

Frampton Cotterell FACE Youth Work Annual Report

April 2025 – March 2026

Overview

Throughout the year, FACE Youth Work in Frampton Cotterell continued to provide safe, welcoming, and engaging spaces for local young people. The groups offered opportunities for social connection, personal development, physical activity, creativity, and participation in community life. Staff supported young people through key transitions, encouraged their involvement in decision-making, and helped them develop confidence, resilience, and positive relationships with peers and trusted adults.

Key Developments

Frampton Seniors

Frampton Seniors experienced a significant transition during the year. A core group of long-standing members reached the age of 19 and naturally progressed out of youth provision. These young people had been attending regularly for several years and had built strong friendships and connections within the group.

Recognising the importance of supporting this transition, staff introduced "**Frampton Seniors: After Hours**", a monthly session designed to maintain contact with those ageing out of the project. This provided an important opportunity for continued social connection, reducing the sense of loss that can accompany leaving a long-term youth group and helping young people transition into adulthood with ongoing support.

From September 2025, a new cohort of young people, predominantly boys who had previously attended the Youth Café, began regularly attending Frampton Seniors. Staff worked successfully to integrate these members into the group, creating opportunities for positive peer relationships and ensuring continuity of youth provision as young people moved through different stages of adolescence.

Frampton Cotterell Youth Café

The Youth Café saw a significant increase in attendance from September 2025 following engagement from local Year 6 pupils. This growth demonstrated the positive reputation of the provision within the community and highlighted the demand for safe and supportive spaces for younger young people.

To ensure the quality of the youth work experience remained high, the Youth Café was divided into separate sessions for younger and older age groups. This enabled staff to provide more age-appropriate activities, discussions, and support while maintaining a safe and inclusive environment. The change allowed young people to feel more comfortable participating and helped strengthen group cohesion.

Youth Voice and Participation

A key achievement during the year was the involvement of young people in the development of the new Youth Shelter at Crossbow Park. Young people from all the Frampton youth groups were consulted on design options and invited to share their views on what features would best meet their needs.

This consultation process gave young people a meaningful voice in a community development project, helping them understand how civic decisions are made while building confidence in expressing their opinions. Their feedback contributed directly to the final project, reinforcing the message that young people's views are valued and can influence local developments.

Young people were also actively involved in the opening celebrations of the completed shelter, helping them develop a sense of ownership and pride in a local community asset.



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Community Engagement and Positive Outcomes

Throughout the year, young people were encouraged to become active members of their community through a range of projects and events.

VE Day Celebrations

Young people participated in the VE Day celebration event at Centenary Fields with the youth vehicle DORIS. Their involvement helped strengthen intergenerational connections and increased awareness of local history and community identity.

Scarecrow Trail

Members of Frampton Juniors designed and created an Olivia Rodrigo-themed entry for the 2025 Scarecrow Trail. This activity encouraged creativity, teamwork, planning skills, and community participation while enabling young people to showcase their work publicly.

Valentine's Window Trail

Young people from Frampton Juniors and Seniors worked together to create artwork for the Valentine's Day Window Trail. The project promoted creativity and collaboration while helping young people contribute positively to a community initiative.

Access College Workshops

Students from Access College delivered DJ and character design workshops to Frampton Seniors. These sessions introduced young people to new skills, creative career pathways, and further education opportunities, helping broaden aspirations and encourage learning beyond school.

Youth Volunteering

Two young people became regular volunteers at the Youth Café. Through volunteering, they developed responsibility, leadership skills, confidence, and experience supporting younger attendees. Their contribution also helped foster a culture of peer support within the provision.

Physical Activity

The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) adjacent to the Pavilion proved extremely popular with the younger Youth Café group. Regular use of the facility promoted physical activity, teamwork, positive social interaction, and healthy lifestyles.

Vaping Awareness Project

Young people participated in a two-week project exploring vaping, including reasons why young people may start vaping, associated health risks, and how individuals can seek support to stop. The project encouraged informed decision-making, critical thinking, and open discussion about health and wellbeing issues affecting young people.

Activity Highlights

A varied programme of activities was delivered throughout the year, ensuring opportunities for enjoyment, challenge, learning, and social development.



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Residential and Off-site Activities

AirHop Trip (April 2025)

Young people attending Frampton Seniors took part in a trip to AirHop. The activity promoted physical wellbeing, confidence, and positive peer interaction while providing opportunities to strengthen relationships between group members and staff.

Outdoor and Creative Activities

Fire pit sessions, including cooking s'mores, became a particularly popular activity among senior members. These informal sessions created a relaxed environment where young people felt comfortable talking with peers and youth workers, supporting relationship building and emotional wellbeing.

Seasonal baking activities, including gingerbread house building and cake decorating, encouraged creativity, teamwork, problem-solving, and healthy competition in a fun and supportive environment.

A Nerf battle event proved highly engaging, providing structured opportunities for physical activity, teamwork, communication, and positive risk-taking within a safe setting.

Informal Learning

A series of educational quizzes were delivered throughout the year, combining fun competition with learning opportunities. These sessions encouraged participation, knowledge sharing, confidence, and engagement with a variety of topics.

Laser Combat Bristol (February 2026)

Frampton Seniors and older Youth Café members attended Laser Combat Bristol. The trip encouraged communication, teamwork, strategic thinking, and cooperation while rewarding regular engagement with the project.

Team Development

Investment in staff training and development remained a priority throughout the year.

TeamWellbeing initiatives have seen the team engage in projects such as a pottery workshop, wellbeing walk and quiz nights together to build strong relationships.

Staff also completed a range of professional development training, including:

- Health and Safety
- Fire Safety
- Food Hygiene
- First Aid
- Measuring Impact

This continued investment ensured that staff remained equipped to provide safe, effective, and high-quality youth work while improving the project's ability to evidence outcomes for young people.



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Overall Impact

During 2025-26, FACE Youth Groups provided consistent and valued support to young people in Frampton Cotterell. The project successfully managed significant changes in membership, supported young people through key transitions, increased participation opportunities, and strengthened youth voice within the community.

Through recreational activities, volunteering opportunities, community projects, health education, and positive relationships with trusted adults, young people developed confidence, social skills, teamwork, resilience, and a stronger sense of belonging within their local community.



Young people making cake batter at Frampton Seniors



Young people partaking in a Nerf battle with glow sticks and safety goggles at Frampton Seniors



Young people crafting and partaking in a Kahoot Quiz at Frampton Youth Café



Young people using chalk on card to draw fireworks at Frampton Youth Café



Young people described the Youth Café using whiteboard and pens



Young people putting together a gingerbread house at Frampton Seniors

Note from the period April – August 2026:

The project underwent a period of transition during the spring-summer following the departure of several key staff members, including the Youth Development Worker. Despite these changes, youth provision continued, and young people remained engaged with the service.

FACE is now focused on recruiting a new team who can build on the excellent work of previous staff, bring fresh ideas and energy, and help ensure the long-term success and sustainability of youth work in Frampton Cotterell. A new Leader in Charge has been recruited and has begun preparations to take up the post in August 2026, and more interviews are scheduled during the summer holidays.



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