

BOA YOUTH OUTREACH SUMMER 25

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What we did:

- £1000 from the BOA Area Board
- 14 hours of detached youth work x2 youth workers (July/-September)
- Key locations: Poulton & Skatepark, Barton Farm, Train Station Car Park, Canal path & Sladesbrook
- Engaged with young people aged 11-19 across diverse settings
- Built trust, gathered insights, and supported youth in public spaces

Impact Highlights:

- Strengthened relationships with youth and community stakeholders
- Identified risks and opportunities for future youth provision
- Provided real-time support and intervention
- Created groundwork for winter/indoor activity planning

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Observations:

- Positive Engagement: Respectful behaviour, creative expression, active use of public spaces
- Concerns: Older youth in younger areas, vaping/smoking, minor altercations, littering.
- Social Isolation: Some youth observed alone or disengaged
- Safety: No major incidents, but some areas felt intimidating
- Community Assets: Skatepark, green spaces, and local businesses are well-used and supportive. Accessibility to the skate area is not inclusive (paths)

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Recommendations:

- **Council:** Improve access; lighting, seating, water fountains; consider extending public toilet hours in summer; support more evening outreach
- **Youth Groups:** Coordinate efforts; develop inclusive programmes; attend network meetings
- **Residents:** Engage positively with youth; report concerns constructively to youth workers before involving police for non-criminal behaviours
- **Police:** Maintain low-key presence; collaborate with outreach teams
- **School:** Linking up - do you need our support? Trial lunchtime pop ups?

Next Steps:

- Co-ordinate efforts of various groups via the BOA Area Youth Network
- Use funding from Colonel William Llewellyn Palmer Educational Charity (£1000) to provide positive activities over the winter (in consultation with young people)