



Presentation to Abingdon Town Council

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Abingdon Town Council
To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity

ADYP and TAB to lead:

- 1.** On establishing the need, and feasibility, of a model for an 'Abingdon Integrated Youth-Support Project' for all young people (age 13 to 19) within Abingdon
- 2.** On ensuring that the diverse voices of young people are heard at all levels of policy making within Abingdon Town Council and other service providers
- 3.** On targeting provision for the most vulnerable young people who have slipped through the net



Strategy for the Pilot Holistic Model

- 1.** Street work coverage across Abingdon, particularly the 'hot spots' to *assess need* for targeted and universal provision
- 2.** Provide wellbeing and '*Back on track to EET*' support to the newly identified young people
- 3.** Build on existing, and new, links with other Abingdon service providers to identify areas of synergies and collaboration to map holistic universal youth provision across Abingdon
- 4.** Facilitate adult – young people engagement to make voices heard



Recognising the increased need

Our ongoing work through the pandemic has shown increased gaps in youth-aligned opportunities for:

- Socialisation (mental and physical health)
- Interrupted education
- Work – one post over 500 applicants

Vulnerabilities have intensified the need for holistic support on young people's mental health

Never has there been a greater need for us to work together to get our young people back on track in their lives



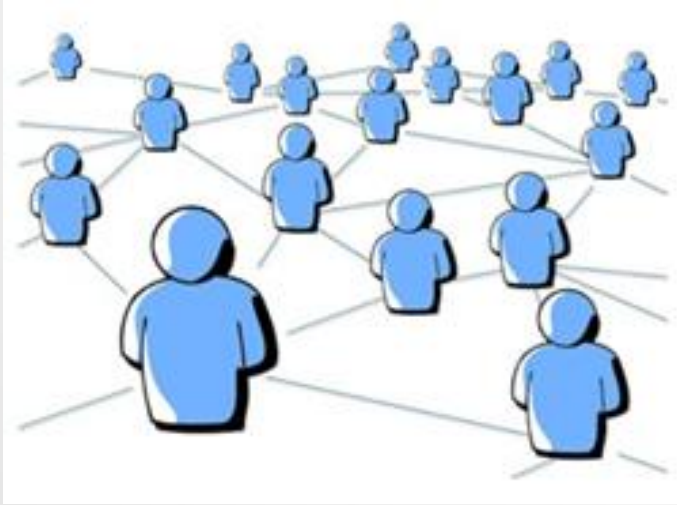
The Activities

- 1. Street Work sessions.**
- 2. Counselling/wellbeing referrals**
- 3. *Back on track to EET* - referrals**
- 4. Signposting and Community Engagement**
- 5. Workshops – changing the street conversations**
- 6. Creating the Holistic Model**
- 7. Youth Civic Engagement**



The Abingdon Youth Voice

- 1.** Develop a common (ATC/ADYP/TAB) understanding of the purpose of a youth council
- 2.** Develop adult confidence in engaging with young people
- 3.** Create opportunities for young people to get to know town councillors and their role
- 4.** Young people to support Town Councillors in setting criteria for a small fund and making decisions on applications (suggest £5K of ATC 2021/22 £30K budget be earmarked for grants through this panel)
- 5.** Sharing experiences



“One program, even an extraordinarily good program, cannot do it all. Young people do not grow up in programs, but in families, schools, and neighbourhoods.”

ADYP and TAB will work together on this pilot as follows:

- **Street work**
 - **TAB leads in North Abingdon**
 - **ADYP in South Abingdon**
 - **Joint working in the town center/hotspots**
- **Counselling/Wellbeing – TAB lead**
- **Back on Track to EET – ADYP lead**
- **Youth Council work through identified ADYP & TAB leads who will together engage with named Town Councillor**



Deliverables
Abingdon Integrated
Youth Support (AIYS)

- 1. Pen picture of current youth provision**
- 2. Young people's own needs analysis of current and future provision**
- 3. Organizations involved in delivering holistic youth support**
- 4. Recommendations and key priorities to further develop the AIYS model in time to feed in to ATC's 2022-23 budget**



Our costed proposal

Our work will involve the following tasks:

- **Planning and Coordination**
- **Street and gazebo work**
- **Targeted 1-2-1 work**
- **Small Group workshops**
- **Building the Holistic Model**
- **Community Events**
- **Setting up the Youth Council**
- **Evaluation and Reporting and liaison with ATC**

Our estimate of sharing and delivering on the work is £12.5K for each organisation