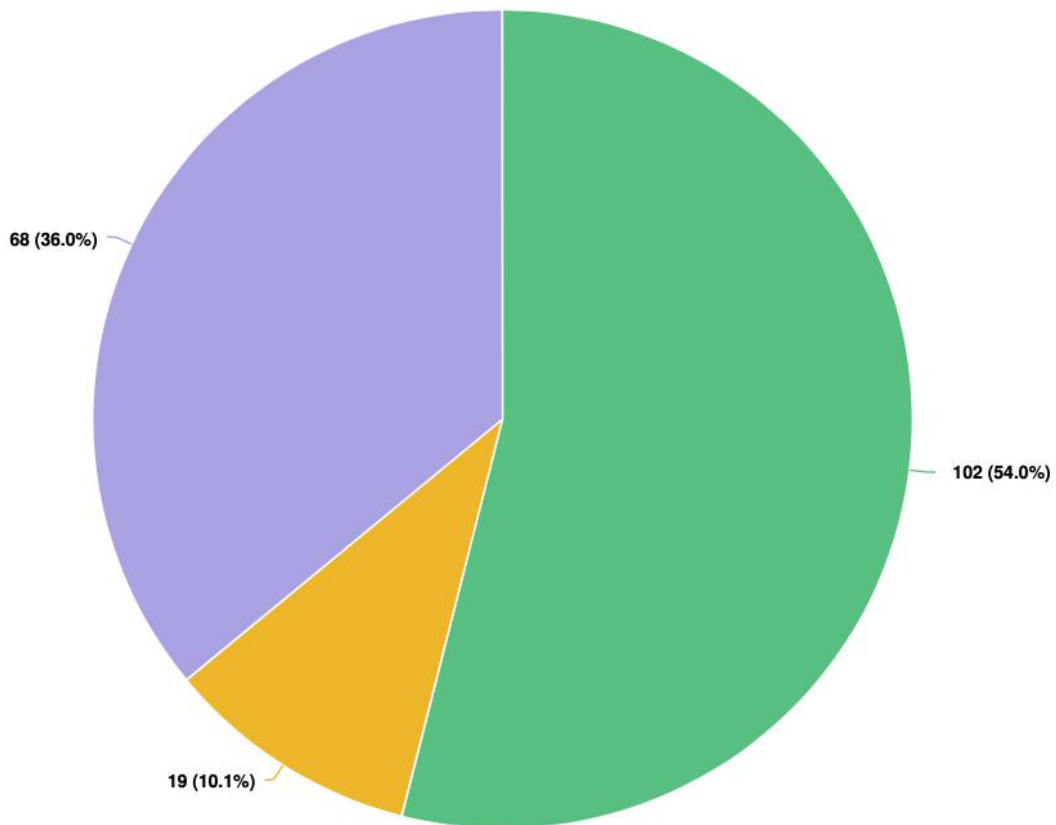
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**Q9** Do you think that travel support is essential to ensure young people from outlying villages and hamlets can access the youth centre?



### Question options

Yes No Maybe

Mandatory Question (189 response(s))

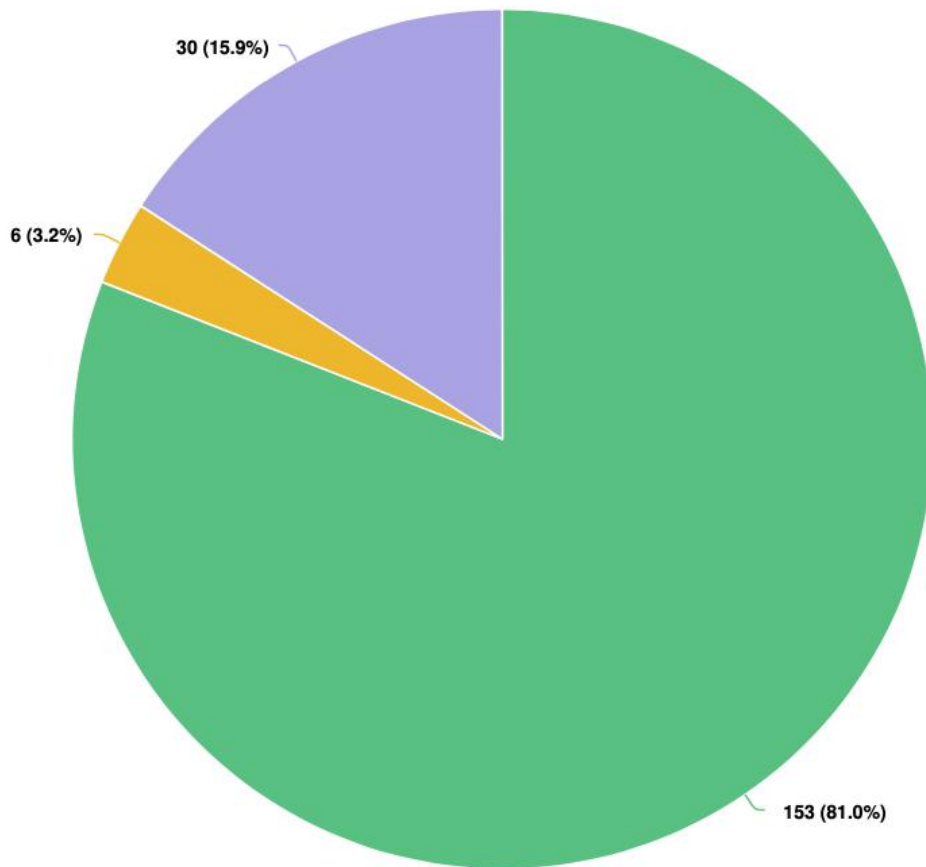
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### Question options

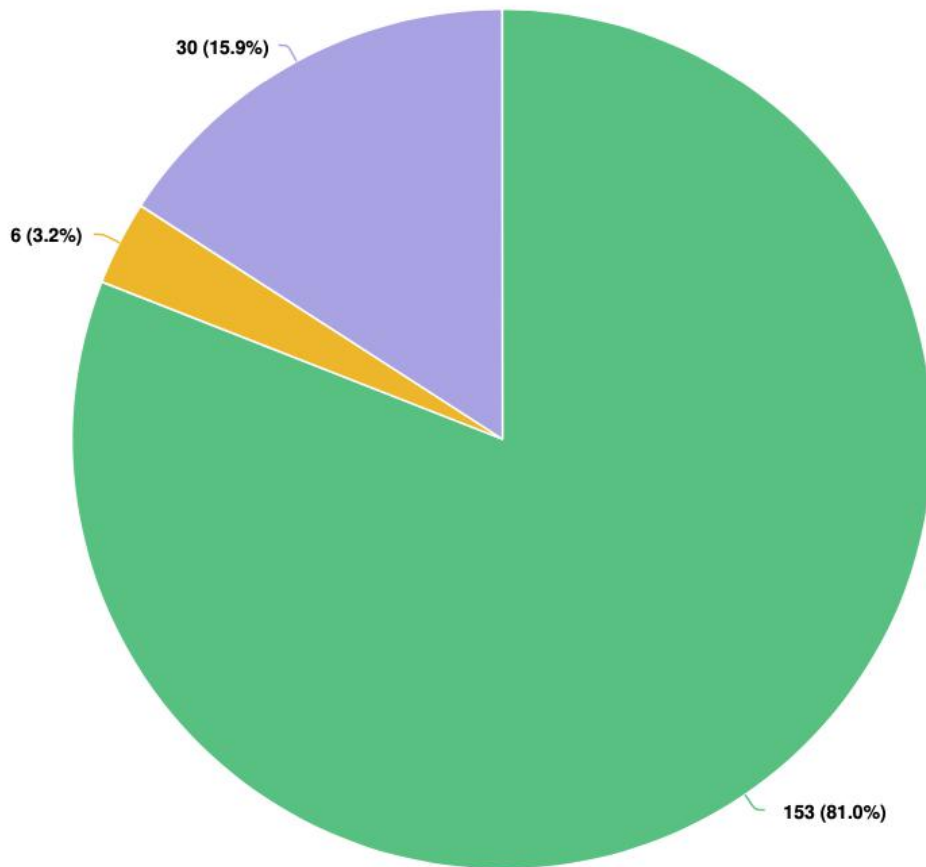
Yes No Maybe

Mandatory Question (189 response(s))  
Question type: Dropdown Question

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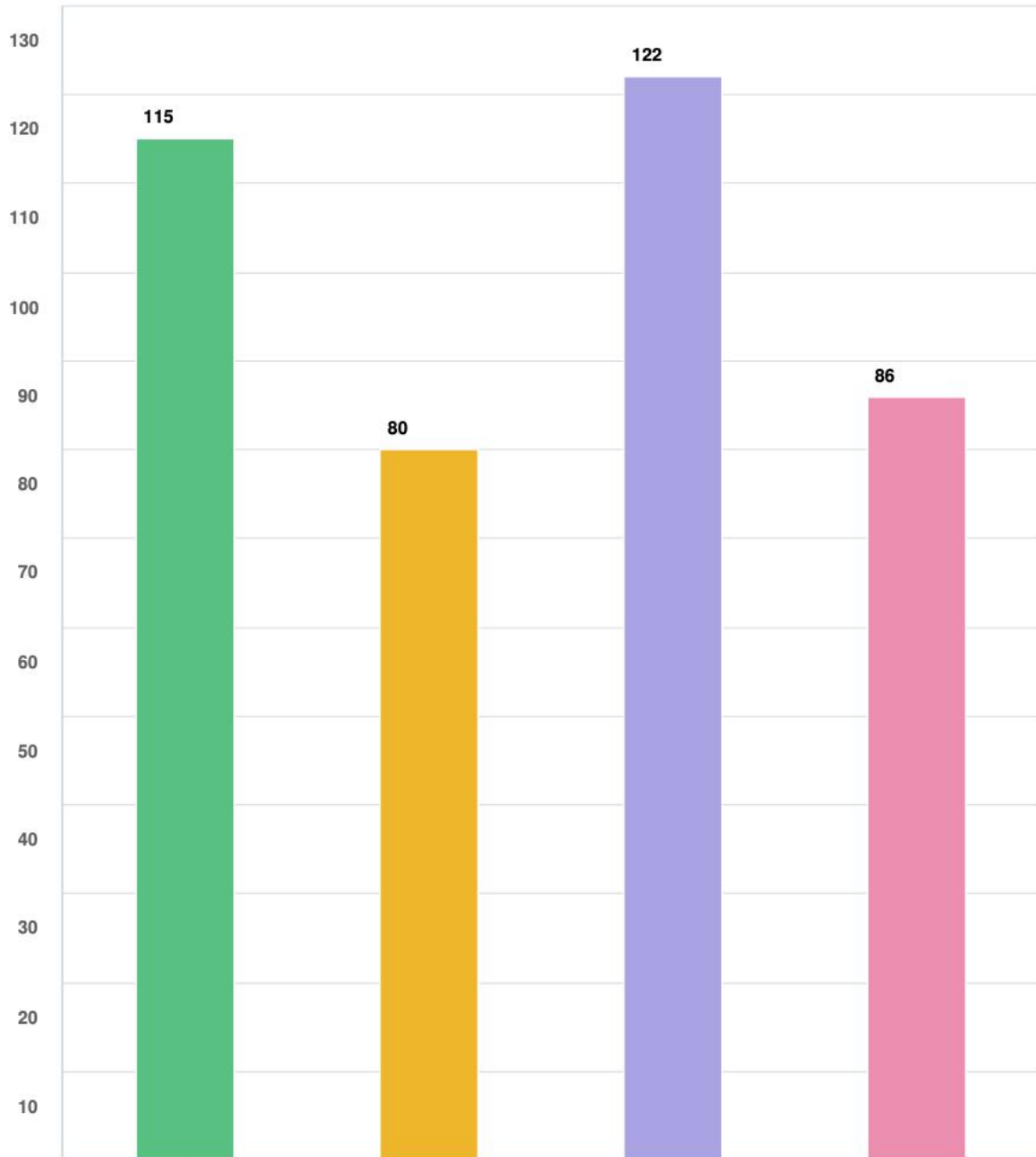
Yes No Maybe

Mandatory Question (189 response(s))  
Question type: Dropdown Question

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## Q11 Who would you want to run and support the youth drop-in centre? (Tick all that apply)



### Question options

A Youth Committee  An Adult Committee  Trained Youth Workers  Youth Work Volunteers

Optional question (185 response(s), 4 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

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## **Appendix 2 - A warm, safe place: an argument for youth clubs**

contents: preface · introduction · what young people want · the benefits for young people · the need for the long term approach · references

<https://infed.org/mobi/a-warm-safe-place-an-argument-for-youth-clubs/>

Sue Robertson argues that youth clubs have a unique role and one that should be valued and supported as they can make a big difference in the lives of many young people and their communities. Reproduced from *Youth & Policy* 70 (winter 2000/01)

This article was one of the first sustained pieces of writing about the benefits of youth club work published in the UK since the late 1970s. It is an argument for open, associational work. Sue Robertson argues that youth clubs benefit young people in terms of the quality of peer relationships they can foster; they provide the opportunity for informal, respectful relationships with adults; and the chance for participation and association. She highlights the importance of working long-term.

You might like to check out some earlier statements of the power and significance of club work:

**Maude Stanley – Girls' Clubs** (1890)

**Arthur Sweatman: youths' clubs and institutes** (1863)

A recent argument for the reinvigoration of club life (and the significance of association) can be found in:

**young people, informal education and association – reclaiming the club**

*Sue Robertson taught on the Community and Youth Work Course at the University of Chichester.*

(page 71) Centre-based youth work has fallen out of favour over recent years. In the past decade youth clubs have been ignored and marginalised by youth service management and government alike. Yet suddenly generic youth work is being talked about, a commitment to the continuation of generic work is in the NYA's submission to the 'Learning to Succeed' and 'Bridging the Gap' documents (Youth Policy Update, 1999) and in government rhetoric (Young People Now, 2000; CYWU-Connexions Conference, 2000). In the light of both Connexions (DFEE, 1999) and the Policy Action Team report on young people (Social Exclusion Unit, 2000) now might be the time to present the case for youth club work, and in this piece I am arguing for open access youth work which does not deal with only the most disadvantaged section of young people but works with young people in a neighbourhood setting.

If we are arguing to preserve generic work we need to be clear what we mean by that and why it is valuable. The Youth Service Audit (DFEE, 1998) describes the basic youth service infrastructure as the foundation of open, non-stigmatizing access from which specific project

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work with particular groups can develop. This is club work. Yet such work has recently not been advertised as relevant or important. For example, a recent DfEE publication (1999) included no examples of club based open youth work, while in contrast, a 1987 DES publication is full of examples of centre-based work.

There has been limited research and writing on youth clubs. This piece draws on work done by Williamson et al for the Welsh Youth Agency (1995), Ballard and Wright in Gloucestershire (1994), Furlong et al in Scotland (1998) as well as my own evaluation of the Youth Action Scheme in Gloucestershire and ethnographic research which I undertook in a youth club. The literature includes a wonderful account of a youth club from 1963 *Razor Edge* by Blandy, Rose's recent *Touching Lives* (1999), Bunt and Gargrave's *The Politics of Youth Clubs* (1980); a chapter in Button's *Developmental Group Work with Adolescents* (1974) and various articles in *Young People Now*, and *Youth Clubs UK*. Williamson's recent chapter in *The Challenge of the Future* (1997) is an important addition to this list, whilst in *Kids at the Door Revisited*, Holman (2000) demonstrates that it is possible to see the benefits of involvement in youth work in the long term. Many workers have argued this. For example: (page 72)

The club made me more tolerant, taught mixing, I learnt to socialize, made me want to be a leader, more responsible.

*(Tewkesbury ex-member quoted in Ballard and Wright, 1994)*

### **What young people want**

Two quotes from the Guardian last year sum up the ambivalent attitude of a community to its young people.

A new bus shelter is being built in a village near Exeter so that young-sters will have somewhere dry to meet up on winter evenings

A new playground in Nottingham has been designed without slides, climbing frames or play equipment because nearby residents were worried that older youths would hang around the site at night

Communities on the one hand feel threatened and on the other the need to provide something. Young people are often both excluded from community discourses and seen as the problem in communities (Brent, 1997). However, they depend more than adults on their immediate neighbourhood for their social life. As such places for young people to meet should be an important part of community provision, alongside and sometimes part of, adult education, leisure centres, schools, community centres.

A variety of questionnaires conducted in the 1990s in various places asking young people why they attend youth clubs produced similar findings (e.g.. Ballard and Wright, 1994; Williamson et al, 1995; DfEE, 1995). Young people generally want, 'A place to have fun, to meet friends, talk with your mates and just mellow out, to get away from schoolwork and parents, a place where you are given a chance'. Young people involved in a discussion at a New Deal event in Bristol

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wanted the youth service to offer, 'a better place to go to, more equipment, more day time opening, teach practical skills, spend money on us, more workers'

Williamson's research (1995) which was targeted at over 15 year olds identified four needs: for association, (somewhere to go), for activities, (something to do), for autonomy (space of our own); and for advice, (someone to talk to). Young people have told me that they value the club as a warm and friendly social meeting place, and for things to do including trips away, activities, special projects, discussions and issue based work. The club provides the opportunity for participation and young people who attend clubs are involved in other community activity to a greater extent than others 'a higher proportion of youth service participants are involved in sports, arts or voluntary work than non- participants'. (page 73)

### **The benefits for young people**

#### *Peer relationships*

So if involvement is a 'good thing' what benefits do young people derive?

Popular theories on adolescence agree that it is a time when peer group influence is of crucial importance. Acceptance of peer culture expands social horizons, helps personality development and encourages the ability to act independently and try out new roles (Cotterell, 1996). Adolescence is a peak time of leisure needs and of time for leisure activities, but is restricted by lack of money, transport, parental and legal boundaries.

Youth Clubs can provide a relatively safe environment from which to observe and interact with peers and to experience the roles of leader and follower.

Cotterell (1996) suggests that young people need to resolve their group identity and relationship to their peer group before they can achieve a sense of personal identity or resolve relations with their family. Companionship provides a pleasurable experience of group interaction associated with leisure activity; individuals experience a sense of belonging, acceptance, solidarity and social affirmation simply from being together. Yet the peer relationship can be one of the hardest for young people to establish. Button, (1974) argued that youth clubs can be one way of ensuring that these interactions occur. The role of the youth worker is to facilitate conversations and provide space for them but also to be a 'social architect' helping young people to come together and work in groups.

Being accepted as part of a network is a factor in the development of personal growth, of self-esteem (Cilliers, 1998) and of community responsibility (Gilchrist, 1999), and adolescence is a period when growth in the social network is needed to develop competencies for participation in adult society. Therefore, young people need opportunities for widening social networks.

In this context, out of school activities are important, giving access to young people of different ages and backgrounds providing opportunities to make new friendships and build on existing ones. This was particularly apparent in work I did within the youth service on removing barriers



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to participation by disabled young people which highlighted the social isolation they can suffer by attending special schools and not mixing with young people in their local communities.

People build up a personal network of supportive ties and some members of this network are needed to help bridge changing settings or circumstances. This is a role for a youth worker. (page 74)

### *Relationships with adults*

Youth clubs not only help widen contacts among young people but also help to structure informal social relationships between adults and young people. Most of the adults that young people meet in their daily lives are authority figures, or are seen as such: teachers, parents, shopkeepers. Young people often expect adults to treat them in certain ways – i.e. as children – and are amazed to be treated as an adult and taken seriously (Berne, 1973). The evaluation I did for the Youth Action Scheme demonstrated the positive feeling young people had about the youth workers: ‘They treated us like adults, they showed us respect’.

Hendry et al (1993) asked young people to identify mentoring characteristics of non-related adults; functions were enabler, believer, teacher, supporter, and role model. Youth workers are a good example of these functions; good youth worker – young people relationships have informality, spontaneity, acceptance and commitment. Adults to talk to are important, ‘for advice and understanding, someone who can be trusted’. Young people don’t necessarily want hard facts or answers, and if they do there are better places to get them than the youth club, but a helpful adult to bounce ideas off and confide in: ‘someone you know you can trust and won’t tell’ (Williamson 1995).

Youth workers can be a channel for accessing more specialist advice which increases in importance as young people move through adolescence and their needs change.

### *Participation*

The need to have somewhere to go that is not too organized is frequently articulated in interviews with young people. Furlong et al (1997) reported that the young people in their study spent a significant proportion of their time ‘hanging around’. Williamson (1997) suggests that young people in transition need space for reflection and self-determination plus clear guidance, support and information. In this phase they are looking to run things themselves and need ‘just enough organization’ (Hendry et al, 1993). Youth organizations which try to be too controlling and aim to develop ‘socially responsible’ attitudes and behaviour will not attract young people as they get older or those whose lives are generally chaotic.

The best youth workers were seen as those who were friendly, approachable, had a sense of humour and were tolerant of the members. The worst were strict or bossy and tried to impose their own standards on the young people. (Furlong et al, 1997)

Young people in Williamson’s research said their continued engagement with youth work depended on them having a say: (page 75)

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It's all based on consultation and participation here. We do have quite a lot of power. There's nothing we can't do if we really want to but it's down to us. We've done the fundraising; it's our money. (Williamson et al, 1995)

Participation by young people is in itself a learning experience, for them and often for workers. One of my early attempts at government of the club by members committee saw extremely draconian rules imposed and half the membership banned, leading to the formation of a 'non-members committee' to wrestle power back!

### **The need for the long term approach**

There is much discussion about the importance of youth workers' relationships with young people but developing good relationships takes time and needs continuity. Richardson (1997) stresses this as the most crucial aspect of the work but also the least quantifiable. Jells (1999) argues that recent concentration on short term funding has meant that workers have been unable to create long term relationships, they have to target specific groups and impose themselves on them to get outcomes. This was certainly my experience of managing a Youth Action Scheme. Young people aren't involved in setting the criteria on which projects are judged. Youth workers are being asked to work to an agenda which focuses on a small percentage of young people; mainly male and defined as 'disaffected', and this work is then measured against a variety of crime prevention methods. The educational, participative, empowering and equal opportunity focus of youth work can disappear.

My experience of club work is that youth and community centres can be a focal point in a community. Young people's involvement often starts with their first entrance as toddlers to the playgroup, followed by their involvement in the After School Club, the Junior Club, Senior Club. They then often return to the playgroup with their own children. That long term relationship, the ability to really get to know young people, to offer them challenges and opportunities and help them grow and move on is a particularly important aspect of local youth work. In the 1980s I worked with young people in senior club four nights a week, plus activities at weekends and residential. When they finished school and were out of work, the centre was a focal point in the day as well. Times have changed: many 'full time' centres now are only open two nights a week (Furlong et al, 1997); resources are tight; full time workers face many pressures.

In my interviews with young people involved in the Youth Action Scheme in Gloucestershire, boredom was identified as the main reason for getting involved in crime. In my current research young people talk about needing somewhere to go to 'keep out of mischief', they recognize the problems that they can get into when (page 76) bored and looking for excitement on the streets. The recently produced 'Listen Up' Report (Home Office, 2000) found that the boys particularly wanted activities that 'give them a buzz but take place in a controlled environment'. Young people on the Gloucestershire Youth Action scheme really appreciated the opportunity to take part in challenging activities and were able to use the experience to help them reflect on their everyday experiences. Bandura (1995) demonstrates that the most effective way of developing a strong sense of efficacy is through 'mastery experiences'; young people need to find something in their lives which they can do well. Properly resourced youth clubs can provide the

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ideal base for activities to be organized and new skills acquired. However, as resources and staffing levels have been cut and managers have been increasing the amount of administration required it seems that fewer activities and residential happen. There has been a trend away from face to face work by full time youth workers (Bamber, 2000).

For a long time now in youth work I have been frustrated by the focus on curriculum, on outcomes, on managerialism, on projects, rather than on young peoples needs as a member of a community. Perhaps this makes me an old-fashioned youth worker, but I would like us to give youth clubs a serious chance. Our buildings are probably inappropriate; they probably always were (Jeffs, 1997). The best youth club I worked in for atmosphere was a prefab, an old school classroom. Every night 'God Save the Queen' by the Sex Pistols was played over and over again; I can't hear that now without remembering the club. Good youth work isn't just about the here and now and measuring, it's about memories and long term learning as Holman (2000) demonstrates so well.

Youth Clubs have a unique role and one that should be valued and supported as they can make a big difference in the lives of many young people and their communities. Club based work can provide the warm, safe, friendly space for young people that they say they want, it can give them real power and ownership. It can be a place where they develop new skills, try out new things, where they are seen and judged differently from the school or home, where their talents and idiosyncrasies are appreciated and where they can have fun.

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**Appendix 3 - Attendance and Activities Record for Stonehaven Youth Club**

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Week No	Date	Activity No.	Activity	Comment	Participants	Attendees	Volunteer hours	Expenditure	Donation	Expense	Rent	Staff Cost	Total Value
1	19/8/22	1	Pool	Introduced rules to newbies. Fun had by all. Round Robin games	4	6	2.5hrs x 4 = 10	Room Rent; Milk	£0.95	£0.00	£29.80	£0.00	£30.75
		2	Connect 4 / Mancala	Quiet games	4								
		3	Uno	Fun game, old favourite	4								
2	26/8/22	1	Pool	Lots of fun and competition	9	13	2.5hrs x 6 = 15	Room Rent; prize	£1.00	£0.00	£29.80	£0.00	£30.80
		2	Uno	Fun game, old favourite	2								
		3	Chess	Quiet games	4								
		4	2K Cycle Challenge	Exercise Bike - who can ride 2K the fastest?	9								
		5	Scrabble	Group playing by own rules!!	5								
		6	HP Trivia	Harry Potter knowledge cards	3								
		7	Top Trumps	Baby Animal top trumps - too cute!	2								
3	2/9/22	1	Pool	Lots of challenging games	8	20	2.5hrs x 5 = 12.5	Room Rent; Milk	£0.95	£0.00	£29.80	£0.00	£30.75
		2	Chess	teaching novices the rules	4								
		3	Operation	noisy fun!	5								
		4	Mancala	new games for some. Enjoyable simple game	3								
		5	Scrabble	word fun, own rules!	6								
		6	Connect Four	challenging each other	2								
		7	2K Bike Challenge	Harder challenge - 2K but up hills! A lot of determined young folk wanting to win the prize!	10								
		8	Draughts	friends against each other	2								
		9	Mastermind	Guess the code	4								
		10	top trumps	Cute baby animals, fact finding fun	2								
4	9/9/22	1	Pool	Newbies learning and good competition	6	19	2.5hrs x 6 = 15	Room Rent; prize; milk	£1.95	£0.00	£29.80	£0.00	£31.75
		2	2K Bike Challenge	The competitive spirit is alive and well!	11								
		3	Top Trumps	Baby Animal top trumps - too cute!	2								
		4	Stop the Bus	Fun word game	11								
		5	Scrabble	Usual crowd playing	4								
		6	Chess	Younger ones enjoying chess	3								
		7	Animal Trivia	General animal knowledge quiz	4								
		8	Dice	slide and catch the dice	2								
		9	Mastermind	Gues the code	2								
		10	Mancala	Firm favourite for some	4								
		11	Card Throwing	Get the card on the ledge - needs skill!	3								
		12	Paper & Pens	Drawing	2								
		13	Paper Airplanes	Some super flyers made	3								
		14	Connect Four	Challenging each other	4								
5	16/9/22	1	pool		5	18	(2.5hrs x 4) + (0.5hrs x 1) = 10.5	Room rent			£29.80		£29.80
		2	Top Trumps		2								
		3	Scrabble		3								

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Week No	Date	Activity No.	Activity	Comment	Participants	Attendees	Volunteer hours	Expenditure	Donation	Expense	Rent	Staff Cost	Total Value
		4	Chess		5								
		5	Dice		2								
		6	Mastermind		6								
		7	Mancala		9								
		8	Connect 4		3								
6	25/11/22	1	Pool		6	13	2.5hrs x 5 = 12.5	Room Rent; prize		£1.00	£29.80		£30.80
		2	2K Bike Challenge		5								
		3	Chess		6								
		4	Scrabble		2								
		5	Mancala		4								
		6	Magic Tricks		2								
		7	Mastermind		2								
		8	Cards		2								
		9	Connect 4		2								
7	2/12/22	1	Pool		8	11	2.5hrs x 4 = 10	Room Rent		£1.00	£29.80		£30.80
		2	mancala		2								
		3	Bike	timed 2K challenge	5								
		4	Uno		2								
		5	cards	games & magic tricks	2								
		6	hangman		2								
		7	4 in a row		2								
		8	Jenga		2								
		9	chess		3								
		10	Top Trumps		2								
		11	Table tennis		7								
		12	Basketball	Hoops challenge - how many in a minute	7								
8	9/12/22	1	Table Tennis Tourney	Round robin tournament	10	12	2.5hrs x 4 = 10	Room Rent & prizes		£1.00	£29.80		£30.80
		2	Pool		8								
		3	Chess		2								
		4	Mancala		4								
		5	Four in a Row		3								
		6	Basketball		5								
9	16/12/22	1	Movie	Xmas Movie Night - Home Alone	15	17	2.5 x 5 = 12.5hrs	Room Rent			£29.80		£29.80
		2	Chess		7								
		3	Harry Potter Trivia		2								
		4	Mancala		4								
		5	Uno		4								
		6	Mastermind		6								

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		7	Connect 4		6								
10	6/1/23	1	Table Tennis Tourny	Round Robin Tournament.	9	13	2.5 x 5 = 12.5hrs	Rent & Touny prize		£0.50	£29.80		£30.30
		2	Chess		2								
		3	Connect 4		3								
		4	card games		3								
		5	mancala		8								
		6	pool		6								
		7	Jenga		4								
		8	Basketball		5								
		9	Mastermind		2								
11	13/1/23	1	Pool		12	27	2.5 x 6 = 15hrs	Rent & 2K bike challenge prize		£0.50	£29.80		£30.30
		2	Table Tennis		14								
		3	2K Bike Challenge		4								
		4	Dobble		5								
		5	Mastermind		5								
		6	Chess		8								
		7	Jenga		2								
		8	Basketball		5								
		9	Mancala		6								
		10	Top Trumps		4								
		11	Uno/Cards		3								
		12	Connect 4		8								
		13	Scrabble		2								
12	20/1/23	1	Pool	doubles games	16	26	2.5 x 5 = 12.5hrs	Rent			£29.80		£29.80
		2	Table Tennis		15								
		3	Basket Ball		5								
		4	Chess		8								
		5	Dobble		3								
		6	Connect 4		7								
		7	Mancala		3								
		8	scrabble		3								
		9	Jenga		4								
		10	Mastermind		5								
		11	Hangman		4								
		12	Friends Game		4								
		13	Say Words		5								
13	27/1/23	1	Pool		16	24	2.5 x 5 = 12.5hrs	Rent / Crafting supplies		£51.30	£29.80		£81.10
		2	Table Tennis	23 matches (first to 11) played! It's getting competitive as they improve their game!	12								



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Week No	Date	Activity No.	Activity	Comment	Participants	Attendees	Volunteer hours	Expenditure	Donation	Expense	Rent	Staff Cost	Total Value
		3	Uno		4								
		4	Top Trumps		3								
		5	Mancala		6								
		6	Chess		8								
		7	Draughts		4								
		8	Friendship Bracelets	learning some new crafts - friendship bracelets and keyrings - Tricky to start but gradually getting the hang of it. Enjoyed crating and having something to take home	10								
		9	Hide & Seek		5								
		10	Mastermind	More getting the hang of this game and improving their deduction skills!									
		11	Dobble		3								
		12	Basketball Hoops		8								
14	3/2/23	1	Pool	doubles games	12	26	2.5 x 5 = 12.5hrs	Rent / new games		£27.66	£29.80		£57.46
		2	Table Tennis		16								
		3	Basket Ball		5								
		4	Chess		5								
		5	Dobble		3								
		6	Connect 4		7								
		7	Mancala		5								
		8	scrabble		3								
		9	Jenga		2								
		10	Mastermind		6								
		11	Friendship Bracelets / keyrings		9								
		12	mandala colouring		1								
		13	dobble		5								
		14	Labyrinth	maze game	3								
15	10/2/23	1	Pool		11	13 (Feb Long Weekend)	2.5hrs x 5 = 12.5	Rent/prize		£0.40	£29.80		£29.80
		2	Table Tennis		10								
		3	2K Bike Challenge		6								
		4	Chess		7								
		5	Mancala		4								
		6	Connect 4		2								
		7	Crafting		6								
		8	Dobble		4								
		9	scrabble		2								
		10	Table 10 pin bowling		4								
16	17/2/23	1	Pool	Skills are improving and new YP enjoying learning	12	33	2.5hrs x 6 = 15	Rent/Prize	£2.00	£0.50	£29.80		£32.30

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		2	Table Tennis	Core group love this	13		15	New table football					
		3	2K Bike Challenge	Competitive and the times keep falling	14								
		4	Chess	strategies are improving!	6								
		5	Mancala		4								
		6	Table Football	New purchase! YP loved this!	16								
		7	Connect 4		4								
		8	Crafting	Friendship bracelets, key rings & bookmarks	5								
		9	Dobble		6								
		10	Uno		2								
		11	Labyrinth	More YP investigating this game									
		12	Table 10 pin bowling		4								
		13	Colouring		1								
17	24/2/23	1	Pool		23	32	2.5hrs x5 = 12.5hrs	Rent/Prize		£0.50	£29.80		£30.30
		2	Table Tennis		24								
		3	2K Bike Challenge		9								
		4	Chess		10								
		5	Mancala		6								
		6	Table Football		15								
		7	Connect 4		2								
		8	Crafting	Bookmarks & Keyrings	8								
		9	Dobble		4								
		10	Uno		2								
		11	Table 10 pin bowling		5								
		12	Cards		2								
		13	scrabble		6								
		14	Labyrinth		4								
		15	Colouring		2								
18	3/3/23	1	Pool		18	37	2.5hrs x 7 = 17.5hrs	Rent			£29.80		£29.80
		2	Table Tennis		16								
		3	Just Dance	Fun with songs singing and dancing	20								
		4	Chess		8								
		5	Mancala		4								
		6	Table Football		6								
		7	Connect 4		4								
		8	Crafting	Friendship bracelets, key rings & bookmarks	8								
		9	Dobble		4								
		10	Uno		6								
		11	Top Trumps		5								

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19	10/3/23	1	Pool		25	44	2.5hrs x 6 = 15hrs	Rent			£29.80		£29.80
		2	Table Tennis		32								
		3	Just Dance	Fun with songs singing and dancing	17								
		4	Chess		12								
		5	Mancala		8								
		6	Table Football		12								
		7	Connect 4		8								
		8	Crafting	Friendship bracelets, key rings & bookmarks	12								
		9	Dobble		8								
		10	Uno		8								
		11	Top Trumps		4								
		12	Table 10 pin bowling		5								
		13	Mastermind		6								
		14	Scrabble		4								
20	17/3/23	1	Pool		24	47	2.5hrs x 6 = 15hrs	Rent & Prizes		£1.00	£29.80		£30.80
		2	Table Tennis		42								
		3	Table Football		16								
		4	2K Bike Challenge		15								
		5	Connect 4		8								
		6	Crafting - friendship bracelets		10								
		7	Chalk Board		5								
		8	Crafting - bookmarks	mother's day gifts	12								
		9	dobble#		7								
		10	Uno		8								
		11	Labrynth		4								
		12	Chess		8								
21	24/3/23	1	Pool		26	45	2.5hrs x 7 = 17.5hrs	Rent & Prizes		£0.50	£29.80		£30.30
		2	Table Tennis		22								
		3	Table Football		12								
		4	2K Bike Challenge		14								
		5	Connect 4		4								
		6	Crafting - friendship bracelets etc		8								
		7	Chalk Board		6								
		8	Mastermind		4								
		9	dobble		6								
		10	Uno		4								
		11	Labrynth		6								

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		12	Chess		8								
		13	Colouring & Drawing		7								
22	31/3/23	1	Pool		24	39	2.5hrs x 5 = 12.5hrs	Rent			£29.80		£29.80
		2	Table Tennis		30								
		3	Table Football		12								
		4	chess		8								
		5	Connect 4		6								
		6	Crafting		12								
		7	Chalk Board		2								
		8	Crafting - bookmarks		4								
		9	dobble		5								
		10	Uno		5								
		11	Labrynth		2								
		12	Mastermind		4								
		13	Jenga		2								
23	21/4/23	1	pool			44	2.5hrs x 6 = 15hrs	Room rent			£29.80		£29.80
		2	Top Trumps										
		3	Scrabble										
		4	Chess										
		5	Table Tennis										
		6	Mastermind										
		7	Mancala										
		8	Connect 4										
		9	Scaletrix										
		10	Table Football										
		11	Dobble										
		12	Crafting										
		13	Colouring										
24	28/4/23	1	Pool			32	2.5hrs x 6 = 15hrs	Room Rent			£35.83		£35.83
		2	Table Tennis										
		3	Table Football										
		4	2K Bike Challenge										
		5	Chess										
		6	Dobble										
		7	Mancala										
		8	Jenga										
		9	Card games										
		10	Hide and Seek										

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Week No	Date	Activity No.	Activity	Comment	Participants	Attendees	Volunteer hours	Expenditure	Donation	Expense	Rent	Staff Cost	Total Value		
25	5/5/23	11	Crafting Table	Friendship bracelets											
		1	Pool				32	2.5hrs x 5 = 12.5hrs	Room Rent			£35.83		£35.83	
		2	Table Tennis												
		3	Scaletrix												
		4	2K Bike Challenge												
		5	Chess												
		6	Dobble												
		7	Mancala												
		8	Jenga / Topple Tower	Struan Organised own knockout tournament, signed up contenders and managed the games. Greta leadership and teamwork											
		9	Card games												
		10	Hide and Seek												
11	Paper crafts	made paper "handbags" and decorated with stencils													

Week No.	Date	Activity No.	Activity	Comment	Participants	Attendees	Volunteer hours	Expenditure	Donation	Expense	Rent	Staff Cost	Total Value	
26	12/5/23	1	Pool		8	39	2.5hrs x 5 = 12.5hrs	Room Rent			£35.83		£35.83	
		2	Table Tennis		8									
		3	Scaletrix		12									
		4	Table Football		6									
		5	Chess		8									
		6	Dobble		4									
		7	Jenga		4									
		8	Connect Four		2									
		9	Crafting Table		9									
		10	Mastermind		4									
		11	Scrabble		12									
27	19/5/23	1	Pool		14	33	2.5hrs x 6 = 15hrs	Room Rent			£35.83		£35.83	
		2	Table Tennis		12									
		3	Table Football		6									
		4	2K Bike Challenge		11									
		4	Chess		8									
		5	Dobble		4									
		6	Jenga		6									
		7	Connect Four		4									
		8	Crafting Table		12									
		9	Mastermind		2									
		10	Scrabble		6									
11	Drawing		8											

## Appendix 4 - Community Consultation on CAT Survey Results, Emails and Letters

### Stonehaven Youth Club CAT Survey October 2022

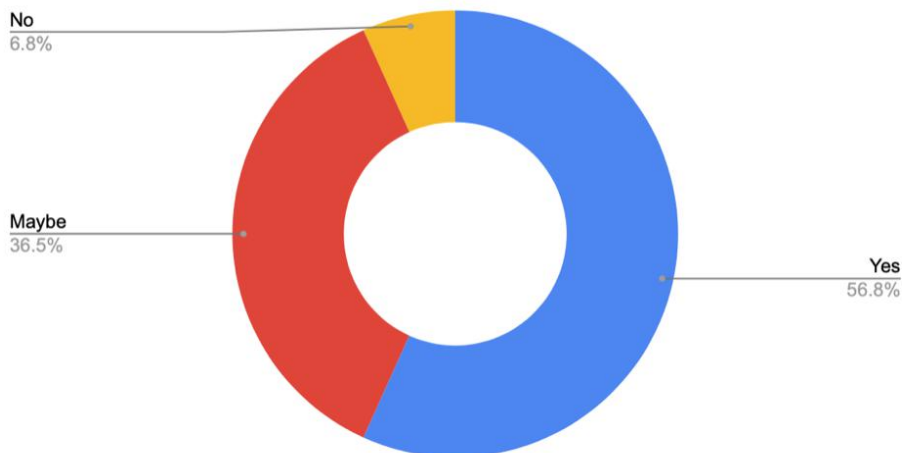
An online public consultation survey regarding the Community Asset Transfer of the old Sea Cadet Hall was carried out in October 2022. A letter was distributed to all local residents in the High Street and New Street in the Old Town with the link provided. The link was shared on social media channels by the youth club as well as being provided via an article in the local online News site, The Bellman. Mackie Academy also shared the details via their parent and student portals.

The questions asked were:

- Q1. Do you feel there is a need for greater youth club provision in Stonehaven
- Q2. Why do you think young people need a Youth Club (tick all that apply)
- Q3. Do you think a youth club should run separate activities for different age groups and interests?
- Q4. What activities would you want to see provided at a Stonehaven Youth Club
- Q5. In principle, do you support KMYC and Stonehaven Youth Club's proposed Community Asset Transfer request for the old Sea Cadet Hall?
- Q6. We would like the views of both adults and young people - which are you?
- Q7. Which age band includes you?
- Q8. Do you live/work in the vicinity of the old Sea Cadet Hall (ie. High Street, New Street, Kings Street, Arbuthnott Place) or further afield? (tick all that apply)
- Q.9 Any comments

The results were as follows:

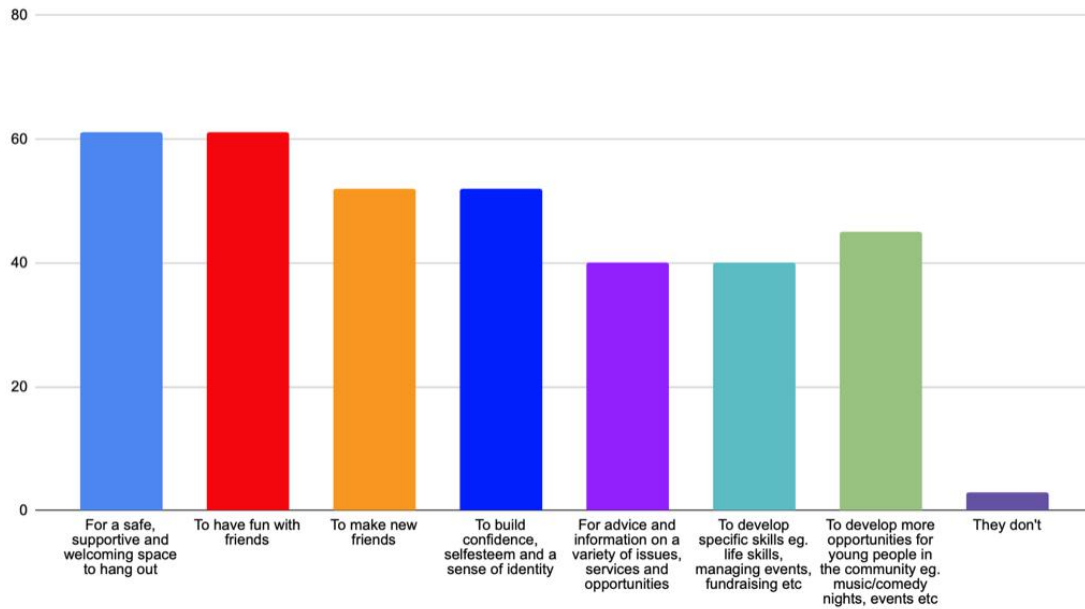
#### Q1. Do you feel there is a need for greater youth club provision in Stonehaven



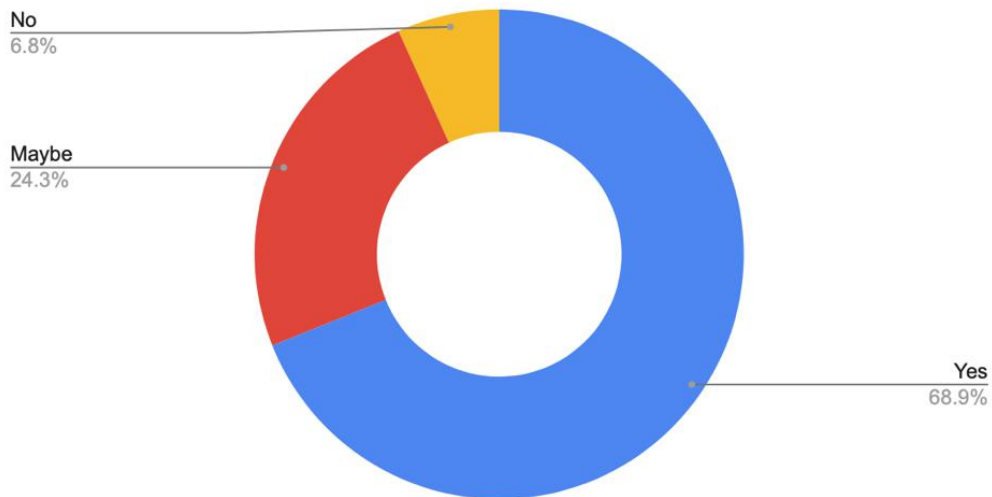
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Q2. Why do you think young people need a Youth Club (tick all that apply)



Q3. Do you think a youth club should run separate activities for different age groups and interests?



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#### Q4. What activities would you want to see provided at a Stonehaven Youth Club

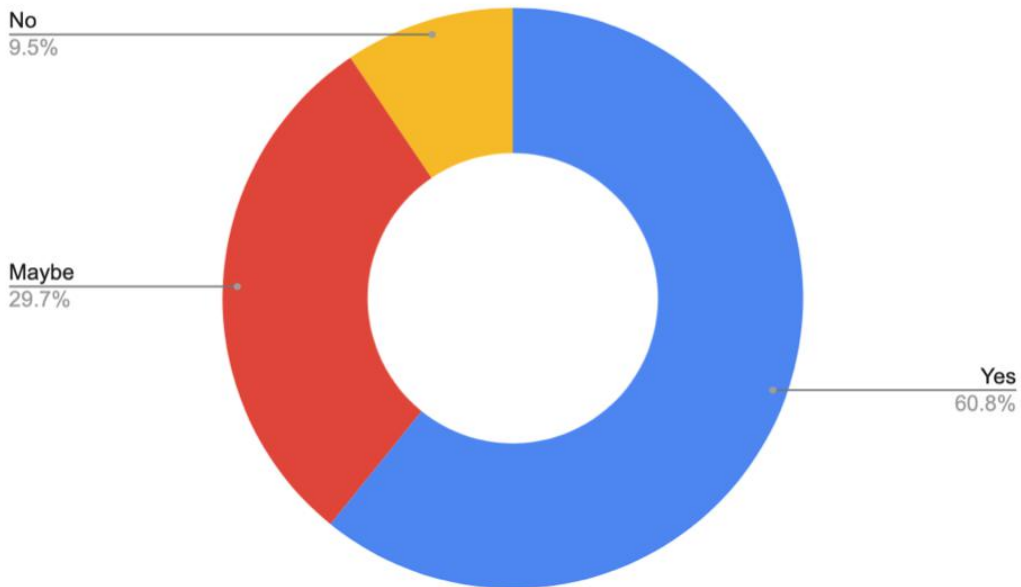
- A safe and secure environment - somewhere they can talk, be themselves and feel safe.
- Baking, cooking
- Sports, shows, music, games
- Parkour
- Anything which would help develop the youth of Stonehaven
- Whatever there is demand for from the young people
- I can't really comment, but think this is a much needed club for the local youngsters as it will provide a safe space for them all to just hang out with their friends and hopefully take them off the streets. Will also give parents peace of mind I would think .
- Maybe things like discos , pool tables, chill out cafe?
- Games, computer games, pool, darts, etc
- Cooking, budgeting, social skills, fun activities, making friends, place to relax away from home
- A work training programme with the Tollbooth museum.
- Training opportunities for youth who want to work in a pub or hotel
- Social and life skills
- Group creative activities.
- Sports, movies
- Samaritan's/mental health base would be good. A cafe/juice bar, facility for evening music/dance/socialising. Facility for games/electronic and board/table games.
  - Games, Cooking lessons, Basic life skills, No gaming opportunities
- Music
- I think Stonehaven is already well catered for in terms of extra curricular and sports activities. A less structured safe place for children to hang out with friends, with comfortable seats, music on and an opportunity to buy affordable drinks and snacks would be great for children.
- I don't know
- Mainly just having somewhere to go in Stonehaven
- Different games and/or team building activities
- I would like to see art and crafts going on.
- Creative, expressive opportunities. Facilitation of the idea of citizenship and community and how we all have a responsibility for our communities.
- Different sports?
- Rugby
- Music, sports
- Sports and the lace to just chat with friends
- Football, basketball, volleyball
- Pool tables/table football, outdoor sports
- LGBTQ plus safe space/ social group (preferably run and led by LGBT people/ community not allies)
- Games nights, team building
- Games
- Games
- Football
- Variety of activities like Crafts, Football, Puzzles, dodgeball etc
- football, dodge ball and other games like darts and pool



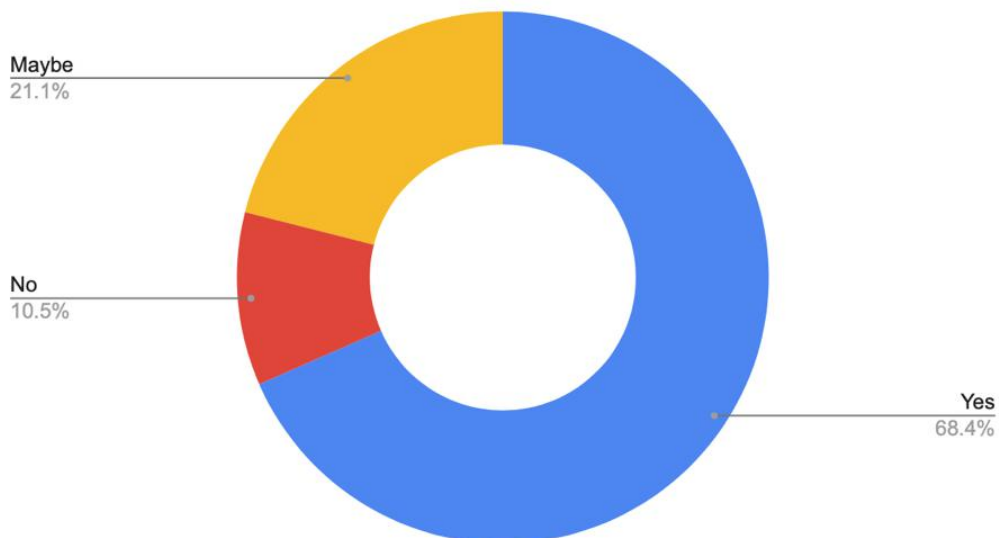
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Q5. In principle, do you support KMYC and Stonehaven Youth Club's proposed Community Asset Transfer request for the old Sea Cadet Hall?



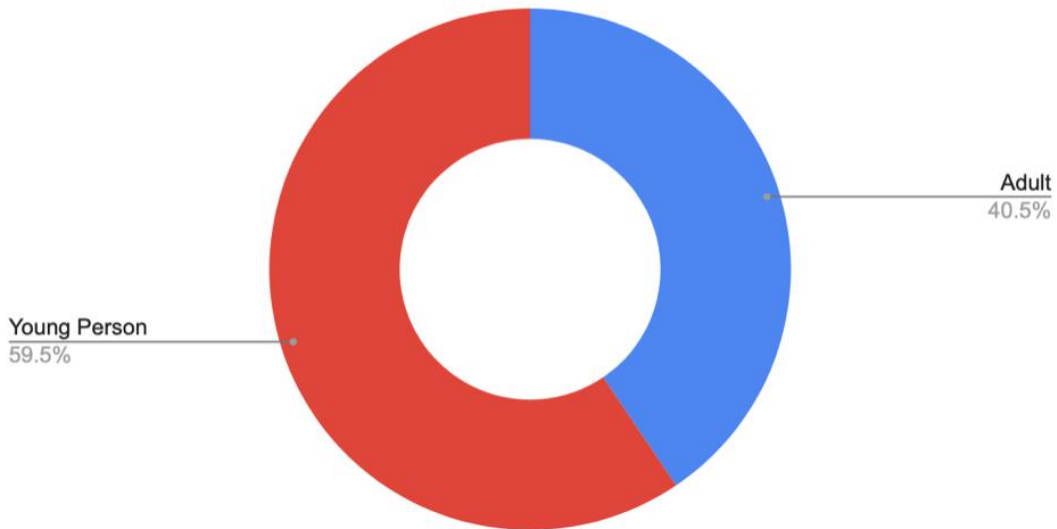
Q5a. From those that live, work and have a business in the vicinity (Q.8) approve the principle of CAT request for the old Sea Cadet Hall.



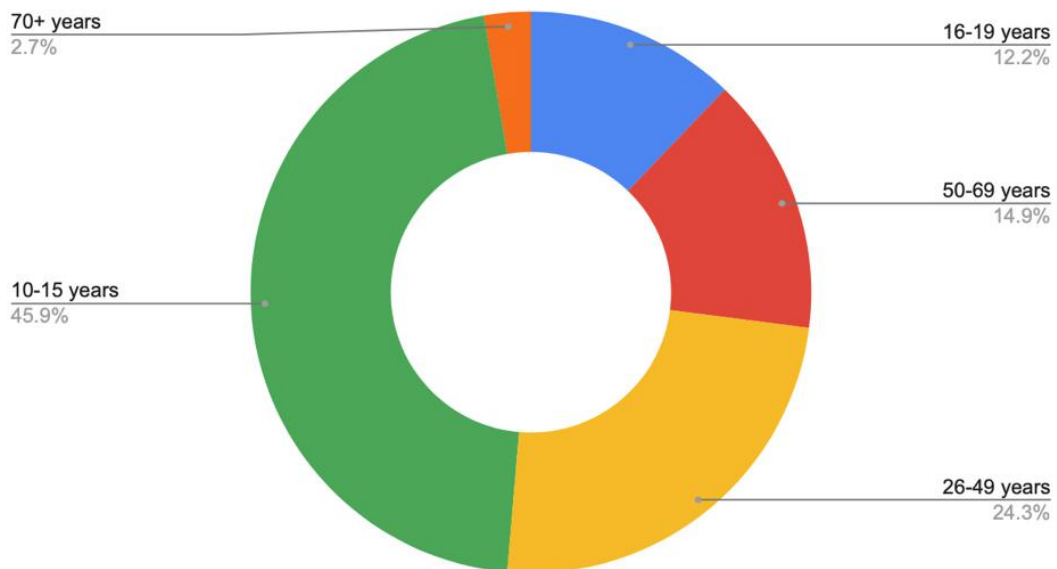
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Q6. We would like the views of both adults and young people - which are you?



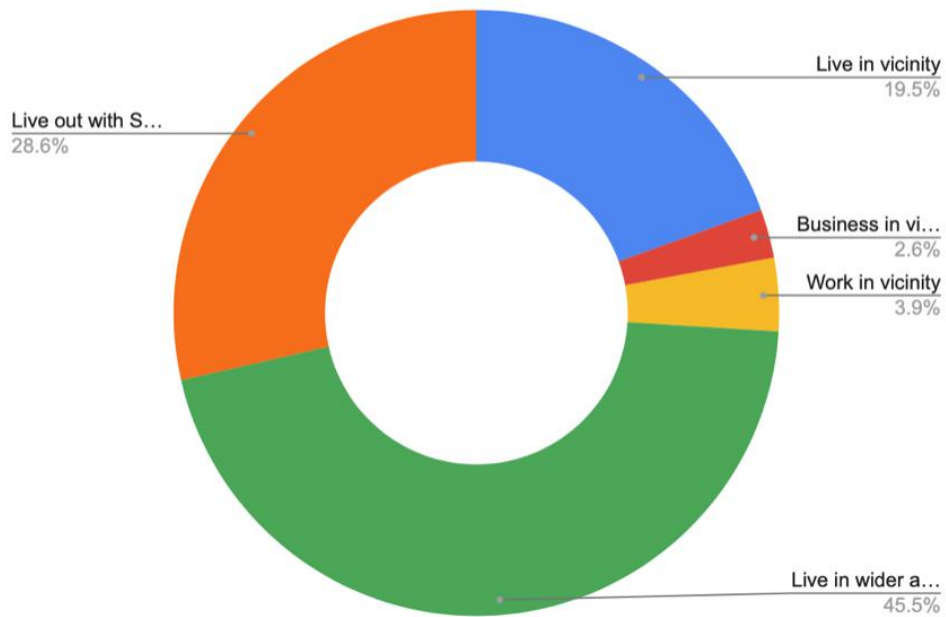
Q7. Which age band includes you?



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Q8. Do you live/work in the vicinity of the old Sea Cadet Hall (ie. High Street, New Street, Kings Street, Arbuthnott Place) or further afield? (tick all that apply)



- Live in the vicinity
- Have business in the vicinity
- Work in the vicinity
- Live in the wider area of Stonehaven
- Live out with Stonehaven

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#### Q9. Any comments

I have 2 children and think this would be a great benefit for them  
This also relates for my 11 year old son who does not have a google account

Agree wholeheartedly with youth group gaining its own premises. This building requires a lot of upkeep and maintenance- reasons why sea cadets have left? The community centre would be ideal place with community cafe (once returned to the community) but obviously it wouldn't be for their sole use. Securing funding eg like Court Room and Green Pavilion would be vital.  
Parking is difficult on High Street however Hall is away from main street to access  
This is much needed in Stonehaven

Filling this form in on behalf of Catalyst Vineyard Church Stonehaven

Excellent idea. Everyone should use this space of all ages.

I think this is a fabulous idea , good luck in your application

Fantastic initiative

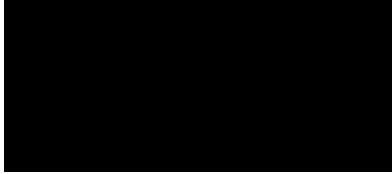
Only concern I have is the parlours condition of the old Sea Cadet building and VERY a poor heating. The building is freezing! It is also not very central in the town.

I'm supportive of the idea of a space for the youth club, however, the location of the old Sea Cadet hall is problematic. I don't live close enough to be directly affected, but parking in the area is awful and parents dropping off and picking up would cause issues. Despite it's proximity to the Town Centre, this is a largely residential area and the 'overspill' from the youth club may rub adjacent residents up the wrong way. None of your questions here address why a specific building is required. Isn't a separate building an excessive use of resources? Having a separate building isn't particularly environmentally friendly. It's also a way to isolate our youth from mainstream society. I understand the need for a safe space for our young people, but aren't we eradicating integration in order to avoid having to manage the (complicated) interface between age groups?

Great idea. Hopeful and confident that it will be facilitated in a way that limits any potential downside for neighbouring households

Although I live out with Stonehaven, my child attends Mackie and has their friend group within Stonehaven. It would be a great resource to allow them to safely meet their friends in Stonehaven.

Letters / Emails

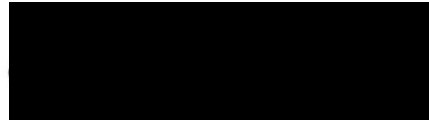


Dear Daam,

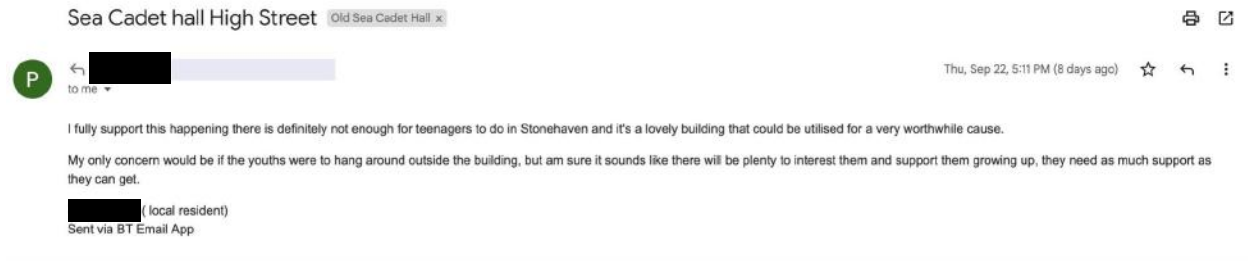
I live next door to the  
Soa Cadet Hall and I have no  
objections to a youth club.  
I think it will be good to see  
it being used.

I hope everything goes well.  
for you and you get it

yours.



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### **Facebook post responses:**

- ★ Thought we spent a small fortune doing up a room at the community centre as a room for the youth club. Yet more wasted money?
  - was never designed as a youth room but “multi-purpose”
    - that's not what we were told
- ★ Do kids nowadays even want to go to a youth club?
  - We used to have a very sucessfull youth club run by our staff out of the town hall, over 50 members, shut because the council kept interffering and pushing up the prices. So yes I think they want somewhere to gather, what they don't want is to be told what to do. Our youth club was run by the kids they said what they wanted to do and we facilitated it.
- ★ Think it's a great idea for the kids
- ★ I think it's a good idea as the old Sea cadet building isn't being used, so isn't it better to used, than go to ruin!!!
- ★ The old sea cadet unit is in a bad state of repair. It will cost a lot of money to get it into a useable condition again. Maybe grants avail tho?
  - yes there are lots of funds out there for making old buildings sustainable
    - I totally agree with \_\_\_\_ the unit needs a lot of work and money spent on it, good luck to all involved!

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- ★ Given it is such a recently formed and small group is this appropriate? Would it not be sitting unused for significant periods of time?
  - We have big ambitions
    - Did the sea cadets leave because it was in such a poor state of repair?  
Where is the money coming from to fix it?
      - We will look for grant funding. We don't need a perfect building.
        - I have board games when you need them just let me know they are in a cupboard so not going anywhere
          - Fabulous, thank you!

### Responses from Local Community Group and MSP

Re: KMYC Universal Youth Clubs > Stonehaven x



←

to me ▾

Wed, 25 Jan, 13:13



Good afternoon,

The Stonehaven Town Partnership Trustees were very aware of the lack of a youth club facility in our area before Covid. The pandemic heightened the lack of provision even more so - social media in the area was a very good barometer of how the lack of facilities for our young people affected all the community. Speaking to many in the community we know the positive impact the clubs are having and the very real difference to many young people you are making. One of your aims was to provide a safe space - from seeing what you are doing and the numbers of young people attending we know this is happening. The STP will continue to support you where we can and we thank you for all you have achieved in the support of our community.

Jim Stephen, Chair  
Stonehaven Town Partnership



→ Mairi Gougeon MSP

to me ▾

Mon, 30 Jan, 09:47



Dear KMYC,

Thank-you for your email.

Mairi Gougeon MSP has written the following statement regarding her thoughts on KMYC's free universal youth clubs:

*'The Kincardine and Mearns Youth Clubs are brilliant because they provide a safe space for our children to socialise, learn new things and feel empowered to be who they want to be. Enhancing the provision of free universal youth club provision is vital for ensuring that children can enjoy a positive environment that makes them feel welcome and secure. I look forward to seeing this youth clubs continue to go from strength to strength over 2023, and I am committed to doing what I can to support them.'*

If Mairi can support KMYC in any other way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

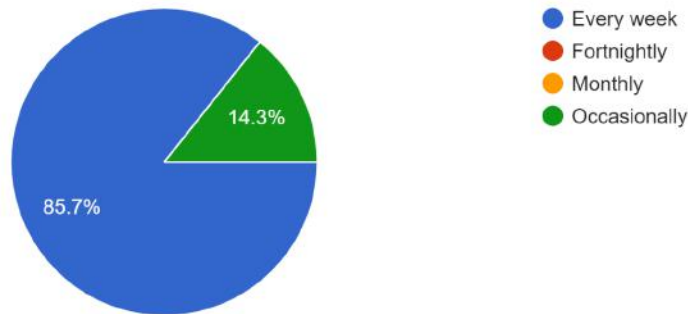
Kind regards,



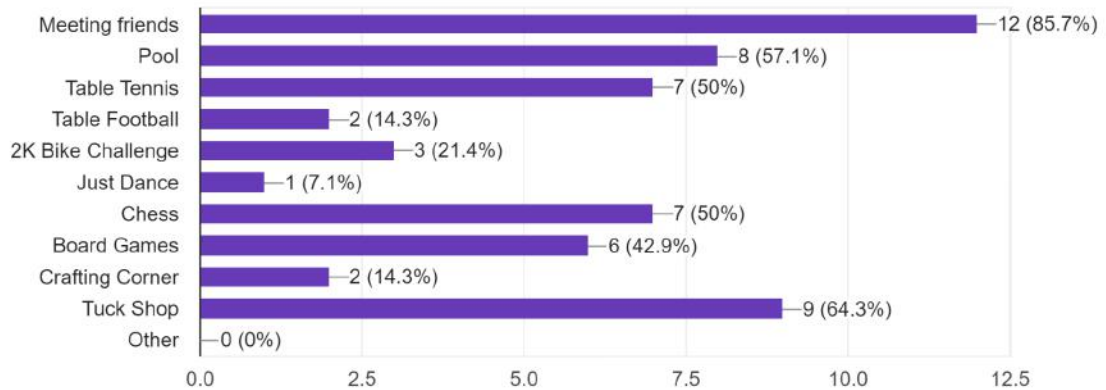
**Appendix 5 - SYC Members Feedback Survey April 2023**

SYC conducted a survey before Easter 2023 to gauge opinion of our young people on the service being delivered. It was emailed to all members and parents as well as a QR code being available at Youth Club for members to scan and complete.

How often do you come to SYC?  
14 responses



What is the most important part of SYC for you? (mark as many as you feel)  
14 responses

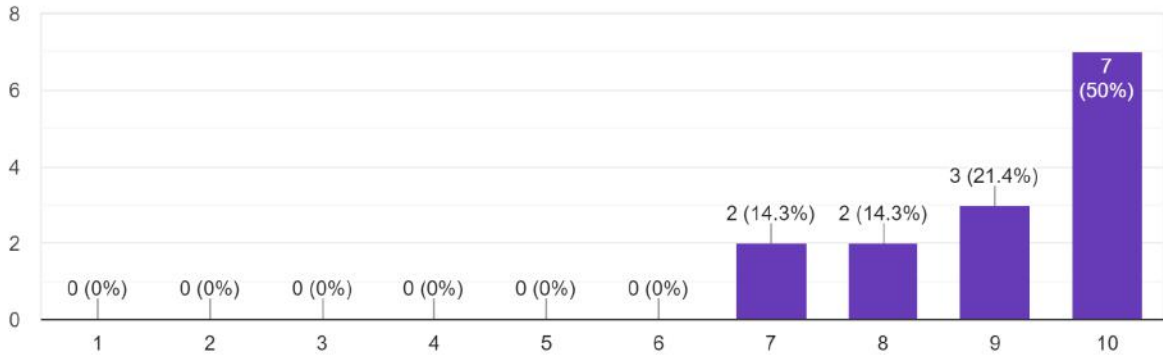




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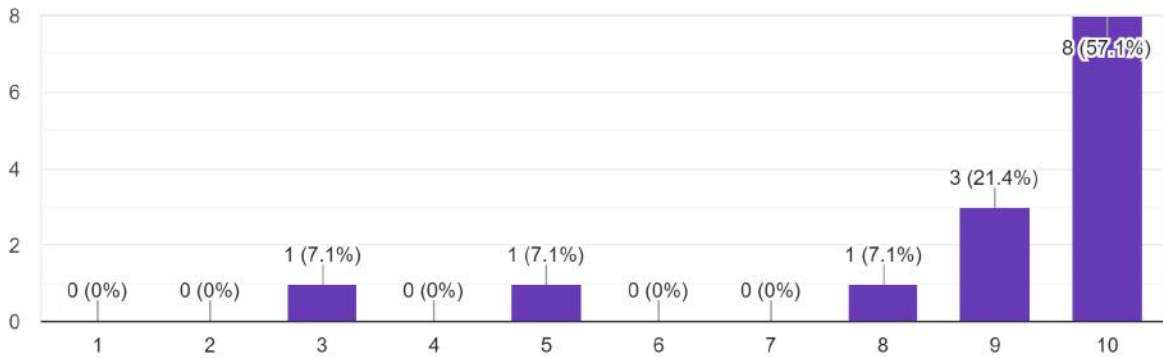
On a scale of 1-10 do you find SYC Welcoming?

14 responses



On a scale of 1-10 does is SYC a friendly place to hang out?

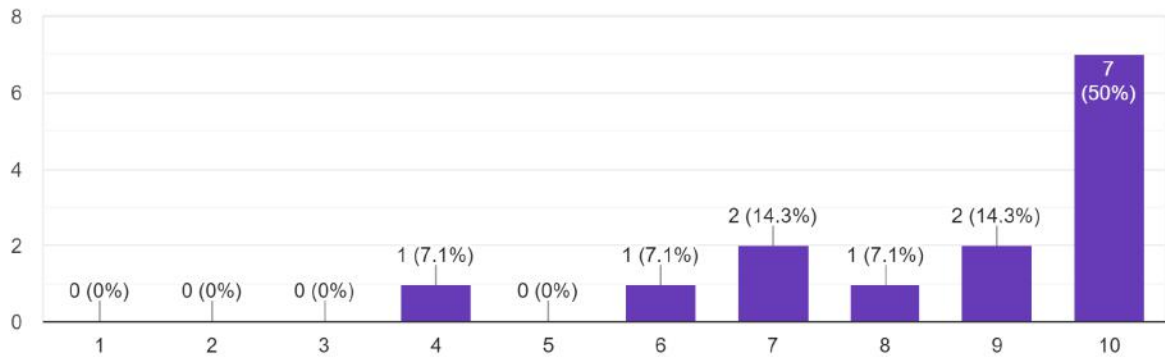
14 responses



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On a scale of 1-10 does SYC offer what you want of a youth club?

14 responses



What other activities would you like to see a SYC on a weekly basis?

14 Responses

So far so good

Outdoor activities

Mini football goals/games

Not sure

More games and more rooms like upstairs

It's has everything I want

Idk

More

Mini basket ball

PlayStation5

Battleships

None

None

I

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What other activities would you like to see a SYC on an occasional basis?

14 Responses

Na  
Xbox  
Nothing  
Not sure  
Same games but more of them  
It has everything I want  
It is all that I need  
More  
Mini Basketball  
Playstation5  
N?A  
Film Night  
Movies  
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What do you like MOST about SYC

14 Responses

Pool  
A relaxed, social place to hang out with friends  
Meeting friends  
Seeing my friends and tuck shop  
Meeting friends  
Chatting  
All  
Playing Pool  
Friends and table tennis  
The Quiet Room  
A safe space to hang out with my friends

What do you NOT like about SYC

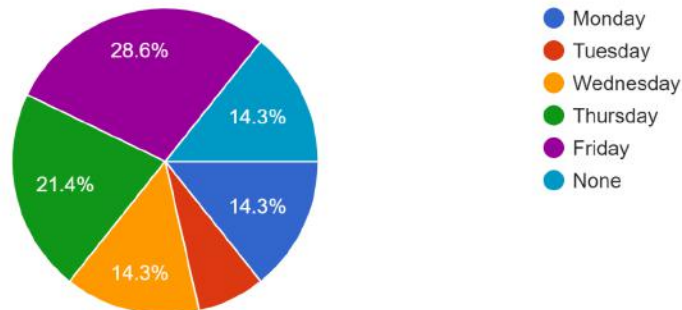
14 Responses

Nothing  
Nothing  
Have absolutely loved it since starting to come along about 5 weeks ago  
I like everything  
Sometimes it gets a bit rowdy  
There are only 2 rooms  
The building. We need a new one  
Not getting to play pool  
People swearing  
People interrupting games (other kids)  
It can be noisy

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Would you come to sessions on different evening? If yes, which evening?

14 responses



What would you like to have at any further sessions?  
eg more of the same, different activities (give suggestions)

14 Responses

More of the same  
More of same  
Go to Astros  
Not sure  
Idk  
No thanks  
No  
More  
No  
Playstation5  
More of same and battleships  
Nope

Any other comments?

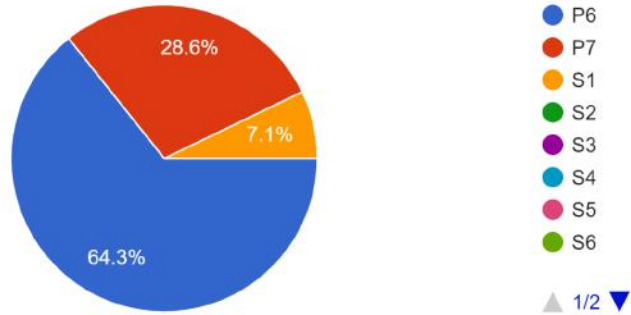
8 Responses

Really enjoying it  
Fizzy drinks please. Adults are really nice  
No  
Nope  
We need a new building  
It's amazing  
I think youth club is great

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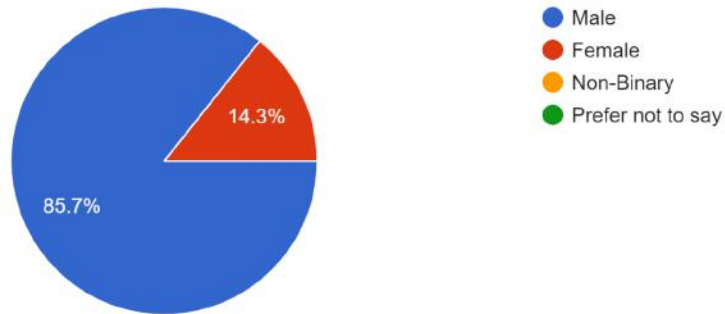
What school year group are you currently in?

14 responses



Do you identify as:

14 responses



Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey to help us improve our Youth Club provision in Stonehaven

## **Appendix 6 - Historic Environment Scotland Cat C Listed Building Description**

Source: <https://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB50259>

### Description

1851; 1897 extension by J A Souttar, Aberdeen, builder Messrs Smith & Co, Stonehaven and joiner R Mitchell & Sons, Stonehaven; restored 1950s, replacement windows 1990. Tall single storey and attic, L-plan former school, early range with steeply-pitched roof and bellcote, and later tall 2-storey, 3-bay range to N forming U-plan. Squared and snecked, and random rubble with ashlar quoins; stugged ashlar with droved margins to N; harled to E. Raised base course and bracketted band course. Raked cills. Hoodmould with label stops and traceried window incorporating trefoil head. Segmental-arched doorway and broad segmental-arched windows. Chamfered reveals.

N (PRINCIPAL) ELEVATION: centre bay with broad window at ground and tall traceried window above rising into gablehead, broad window to each floor of bay to right, and bay to left with 2-leaf vertically-boarded timber door with decorative ironwork hinges below segmental-arched niche now with coloured plaque worded 'STONEHAVEN & DISTRICT SEA CADET CORPS' and narrow window beyond.

E ELEVATION: 3 segmental-arched windows to set-back centre bays under steeply-pitched roof with small piended dormer window to left and 2 vertically-astragalled traditional rooflights to right, cross-finialled stone bellcote to left at roof ridge and base of stone cross to right at gablehead adjoining later range. Advanced gabled bay to left with door at ground, blocked arrowslit in gablehead and mitred stack straddling apex; door to catslide-roofed outshot on return to right. Tall blank gable projecting at outer right, with door and window to ground of return to left and further window to 1st floor.

S (REAR) ELEVATION: single storey addition to right at ground, segmental-arched window to left and 3 small piended dormer windows to steeply-pitched roof.

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Some 4-pane glazing pattern in timber sash and case windows; small pane replacement glazing to N; modern windows elsewhere. Grey and purple slates. Coped ashlar mitred gablehead stacks with some polygonal cans. Ashlar-coped skewes with mitred, moulded and block skewputts. Cast-iron downpipes with decorative rainwater hoppers and fixings.

INTERIOR: moulded plasterwork cornices; boarded timber dadoes; horizontally-panelled timber doors with fluted architraves; some plain timber fire surrounds; cantilevered dog-leg staircase and decorative cast-iron balusters. Evidence of internal alterations at lowered ceiling abutting head of 1st floor traceried window and to N-S range (now known as Main Deck) with base of trusses exposed.

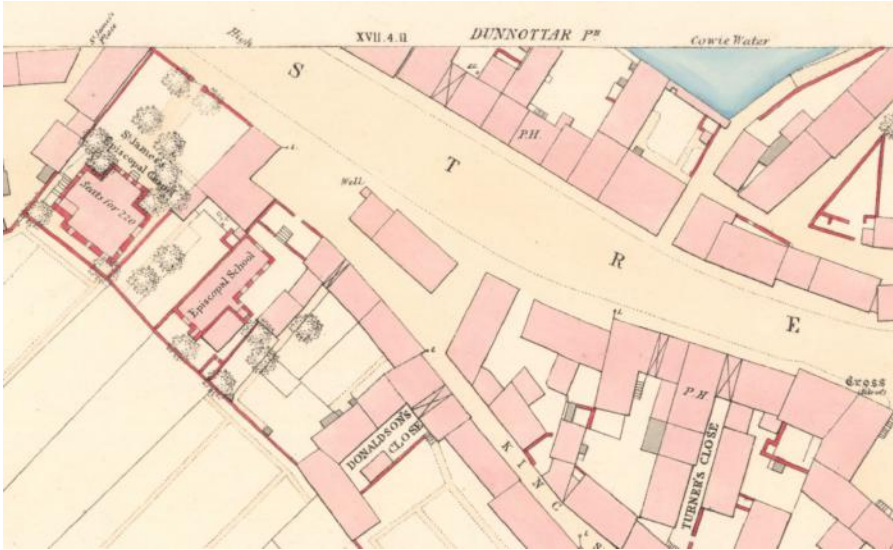
BOUNDARY WALLS: high semicircular-coped rubble boundary walls.

## Statement of Interest

The early fabric retained from the original Episcopal School offers a tantalising glimpse of how Stonehaven's Old Town High Street may have looked, and how it has developed with the nearby site of the Episcopal Church now home to a 'new building'. Part of which is a baker's shop, [which] covers the site of the old Episcopal Church'. The new building referred to was erected in 1880 and is now a separately listed building in its own right. The cruciform-plan Episcopal Chapel was built in 1737, it was gutted by Cumberland as he passed through Stonehaven on his way to Culloden, and subsequently used as a stable until renovated in 1815. It was finally demolished in 1877 when the congregation moved to Sir Robert Rowand Anderson's St James' Church in Arbutnott Street, now an 'A' listed building. James Souttar's extension incorporated two new classrooms, and was opened on 4th January, 1898. The school remained under the control of the Episcopal Church until 1939, when it was closed and the building taken over by the education authority. After a period of neglect, the building was rescued by the Sea Cadet Corps in 1954. Lord Stonehaven asked Alan Mitchell Lieutenant Commander Retired to take over the unit, and the resultant high standards consistently achieved have won the Stonehaven Unit Training Ship Carron the freedom of the burgh. The Unit has been awarded the prestigious Canada Trophy (best unit in Britain) no less than five times.

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The building developed over the years as is shown in historical OS Maps. Originally the building was only at the back of the site, with an external terrace and steps down to the street. By the end of the 19th century the building had the footprint we know today. This explains the steps immediately inside the doorway of the present day building



OS Map Town Maps series, Surveyed 1864

<https://maps.nls.uk/townplans/stonehaven.html>



OS Map Kincardineshire XVI.13 Revised 1902, Published 1903 <https://maps.nls.uk/view/82887837>



**Appendix 7 - KMYC Finances**

Finances 2022/23 (Revenue)

**Kincardine and Mearns Youth Clubs  
Income and expenditure 2022/23**

	<b><u>2022/23</u></b>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Arnold Clark Community Fund	2,000.00	
Hillhead of Auquhirie Windfarm Fund	1,358.00	
Meickle Carew Windfarm Fund	1,037.00	
Fundraising activities	231.10	
Stonehaven Youth Club	40.00	
Total income	<b><u>4,666.10</u></b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Venue Rent	214.68	
Laptops & Printers	2,246.98	
Marketing (online and print)	0.00	
Supplies for activities	0.00	
Insurances	325.00	
Office supplies	0.00	
Zoom licence	143.88	
Youth Scotland membership	55.00	
Volunteer Expenses	173.00	
Stonehaven Youth Club	500.00	
Mearns Youth Club	500.00	
Portlethen Youth Club	500.00	
Total expenditure	<b><u>4,658.54</u></b>	
Net income / (expenditure)	<b><u>7.56</u></b>	

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Projected finances 2023-2025 (Revenue)

### **Kincardine and Mearns Youth Clubs Income and expenditure projections**

<b>2022 to 2025</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Local Club Membership Fees	75	100	125
K&M Area Community top-up fund			
Arnold Clark Community Fund	1,000	1,000	1,000
Windfarm funds	2,000	2,000	2,000
Fundraising activities	2,000	4,000	6,000
Co-Op Community funding		5,000	5,000
AC Tackling Poverty & Inequalities fund	5,853	5,000	5,000
Opportunities for Young People Grant	4,340		
National lottery funding		5,000	5,000
<b>Total income</b>	<b>15,193</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Rent (average)	5,520	11,040	12,144
Marketing (online and print)	450	450	450
Supplies for activities	500	500	500
Insurances	350	370	390
Office supplies	300	300	300
Microsoft 365 licence	140	150	160
Youth Scotland membership	55	60	65
MYC Grant	2,000	2,000	2,000
PYC Grant	2,000	2,000	2,000
SYC Grant	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>13,315</b>	<b>18,870</b>	<b>20,009</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>	<b>1,878</b>	<b>3,130</b>	<b>3,991</b>

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### Capital Plan

In order to bring the building to usable condition remedial works will be required. It is anticipated that essential works are done first with other capital works taking place in a phased way as and when funding is sourced. An estimated quote has been provided by a local company for the following works:

#### Phase 1

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	VAT	Amount GBP
For repair and refurbishment works at High Street Stonehaven - Old Sea Cadet Unit	1.00	0.01	20%	0.01
Roof Repairs - To erect a scaffold at East Gable & rear elevation to provide a safe working platform.	1.00	2,825.00	20%	2,825.00
To remove defective tabling stones from Rear/East elevation - Supply and install new precast tabling stones to wall heads on same elevation. Carry out slate repairs / replacement as necessary and renew skews. Remove broken cast guttering and downpipes- renew in pvc, includes new rafter arms and fixtures as required. To renew defective rooflights above main hall inc all flashings & slate work as required. To investigate and repair source of water ingress at rear stair well	1.00	7,675.00	20%	7,675.00
External Repairs - Rear courtyard - To repair/ renew damaged sandstone and repoint in lime mortar. To Carry out localised repairs as required to defective roughcast.	1.00	3,750.00	20%	3,750.00
To tidy courtyard and escape route, remove all trip hazards. **note provisional sum until vegetation is cleared and current condition can be fully assessed	1.00	750.00	20%	750.00
Internal Repairs - To carry out repairs to damp areas - Main Stairwell, Rear Stairwell & Main Hall. To erect internal scaffolds to provide safe working platforms, to strip out water damaged lath and plaster to inspect timbers, carry out localised timber repairs if necessary**, supply & install new plasterboard, skim coat of plaster & paint on completion. **Note provisional sum of £1000 made for timber repairs, which cannot be fully assessed until exposed. Any additional work required above this sum will require approval in writing prior to additional work commencing.	1.00	7,850.00	20%	7,850.00
General Repairs throughout building - To patch any holes and plaster all cracks in walls. 1 coat emulsion to all walls and ceiling.	1.00	6,000.00	20%	6,000.00

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Description	Quantity	Unit Price	VAT	Amount GBP
Kitchen - To supply and install new kitchen in existing location. **Note - Provisional sum dependent on final material and choices being made	1.00	4,500.00	20%	4,500.00
Toilet Block - Remove all defective roof Coverings and renew in Cure It, Grp roofing system, includes new insulation, decking boards, trims & flashings, fascia and guttering as required.	1.00	6,225.00	20%	6,225.00
To strip out all existing fixtures and fittings, blockwork partitions etc. To reconfigure layout to make accessible. To supply and install new cubicles inc all sanitary and brass ware. **note provisional sum dependent on layout and material choices being confirmed. ***Existing waste pipes are embedded in a concrete slab, additional costs may be incurred if new layout varies greatly from existing.	1.00	32,250.00	20%	32,250.00
Subtotal				71,825.01
TOTAL VAT 20%				14,365.00
<b>TOTAL GBP</b>				<b>86,190.01</b>

### **Phase 2**

Front door Stairlift  
Main stair lift  
Solar / Energy storage  
Windows

KMYC has submitted Expressions of Interest for funding applications for both the 2023 UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the Community Ownership Fund Round 3 and will also be looking at National Lottery funding.

We are in the difficult position of needing funding to forward the project but also not having the asset confirmed to apply for the funding.

## **Appendix 8 - Groups/businesses expressing interest in utilising the facilities**

- KidzAct - In principal verbal expression of interest received
- Fireballs Association - refuge and rest place for stewards during Hogmanay Fireballs
- Ury Players - Interest given verbally of interest in using the space for rehearsals
- “How Bizarre How Bizarre” - David & Adele Neill expressed interest in running their daytime Adults with Special Educational Needs crafting group at the premises.
- Baa! Have expressed interest in utilising the space to run some of their knitting/crochet groups and courses.
- There is a Home Schooling group that may be interested in using the space during school hours for social learning.
- Stonehaven Older People’s Forum could be invited to use the space for some of their meetings