

SAFE SPACES

Young people tell us they are increasingly concerned about their safety and their futures. They need and ask for consistent spaces that they can rely on. No matter what's going on at home or at school, our Youth Hubs and Clubs provide a place to come week-on-week to relax, meet new friends, have a hot meal, be creative and feel inspired.

We deliver anywhere and everywhere – from our refurbished old courtrooms to our youth club on a bus. Here's some areas of particular focus in 2025.

THE STATION

The Station, our central Bristol youth and community hub, received significant support from the National Lottery Community Fund and the Prudence Trust to bolster our services and ensure that young people from all walks of life can access the support they need, find activities that enrich their lives and improve their wellbeing. Here, young people facing complex issues found creativity, community and a sense of belonging.

The look and feel of The Station also received upgrades in line with a wishlist made by young people. Thanks to a refurbishment grant from the Youth Investment Fund we installed new air con in the dance studios, environmental improvements, and a mural from Abbi Bayliss, a young artist. We also welcomed a new café Jikoni East Africa, offering traditional and inspired dishes from Kenya, Somalia, Tanzania and Ethiopia.



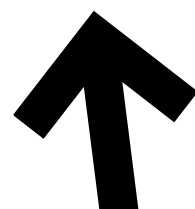
"[The Station] is good because its big and we can be here with all our friends. It's safer than when we go to the parks, like the one near my school because there is always trouble. Even if we are walking round town people stare at you and you never know what they are thinking"

At The Station in 2025:

Used by 2,500 young people overall

744 young people directly engaged in our programmes

834 positive outcomes achieved



RESPONDING TO LOCAL NEED

Consistent, trusted places matter - but they are only one part of how we support young people. Across Bristol and South Gloucestershire, we work in partnership to respond to emerging local needs and shared challenges. Services are shaped alongside local councils, youth and creative organisations, and - crucially - young people themselves.

When communities come together, we can build robust provisions that provide benefits to communities for years to come. By combining confidence, expertise, investment and partnership, services have a chance to adapt, strengthen and deliver what works for young people at a local level.

"[Jenny] has totally loved her sessions with you and I'm super proud of her. I have definitely seen a change, so I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the work you have done with her."
Parent



Doris the Youth Bus

SPOTLIGHT ON...

KINGSWOOD

In 2025, youth provision in Kingswood was transformed thanks to local and regional funders coming forward and investing. This enabled a joined-up offer where young people can access positive activities, wellbeing support and early intervention in one place. Through funding from Kingswood Town Council, we embedded two new roles - a Wellbeing Practitioner and a Lead Youth Worker - ensuring young people receive the right support quickly, from friendly youth clubs, to tailored one-to-one and therapeutic support. Weekly detached sessions using DORIS, our youth bus, allows us to reach young people where they are.

Other funders and partners came forward to complete the local picture. From free summer activities in the park with young people dropping in for circus, theatre and music skills funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund and South Gloucestershire Council - to detached sessions funded by the Violence Reduction Unit - our youth workers were a friendly and visible presence.

EMERSONS GREEN

Thanks to investment from Emersons Green Town Council we delivered a flexible programme that places creativity at its heart with a Drama Club and free theatre making courses. This funding also enabled us to tailor our youth clubs by age in order to offer all young people in the area positive activities.

185 young people

in and around the Emersons Green neighbourhood used our youth clubs and arts courses.