



Providing Positive Options for Young People

ANNUAL REPORT

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‘The Mill’

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Introduction

This annual report highlights the work of the Millennium Youth Trust during the period between April 2006 and March 2007. It provides a summary and evaluation of the youth work and information regarding resource deployment and targets for young people.

This year has been an exciting and interesting time for The Mill. The progress of the centre has seen young people taking a more pro-active role in developing and delivering a range of activities for their friends and peers.

The Mill serves the local area with a centre based provision and also by providing diverse and Faith based activities within the local High School (Bramhall High). The Mill has developed a greater working relationship with the local High School over the last year. This has been evident by co-ordinating their community programme which runs every year call WOW week (Widening Our World)

The Mill has also developed positive relationships with other agencies and has entered into local level service agreements with the Children & Young People Directorate (Stockport Youth Service). This has provided a springboard for which to provide a more diverse and educative programme for young people from within the area.

Developing positive relationships with young people is the cornerstone of successful youth work and is not always an easy task. It is therefore important to acknowledge the commitment, enthusiasm and dedication of all our volunteers and other agencies working with young people in the area.

Staffing and Volunteers for April 2006 – March 2007

The Millennium Youth Trust has two paid members of staff who are currently employed by The Mill. The Mill's Manager / Youth Work Co-ordinator (Richard Whitwam) and Pastoral Youth Worker (Denise Archer) who is employed on a part time basis.

All the positive work under taken by the Trust is supported by local church members who kindly offer their time and support to volunteer on different sessions.

Furthermore, we have volunteers and one paid sessional worker (Lee Bassman), who has come through our multi agency partnership, which has been detailed below.

Volunteer	Church Affiliation	Other Affiliation	Volunteer	Church Affiliation	Other Affiliation
Gill Day	Bramhall Methodist		Alan McPhail	Bramhall Methodist	
Paul Langton	Bramhall Methodist		Sue Lawrence	Bramhall Methodist	
Jane Taylor	Bramhall Methodist		Olwin Unwin	Bramhall Baptist	
Tony Cheesewright	Bramhall Methodist		Angela Hall	Bramhall Methodist	
Susie Wright	Bramhall Baptist		Mike Taylor	United Reformed Church	
Don Wells	Bramhall Methodist		Lee Bassman		SMBC Worker
Keith Wright	Bramhall Methodist		Eva Nelson		SVC (Peer Mentor)
Cath Brethwick	Bramhall Baptist		Sue Wilson	Bramhall Methodist	
Amanda Cross	Bramhall Baptist		Jonathan Wilson		CITS Christian School Trust
Andy Cross	Bramhall Baptist				
Carol Northrop	Bramhall Christian Fellowship				
Diane Langley	Bramhall Christian Fellowship				
Graham Perkin	United Reformed Church				
Carole Perkin	United Reformed Church				
Rhona Major	United Reformed Church				
Linda Rayner	United Reformed Church				
Janet Brickhill	St. Michaels				
Shelagh Gall	St. Michaels				
Brian Ost		Non Church Member			

Staffing Breakdown

Weekly Programme

Day & Time	Session	Staff & Volunteers
Mon 3:30 – 5:00pm	HUB Club (After school Club)	Richard & Denise
Mon 7:00 – 8:30pm	Discipleship Course	Richard, Denise & Diane L
Tues 3:30 – 5:00pm	HUB Club	Denise, Cath Brethwick
Wed 11:00 – 1:00pm	Pure (Christian Union – Bramhall High School)	Richard , Denise and Jonathan Wilson (CITS)
Wed 3:30 – 5:00pm	HUB Club	Richard, Denise & Eva Nelson (Peer Mentoring)
Wed 7:30 – 9:30pm	Drop 'N' – Seniors	Richard, Denise & Volunteers (On rota basis)
Thru 3:30 – 5:00pm	HUB Club	Denise & Graham Perkin
Fri 3:30 – 5:00pm	HUB Club	Denise & Amanda Cross
Sat 11:00 – 1:00pm	Youth Café	Lee Bassman , Richard , Denise & Volunteers
Sat 7:30pm – 9:30pm	Saturday Night - Juniors	Richard, Denise & Volunteers

Annual Events

Event	Location	Staff & Volunteers
Summer Activity Week	Bramhall Village	Richard , Denise & Volunteers
Residential	National	Richard, Denise & Volunteers
WOW Week	Bramhall High School	Richard, Denise Teachers & Volunteers
Ace Week	Bramhall High School	Richard , Denise Teachers & Volunteers

Evaluation of Key Targets

Key Targets for 2006/ 07

- 1 – Involving Young People
- 2 – Contributing to the Children & Young Peoples Directorate Partnership
- 3 – The Health Agenda
- 4 – Contributing to Community Cohesion
- 5 – Improving Quality and Raising Standards
- 6 – Promotion of Spiritual Development
- 7 – Continue and support the development of Multi Agency

Every Child Matters Targets (ECM)

Being Healthy

Staying Safe

Enjoying and Achieving

Making a Positive Contribution

Achieving Economic Wellbeing

Involving Young People

Young people have been involved in many aspects of the youth work curriculum, from planning and preparing sessions to organising trips out. The following report shows many examples of how young people have been involved, from planning youth work through to participation

Volunteering

We have got a number of young people supporting and running the Café Youth provision on a Saturday morning. These young people have been volunteering behind the bar, serving their peers and friends. As well as serving drinks and refreshments, young people have been given the opportunity to take part in administrative duties, such as, taking money and balancing the Café income. This work has encouraged young people to develop a greater sense of confidence & self esteem and academic skills such as, addition and subtraction.

ECM - Achieving Economic Well being & Making a positive Contribution

Bramhall Youth Action – Youth Forum

Young People have been actively involved in developing a Youth Forum in which to provide an environment where they can express their views and concerns to the local council and other relevant agencies. Young people have participated in council meetings, funding applications, presentations and lobbying for local improvements.

The young people who have attended the forum have lobbied for improvements to be made to their local park (Lumb Lane). These have included writing letters, fund raising and presentations to council members. The participants have been able to get a new Dog Waste Bin installed at Lumb Lane Park, which was sanctioned after developing and holding a consultation interview with local councillors. Again, the Bramhall Youth Action group were able to secure funding for an Activity Week during the summer holidays for young people from within the Bramhall community. The funding was granted from Stockport council in order to provide diverse activities for young people aged between 13 – 19, which included, Arts & Crafts, DJ'ing, Music workshops, Multi Media sessions and an environmental project.

In addition to young people participating in the Youth Forum, they have also elected two young people to stand in the local youth elections. Two young people from The Millennium Youth Trust are representatives on the Stockport Youth Council.

ECM – Making a Positive Contribution

Youth Opportunity Fund

In January of 2007 young people developed a steering group, which included other young people from different organisations to participate in a funding request from the Youth Opportunity Fund from SKYouth. Young people were involved in designing and the delivery of a consultation which was in partnership with the local secondary high school (Bramhall High).

Through young people's involvement in the Youth Opportunity Funding bid, they were able to secure funding to increase the provision by allowing the centre to open every day after school. Young people were also instrumental in deciding how the money would be spent and planning the weekly activities which would happen during the after school club.

ECM – Staying Safe

Contributing to the Children & Young People Directorate Partnership

A stronger relationship with the Children & Young People Directorate has developed over the last year. Both services share good practice and continue to inform each other of activities and programmes to enable both services to identify young people's needs. The two services are now working closer together to develop a strategy to deliver a more holistic service.

The Millennium Youth Trust has provided support to the Children & Young People Directorate by supporting joint projects both within the locality and

surrounding provisions. Each service is jointly working towards reducing Anti-Social behaviour (ASB) within the locality, by sharing resources and developing a more cohesive approach towards ASB

The Health Agenda

The Mill has been working closely with two young men providing support and encouragement whilst they have started diets and exercise programmes, to help lose weight.

We have started to introduce healthy food options during the Saturday morning youth café, which has allowed young people to have a more informed choice of health options.

Drugs & Alcohol Awareness

During our senior sessions young people have completed and participated in quizzes and questionnaires on issues of drugs and alcohol awareness and the dangers of. Workers encourage discussions on the subject of drinking and taking drugs with young people and the legal implications. The Mill has been able to draw on other agencies such as 'Stockport Young Peoples Drug Project' to carry out workshops with young people, where specific needs have been identified. Through this partnership between Stockport Young Peoples Drug Project and The Mill, we are able to receive information on changes in government policy which may affect our practice in this area.

Smoking Cessation

The Mill has identified young peoples' need for smoking cessation, advice and guidance. Again this has been delivered through informal group work and discussions with young people. Workers and volunteers have engaged young people in this process through the use of quizzes and questionnaires on the dangers of smoking.

Sports & Activities

Over the past twelve months The Mill has encouraged young people to participate in activities such as indoor climbing, five a side football. However, this has been identified as an area of future development for The Mill as young people have not taken up these opportunities as yet.

The Trust offers the opportunity for young people to participate in a whole range of outdoor sports /activities during our annual outdoor activity weekend which takes place over the summer holidays

ECM – Being Healthy & Enjoying and Achieving

Contributing to Community Cohesion

The Millennium Youth Trust has developed positive relationships with other community agencies such as local churches, local high school, police, residents and local businesses. These have been evident in the following projects:

WOW Week – Bramhall High School

During October of last year The Mill co-ordinated the local High School environmental project. The project involved young people litter picking around Bramhall Village and local housing estates. The main aim of the project was to highlight that young people are concerned with the local community and the environmental impact of littering.

The project was supported by local church members and The Mill volunteers during the week long project. Also, the project ran in conjunction with a local campaign called ' Big Deal ' which encouraged young people and the wider community to actively get involved in community projects.

Equality and Diversity

The organisation has been working closely with local shop keepers and residents to breakdown negative stereotypes which have rightly or wrongly been placed upon young people.

Case Study:

Young people were causing youth nuisance around one particular shop near the youth centre. This was caused partly by both young people and lack of understanding towards the young peoples needs from the shop keeper. Young people were hanging around inside the local chip shop, which was due to adverse weather conditions. Relationships between the young people and the shop keeper deteriorated.

The Mill was able to increase young people's cultural awareness of the local Chinese shop keeper. This was achieved by introducing the Chinese New Year celebrations into the centre and allowing young people to explore the Chinese culture through games and quizzes.

ECM – Making a Positive Contribution

Improving Quality and Raising Standards

Improving Quality and Raising Standards are two of the targets of the Transforming Youth Work Agenda. We have achieved this through the following areas:

- Through the involvement of young people within planning and preparation of our work.
- Increasing closer links with Local Secondary Schools
- Youth workers have worked positively with local communities and with other agencies within the area.
- Workers continuously measure the quality of their work and the provision provided. This is undertaken through the planning, monitoring and evaluation process with young people and the staff teams.
- The Millennium Trust has increased the opportunities for young people to acquire an accredited or recorded outcome for their involvement in The Mill

Promotion of Spiritual Development

The Mill works alongside church and non church children & young people in a variety of different settings. At times, The Mill focuses on activities and discussions on the Christian faith and learning about how the teaching of Jesus can influence our lives. These discussions are at times direct which involves young people listening and participating in a structured 'God Slot or Talky Bit'. During these times we allow young people the opportunity to 'accept' the teaching of Christ and encourage young people on our Alpha Course programme.

The main aim for these 'God Slots or Talky Bits' are to allow young people the opportunity to develop their thinking towards adopting the Christian Faith. Furthermore, on many occasions we have entered into discussions about many different beliefs and faiths, where young people have been able to have an open and frank debate between the differences between Christianity and other faiths.

During the more structured sessions aimed at promoting the Christian faith, we offer young people the opportunity to receive prayer and issues which are affecting them, this is done on a confidential basis.

Continue and support of the development of Multi Agency

The Millennium Youth Trust has been able to forge better relationships with a number of different and diverse agencies, which has enabled The Mill to develop a better service to young people. Through this multi agency work we have been able to demonstrate that The Millennium Youth Trust is able to deliver a high standard of Youth Work, which has complimented the work of other agencies within the area.

Bramhall High School

Over the last year we have been able to work more closely with the High School on a number of different initiatives. These initiatives have included WOW (Widening Our World), ACE Week, Christian Union, pastoral work during lunch time and teachers have supported the HUB (After school) club. This support has been offered by allowing the High School to use The Mill during term time, when running external student programmes. This relationship has also been strengthened by teachers providing student feedback on future or existing provision at The Mill, through the use of young people led consultations.

Greater Manchester Police

This is a newly formed partnership with Greater Manchester Police. This new relationship has been formed out of the Current Youth Opportunity funding bid, where they expressed a positive interest in the work around reducing ASB (Anti – Social Behaviour) which is being addressed through our outreach programme.

The Centre has also started to build positive relationship with the local PCSO's (Police Community Support Officer). These support officers have been able to promote the provision whilst meeting young people on the street and encourage them to engage in our many diverse programmes.

Children & Young People Directorate (Stockport Youth Service)

This partnership has gone from strength to strength over the last year. This has been evident by youth workers from both agencies developing tailored programmes and activities through clear and concise consultations with young people. This partnership has been able to share resources and provide management training with senior workers. Through this relationship we have, together, been able to introduce an accreditation programme which is now used across the Borough, which will increase young people's prospects when looking for employment or training.

Children & Young People Directorate are providing staff to support our Saturday Morning Youth Café. This support is crucial to the success of the Youth Café, which provides AIG (Advice, Information and Guidance) to over thirty young people each week. In addition, we have been able to use the Children & Young People's Duke of Edinburgh Access award scheme, where we have successfully supported nine young people in completing the accreditation.

SAVY (Stockport Action Voluntary Youth)

We have been working alongside SAVY for a number of years, where we have benefited from their support and training facilities. SAVY have provided advice on funding issues and opportunities which are open to voluntary organisations such as the Millennium Youth Trust. We have been able to access training facilities which have been on offer from SAVY, where we have put ten volunteers through training programmes.

Emerging Issues for 2007/8

- To continue to work with other agencies in the area for the benefit of young people
- Develop and support young people of the Christian Faith to take ownership of an Ecumenical Youth Service
- To secure funding from local community bodies to allow existing provision to continue with the expectation of growth
- Allow a greater development of the current accreditation program

Annual statistics

Attendance's / Contacts

Year	Total Sat Night 'Fever' (11-14)	Total Wed Night 'Drop' (14 - 18)	Café Youth 10 - 18	Pure (Christian Union) BHS (6 Months)	Discipleship Course (6 Months)	Annual Events	HUB (Started June 07)	Total Contacts *
2006 / 7	910	621	1204	288	115	414	NIL	3552

These young people have attend more then one session per week during 2006/7

Statistics Gender / Ethnicity

Year	Total Contacts 10 - 18	Male	Female	Black and Minority Ethnic Y P	Special Needs Young People
2006 / 7	3552	62 %	48 %	0.5 %	3