

## Children and Young People's Plan 2011-2014

### **'You said, we did' - What has been done as a result of what children and young people told us**

This appendix updates the activity that has changed outcomes for children and young people in Darlington in 2010-2011.

Under the Children Act 2004, there is a legal duty to ensure that children and young people are given the opportunity to have a say in the decision making process in issues that affect them.

Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the rights of the Child, states that children and young people should be given the right to express opinions and ideas. We believe that children and young people's contribution and involvement will not only help in delivering high quality services but will also ensure those services are fully inclusive and meet the needs of children and young people in Darlington.

Darlington Children's Trust has adopted a Participation Strategy that promotes proactive support for working in partnership with children and young people and endeavouring to remove barriers so that there can be a continual and sustainable process that does not restrict nor restrain young people from voicing their needs.

The adoption of **'What's Changed? Logs'** in 2008/2009 has enabled Darlington to record clear impact and outcomes from engagement and involvement of young people.

In 2010, the UK Youth Parliament elections were conducted and Ben Million, a pupil at Hummersknott School and Language College was elected as Darlington's Member of the UK Youth Parliament. An update on his manifesto commitments are outlined in the following *What's Changed* log.

The continued use of the What's Changed logs enables young people to update their views and comment on issues affecting them across the Borough. The following logs have been updated to include the views and opinions of Darlington's children and young people in 2010-2011.

The updated *What's Changed* Logs below were completed between April 2010 - March 2011 by a range of young people from Area Forums, Young People's organisations and communities in the Borough.

1. Listening	2. Action	3. What's changed?
<b>Workforce Development Strategy</b>		

1. Listening	2. Action	3. What's changed?
<p><b>Involve Children and Young People in the development of the Workforce Development Strategy</b></p> <p>Ensure children and young people from across the borough were involved in the development of the Workforce Development Strategy.</p> <p>Work with children and young people to develop a 'Workforce Development Strategy – the views of C+YP' document and Workforce Development short film.</p>	<p>Development of a consultation and action project to ensure that the Workforce Development Strategy was informed by young people.</p> <p>Development of project delivery model</p> <p>Development of Workforce Development Consultation Workshop</p> <p>Consultation with children and young people from across the borough. Contact was made with schools, youth clubs and youth projects in Darlington. Delivery of interactive workshop based session in order to find out the views and opinions of the young people regarding the wider C+YP workforce.</p> <p>Involvement of Darlington rE-view Digital Media Youth Work team regarding filming, photography and audio podcast recording.</p> <p>200+ children and young people have inputted to the Workforce Development Strategy. This is part of an ongoing process designed to involve children and young people at all times and will continue throughout 2010/11 and 2011/12.</p>	<p>Children and young people are involved in the ongoing development of their workforce. Their views and opinions are listened to and acted on.</p> <p>Children and young people are involved in the development of specific Children's Trust / Workforce Development documentation.</p> <p>- Ongoing -</p>

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<p>Young people accessed via the consultation – Darlington schools and projects.</p> <p>Young Person film and document 'Task and Finish Group'</p>	<p>Young people had the opportunity to voice their views and opinions re the Children and Young People's Workforce, discussing what they felt were priorities regarding staff skills and training needs.</p> <p>Young Person 'Task and Finish Group' designed and developed the 'Workforce Development Strategy – the views of C+YP' document and short film.</p>	<p>200+ young people from across Darlington have been actively engaged in the development of the Workforce Development Strategy</p> <p>Young Person 'Task and Finish Group' developed resources/documents – young people and practitioners from across the borough able access and utilise</p>
<p>'Workforce Development Strategy - the views of C+YP' document and Workforce Development Film – young people said they wanted the documentation and film available on the Children's Trust website.</p> <p>Training and staff development – young people said that they wanted to be involved in the development and delivery of training and staff development across the borough.</p>	<p>'Workforce Development Strategy - the views of C+YP' document and Workforce Development Film developed and presented to Children's Trust. Documentation hosted on Children's Trust website</p> <p>Workforce Development planning – young people to be involved in development and delivery of training and staff development</p>	<p>Workforce Development Strategy now includes the views and opinions of Children and Young People from across Darlington as an integral element.</p> <p>Children and young people from across Darlington are now able to support the development and delivery of training and staff development</p>

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<b>Involvement in the development of the CYPP 2011-2014</b>		
<p><u>Involvement of Children and Young People in the development of the CYPP 2011-2014</u></p> <p>Ensure children and young people from across the borough were key decision makers in the development of a sustainable CYPP young people communication model</p> <p>Work with children and young people to agree priorities and develop a number of "young person friendly" CYPP information and communication documents, including a Facebook fan page, short film and leaflet.</p>	<p>Development of a consultation and action project to ensure that the CYPP was informed by young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of project delivery model</li> <li>• Development of CYPP Consultation Workshop</li> <li>• Involvement of Member of Youth Parliament</li> <li>• Consultation with children and young people from across the borough. Contact was made with schools, youth clubs and youth projects in Darlington. Delivery of interactive workshop based session in order to find out the views and opinions of the young people.</li> <li>• Involvement of Darlington rE-view Digital Media Youth Work team regarding filming, photography and audio podcast recording.</li> <li>• 380 children and young people have inputted to the consultation. This is part of an ongoing process designed to involve children and young people at all times and will continue throughout 2011/12.</li> </ul>	<p>Children and young people are an integral part of the decision making process. Their views and opinions are listened to and acted on.</p> <p>Children and young people are involved in the development of specific CYPP documentation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Ongoing -</p>

1. Listening	2. Action	3. What's changed?
<p>Young people accessed via the consultation – Darlington schools and projects</p> <p>Young Person Steering Group developed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people had the opportunity to voice their views and opinions re the CYPP priorities – choosing what they felt was important etc</li> <li>• Young Person Steering Group designed and developed consultation resources – inc Facebook page, Film, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>380 young people from across Darlington have been actively engaged in consultation regarding the CYPP 2011-2014</p> <p>Young Person Steering Group developed and is fully involved in and actively 'steering' the direction of the CYPP 2011-2014</p> <p>- Ongoing -</p>
<p>Facebook page – young people said they wanted the development of consultation and communication tools to engage young people from across the borough via Facebook.</p> <p>Workshop delivery – young people said that they wanted the development of an interactive CYPP 'Road Show' to be delivered in schools, colleges and project across the borough.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with young people to develop and launch/publicise CYPP Facebook page – 'The Blueprint' (named by YP)</li> <li>• Continued implementation of the CYPP Workshops</li> </ul>	<p>Facebook page developed – awaiting confirmation to proceed</p> <p>Workshop developed – awaiting confirmation to proceed</p>

<b>Area Forums</b>		
<b>Area 1 Forum:</b>		
<p><b>Girls only sessions</b>            Young women who attend the Area 1 forum and Branksome youth club have often talked to workers about girls only sessions/activities. They felt that the area's youth programme was more for boys (playing football, trips to Riley's Snooker Hall, football matches, etc) and did not cater for girls.            In addition a popular dance school moved from Branksome community centre out of the area and is now based on North Road further reducing activities for girls.</p>	<p>The Area Forum decided that they would like to explore the possibility of including Girls Only sessions in the Area 1 Youth Service Programme.</p>	<p>A Girls Only session takes place on a Friday. This is a pilot to explore the possibility of a Girls Only session or activities becoming part of the area one programme and provided by other local partners.</p>
<p><b>Trip to London:</b>            Young people wanted to complete DOSH bid for a trip to London</p>	<p>DOSH bid completed and register May 2010</p>	<p>Awaiting response from Change Makers regarding Panel.</p>
<p>Young people involved more in the local community</p>	<p>Ongoing development of the Area 1 Forum</p>	<p>Area Forum meeting on a regular basis</p>
<b>Area 2:</b>		
<p>Young people asked about what improvements they would like to see in their area. Young people said that they would like to be able to use the MUGA in North Park all year round.</p>	<p>Youth Workers arranged a meeting with the Area 2 Forum and the Friends of North Park to see how this could be taken forward</p>	<p>Area 2 Forum now have a closer working relationship with the Friends of North Park</p>

<b>Area Forums</b>		
<b>Area 1 Forum:</b>		
<p>January 2010 – Young people from the Area 2 Forum discussed the need to improve the lighting to the MUGA in North Park and decided to apply for a small amount of funding from DOSH to run a fun day with mobile lights.</p> <p>Following on from the successful event in North Park Area 2 Forum decided to put in a larger DOSH bid to put permanent lighting into the MUGA</p>	<p>With support from Youth Workers and the Friend of North Park, Area 2 Forum ran a fun event with mobile lighting in the MUGA. Over 120 young people attended the event.</p> <p>March 2010- Area 2 Forum with support from Youth Workers attended a DOSH 'Dragons' event and was successful in getting £10k for the lights. The DOSH Board were so impressed with what the young people had done they awarded them an additional £5k from the DOSH Commissioning Pot.</p>	<p>The Area Forum ran a successful event involving the Friends of the Park and used this opportunity to carry out some research to find out if young people and the wider community would support permanent lighting in the MUGA</p> <p>From April 2011 the lighting will be installed and the community will be able to use the MUGA until 9:30pm.</p>
<b>Area 4 Forum:</b>		
<p>Involvement in local community. "A message came across from the councillors that they are keen for young people's involvement".</p>	<p>Event held in Local Democracy Week (LDW) 2010 to discuss local issues in the area</p> <p>Ongoing attendance at local community partnership meetings and involved in intergenerational work within the area.</p>	<p>Good links with local councillors, heads of secondary schools.</p> <p>Young people involved with the wider community.</p>



<b>Specific Feedback</b>		
<b>Intergenerational Events</b>		
<b>Area 1 Forum</b> to undertake a number of Intergenerational events with the wider community	Quiz night held in July; £85.00 raised for the Mayor's Charity Fund	Better relationship with local residents and residential home
<b>Area 4 Forum</b> to undertake a number of Intergenerational events with the wider community, to break down barriers and develop better relationships.	Real West End Talent Show held in May 2010 raised £300 for Hummersknott School's Lesotho Fund. Second event was an 'Intergen Ceilidh' held in Hummersknott School in September 2010 which raised £130 for St Teresa's Hospice.	Better relationship with local residents and residential homes.  Improved image of young people in the area.  Initial steps to developing stronger relationships between the generations.
<b>UK Youth Parliament – Member of the Youth Parliament</b>		
Financial constraints have proved to be a barrier in taking any of the Manifesto items forward. MYP happy to revisit the Manifesto to prioritise.		
Further reductions in the cost of facilities	Working with local providers to look at feasibility	ongoing
Create a 'Centre for Youth' in the Town Centre	Work ongoing following previous MYP's work	T3 and other groups now using the building for project work
A New Teen Bus Pass and improved bus services	Working on developing a Tees Valley Transport Initiative	MYP's in Stockton and Middlesbrough invited
New cycle parking facilities in the Town Centre	Working with local transport section to develop action	Ongoing
Improvement of parks and green spaces	Climate Change Project starting September 16 <sup>th</sup> at the Box.	

Below are more *What's Changed* Logs completed by different groups during 2009-2010.

<b>Issues raised by young people from Branksome Youth Club</b>		
<b>1. Listening</b>	<b>2. Action</b>	<b>3. What's changed?</b>
As part of the clubs program we have informal discussion with young people asking about their local area, they identified the lack of facilities in the area as their main issue, we identified possible venues.	Youth Workers took the issues to the Locality Forum, voicing the issues from young people, had conversations with other professionals working in the area, including Police and PCSOs.	The Locality Forum was able to support the young people by providing a sports hall, along with a Sports coach to facilitate sports sessions, as part of the youth club program. This happens on a weekly basis.
We used to play football outside the shops, and get in trouble from community Wardens. Went to the youth club and talked to youth workers about playing football.	We came up with different venues including the MUGA at the back of the centre, but due to the lights being in the swimming pool, and damage to the lights we had to look elsewhere, and the MUGA gets locked for no reason.	We now have access to football and other sports on a weekly basis, being based in the school is great because we feel comfortable there.
As part of the area face to face hours, youth workers promote what the area offers, during school lunchtimes. Providing young people with the opportunity to have conversations with youth workers about their goals and aspirations.	As the young people now realise that their voice is heard, it is encouraging other young people to access the centre, coming up with innovative project ideas.	Branksome Youth Club has now increased attendance to over 45 young people per night, due to young people knowing that they have a say in the centre.

<b>Issues raised by young people from New Blood LIVE (NBL)</b>		
<b>1. Listening</b>	<b>2. Action</b>	<b>3. What's changed?</b>
<p>Ongoing support provided by the Youth Service and The Forum Music Centre staff to develop New Blood Live. NBL still based at the Forum and continues close partnership working to develop the idea.</p> <p>Additional funding arranged from a variety of organisations to ensure NBL's future</p>	<p>Ongoing support to ensure the future and development of NBL</p> <p>A number of funding applications developed to support NBL.</p>	<p>NBL celebrated its 3rd birthday, and is a continued success.</p> <p>Funding applications successful from a number of organisations to support NBL.</p>
<p>NBL receiving recognition from elected members and senior council officers.</p> <p>Positive vibes from young people attending.</p>	<p>Local Councillors informed of developments.</p>	<p>Regular steering group meetings held to ensure NBL is strong enough and financially safe to continue.</p>
<b>Issues raised by young people from Skate Network (Sk8) – Area 2 Forum</b>		
<b>1. Listening</b>	<b>2. Action</b>	<b>3. What's changed?</b>
<p>Following on from the Town Centre Skate Ban in 2007. Youth Worker's have been working with young people in the Town Centre, who spend free time Skating and riding BMX bikes.</p>	<p>Over 40 young people attend a series of meetings with Youth Workers and form Darlington Skate Network</p> <p>The young people decided to elect a committee to take forward issues</p>	<p>Systems where put in place to enable dialogue with young people who Skate and BMX in Town to have a voice.</p>

**Issues raised by young people from Skate Network (Sk8) – Area 2 Forum**

1. Listening	2. Action	3. What's changed?
<p>The Skate Network young people carried out research to find out where young people skated/ ride their BMX and identify any issues.</p>	<p>Jan 2009 – Young People from the Skate Network applied for DOSH funding to improve Skate and BMX facilities in the Town. The young people also helped to organise events and trips to other Skate/ BMX facilities out of the Town</p> <p>DOSH Youth Board Commission a number of Skate Projects</p> <p>A new Skate and BMX group developed with young people and key adults to look at how they can all work together to develop positive solutions to issues raised for all.</p> <p>There have been 3 large-scale events the last one in February 2011 where over 160 young people attended.</p> <p>There have also been trips to local and regional Skate Parks.</p>	<p>3 large scale Skates and have taken place</p> <p>Young People organised trips out of Town.</p> <p>In 2011 the following is planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hurworth Grange Skate facility is to be repaired and upgraded.</li> <li>▪ Heighington Parish Council are in the process of developing a Skate Facility</li> <li>▪ Leisure Service Skate School will upgrade equipment working in partnership with young people</li> <li>▪ South Park Skate Park will be repaired</li> <li>▪ The new Skate and BMX group are looking at short and long term solutions which include a long term aim of developing a large scale facility in the Town</li> </ul> <p>Young people have been able to have their voice heard and work in partnership with adults to come up with positive solutions.</p>

<b>Issues raised by young people from Middleton St George Youth Club- THE CRIB</b>		
<b>1. Listening</b>	<b>2. Action</b>	<b>3. What's changed?</b>
We used hang round the park in MSG, as there was nothing to do in the village. Detached Youth Workers met us and asked us what we would like to do.	The Youth Workers then took us on visits to different Youth Clubs in Darlington with the aim of seeing what they where like. We then designed our own Youth Club and wrote a wish list of things we would like in this Club.	Because there where not any suitable venues for a Youth Club the Youth Workers took us on trips and we did various fun activities. We formed a Youth Committee and help to run the Club; we have a lot of say in what happens in the club. "As a result of this work we feel more valued part of the community"
After the Youth Workers met the young people in the park at MSG, they looked at a number of venues but none where suitable to run a Youth Club.	The Youth Workers arranged a meeting with the local Councillors and the young people to see what could be done in the way of developing a Youth facility in MSG. The young people wrote a DOSH bid and the Councillors also support accessing additional funding.	The Cellar of the local Community Centre was furbished and is now a purpose built Youth Club. It is an excellent facility.
	The Youth Committee asked there peers what they would like to see in the Club and what the Club should be called. Young people named it "The Crib".	Many young people regularly attend the Crib, which is open on a Thursday evening

<b>Darlington Youth Service – DOSH Fund</b>		
<b>1. Listening</b>	<b>2. Action</b>	<b>3. What's changed?</b>
<p>The DOSH is Darlington's Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF). The Aim of YOF is to allocate grants to young people for what young people want; a young people led process.</p>	<p>Youth Workers facilitated the DOSH Board to enable the young people to develop their knowledge and skills to enable them to start commissioning services for young people. This allows for greater involvement of young people in the allocation and management of the funds.</p>	<p>Young people make the decisions on project funding and to date have allocated £80k using the commissioning process.</p> <p>The DOSH Youth Board have always behaved in a professional manner and risen to the challenge. Membership has given them opportunities to not only make changes but to influence policy and prove that young people are key stakeholders.</p>
<p>The Board is made up of 12 young people aged 13-19 from across the borough. The young people play a central role in the development and implementation of DOSH in Darlington</p>	<p>Over Summer 2010, The DOSH Youth Board carried out some research with young people aged 11-19 at various events that took place in Darlington. The Board used this information to find out what sort of things young people would like to see in future</p>	<p>The Board then commissioned the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Arts Activities for over 50 young people.</li> <li>▪ The Continuation of New Blood, over 120 young people attend the music event every other week</li> <li>▪ Media Equipment for C: Box</li> <li>▪ Skate and BMX equipment for different localities across the Town</li> </ul>

**Darlington Youth Service – DOSH Fund continued**

<b>1. Listening</b>	<b>2. Action</b>	<b>3. What's changed?</b>
<p>The Board is made up of 12 young people aged 13-19 from across the borough. The young people play a central role in the development and implementation of DOSH in Darlington</p>	<p>Over the five years that DOSH has been available the Board have allocated funds to 174 groups. 2,229 young people were involved in the process and 18,128 attending the activities/facilities provided through the DOSH funding.</p>	<p>DOSH has had a major impact on young people in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Young people have been able to have a say about the things they would like to see</li> <li>▪ It has enabled young people to make positive changes for everyone</li> <li>▪ Young people have been actively involved the whole process and this has had a major impact on the wider community.</li> </ul>