

# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME



Belfast City Council



European Union  
European Regional Development Fund  
Investing in your future

The evaluation identified a positive economic and social impact:

for every  
**£1**  
invested

**£9**

is generated in  
social value

## PHASE 1

Over 150 young people engaged - including sports and healthy living camps, an interface diaries programme, single identity projects and cross community residential.

## PHASE 2

Intensive support package which includes Youth Mentoring, Education, Employment & Training and Family Support and Counselling.

There were 60 places available for young people to avail of these services

## PHASE 3

This included all four geographic areas of Belfast and attracted 107 community nominations of which 92 youths successfully engaged in one-to-one mentoring with 86 completing 8 weeks or more mentoring provision. Participants were aged between 11-22 years old.

285

EMPLOYMENT

Young people were engaged in activities

TRAINING

EDUCATION

86

Youths completed at least 8 weeks programme

SUPPORT

MENTORING

1067

Mentoring sessions

60

Support packages places available

193

Others engaged in diversionary activities

### YEP AIMS

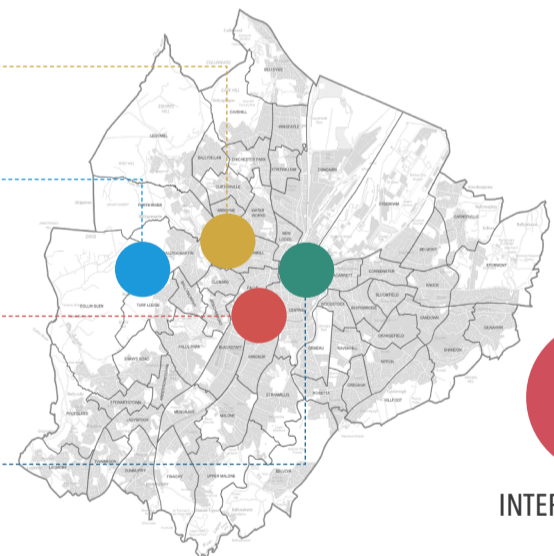
The programme aims to engage with 'hard to reach' young people involved in, or on the periphery of involvement, of antisocial behaviour at interface areas, and to reduce incidents of violence and create alternative pathways to improve their life chances in the following interface areas:

ARDOYNE WOODVALE

BLACKMOUNTAIN

WESTLINK LOWER FALLS, DONEGALL ROAD

INNER EAST SHORT STRAND



NO TO VIOLENCE

INTERFACE AREAS



MENTOR

“ Anna's mentor said the YEP has completely turned her life around. She hasn't self harmed since taking part in the programme, she was able to continue with school and has undertaken a level one youth work course.

As well as this renewed focus on her own future, Anna's thoughts also turned to helping her own community ”



PARTNER

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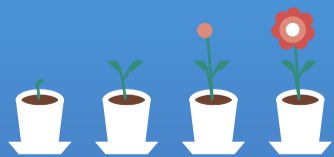
We had to challenge ourselves, about being better informed for officers on the ground who may not have known about particular issues affecting a young person ”



STAFF

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Some going onto the interface and at risk taking activities - violence, drug and alcohol use, sexual behaviour or engagement with the police ”



### THE PROGRAMME INCREASED

Skills, employability, health and wellbeing self esteem, citizenship, respect and trust



IMPROVED RELATIONSHIPS on a citywide basis



ALSO THERE WAS DECREASE IN anti social behaviour and substance abuse

### WHO BENEFITED FROM YEP?

YOUNG PEOPLE

FAMILIES

PROJECT PARTNERS

PSNI

DOJ